# Utah Amateur Hockey League (UAHL)

# League Structure, Policies, and Procedures

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# I. Introduction

The Utah Amateur Hockey League, or UAHL, is the youth hockey league operated by the Utah Amateur Hockey Association (UAHA). UAHL organizes competitive divisions of play from the 6U through 18U (19U for girls) divisions of Travel and House/Recreation (Rec) hockey teams in the state (not including Tier I or Tier II nationally bound teams, which are governed by national and state policies for Tier hockey). The goal of the UAHL is to provide a competitive sphere of play for all players and teams who wish to participate.

UAHA Member Organizations are required to include all Travel teams in the UAHL league, as stipulated in the UAHA Policies and Procedures. This ensures a competitive sphere of play at all divisions for all USA Hockey organizations in the state. However, if an organization rosters a travel team that they wish to exclude from the UAHL for the season, they may appeal to the UAHL committee in their monthly meeting for an exception. UAHA allows for the rostering of "Tournament" teams, which are short term rosters for specific events. These Tournament teams do not compete in the UAHL. Participation of House/Rec teams will be at the discretion of each Member Organization, and flexible divisions will be provided for this level of play as outlined below.

# A. Purpose

This document outlines the policies and procedures that will be carried out by the UAHL Governing Committee.

# B. Authority

These policies and procedures govern the UAHL, which operates under the Utah Amateur Hockey Association (UAHA) and USA Hockey. As such, these UAHL policies and procedures supplement, rather than replace UAHA policies and procedures (which apply to all UAHA Member Organizations, teams, and players) or USA Hockey (the national governing entity).

In accordance with the UAHA policies and procedures, the UAHL Governing Committee shall have responsibility for matters pertaining to Travel and Rec hockey teams, with the UAHA Board of Directors having final authority. The UAHA Board of Directors reviews and approves the UAHL Policies and Procedures on an annual basis and has the final authority on any conflicts or issues that arise.

The most current edition of the USA Hockey Playing Rules shall govern all play in the UAHL unless an exception is specifically made in these policies and procedures.

# II. Definitions

# A. Travel Hockey (10U - 18U/19U)

The purpose of Travel hockey in Utah is to provide an opportunity for the mid- to upper-level youth players in Utah to further develop and compete at higher levels of hockey at their age divisions established by and through USA Hockey and UAHA. Travel hockey in Utah is intended for those youth players who have the desire and ability to play in higher level games and tournaments both in-state and out-of-state but are not yet ready to enter Tier level of hockey (USA Hockey Tier I and Tier II teams only operate at the 14U through the 18U age groups).

Different organizations use the designations of "Travel A" and "Travel B" to indicate varying levels of skill and competition within their programs. Tournaments will often use these labels as well to indicate the target level of competition for different brackets. Both Travel A and Travel B teams participate in UAHL and travel to in- and out-of-state tournaments competing against teams of similar skill levels. Travel A teams are typically designed for players and parents that are seeking a program with a high level of commitment and highly skilled players. Travel B teams are typically designed for players and parents that are interested in playing a high level of play but lack experience and are looking for a heavy emphasis on development.

The skill levels between "A" and "B" teams at different organizations may vary. As such, the UAHL has chosen to use a different nomenclature for its divisions, as outlined herein. Some divisions may include a mix of A and B teams from different organizations, but the goal is to form divisions that optimize the level of competition between teams in the division, regardless of these labels.

# B. House / Recreation (Rec) Hockey (6U - 18U)

Rec hockey's primary focus is to provide a fun environment for youth hockey players to learn the game and improve their skills and is for those players that are new to hockey or are not interested in the higher costs and time requirements associated with Travel teams.

The season for Rec teams may be different or shorter than for Travel teams, providing more opportunities for organizations to develop more players. Rec teams also have open rosters to allow for new teams and players throughout the season. The USA Hockey American Development Model (ADM) is heavily emphasized in Rec programs including appropriate practice to game ratios and age-appropriate skill development. 6U/8U teams typically play cross-ice or half-ice games (as recommended by USA Hockey ADM guildelines). Older Rec teams (e.g., at the Learn to Play level) may also play cross-ice, half-ice, or full-ice games for development purposes, as directed by coaches and program administrators. Rec teams may participate in limited games with other UAHL Rec teams and tournaments including the UAHL End of Season Tournament.

### 1. 6U and 8U Teams

6U and 8U teams, also referred to as Mites, are considered Rec teams for the UAHL and participate in limited games, jamborees, and tournaments including the UAHL End of Season Tournament.

For 6U and 8U teams that join the UAHL, the UAHL Governing Committee may assist Member Organizations to schedule Mite Jamborees, Mite Exhibition games and to

encourage Mites participation across the state, but participation in these can be as flexible as needed to meet the needs of each participating organization.

#### 2. Learn to Play

Learn to Play programs consist of beginning level players who are learning to play hockey. Player development consists mainly of skill development, some gamesmanship, and minimal inter-squad scrimmages. Players can transition from Learn to Play programs to House and Rec teams.

# III. UAHL Membership and Governance

# A. Membership

UAHL membership consists of each UAHA Member Organization that has Travel teams or opts to have Rec teams participate in the UAHL.

#### 1. Eligibility

Each participating Member Organization must:

- a. be in good standing with UAHA and USA Hockey.
- b. follow the Codes of Conduct of USA Hockey.
- c. assume the responsibility of providing sufficient ice time for home league games for each team in each age division.

#### 2. Team Declaration

By September 15 each year, each Member Organization must submit a declaration to the UAHL Governing Committee that includes the number of Travel teams that will participate in the UAHL for the upcoming season and the proposed division for each of those teams.

Rec teams may be added to the UAHL throughout the season. A deadline for declaring Rec teams in order for their participation in the End-of-Season Tournament will be established each year.

## 3. League Fee

A League Fee will be charged to each team that participates in the UAHL season in the Platinum, Gold, and Silver divisions. This fee will cover the ice and game-associated costs for the Preseason Seeding Tournament (4 game guarantee) and End of Season Tournament (also a 4 game guarantee for each team; for a total of 8 guaranteed games per team across both tournaments). The League fee does not cover ice and game-associated costs for regular season play between teams in a division. These will be covered by each association as described below.

a. League fees for the Platinum, Gold, and Silver division teams will be set by the April UAHA Board meeting preceding each season.

- b. League Fees for Bronze divisions (which will have a more flexible season length and involvement) and 8U/6U teams (for jamborees and Mite Madness tournaments) will be set by the UAHL Committee as those events and ad-hoc seasons take shape.
- c. League fees must be paid prior to the Preseason Tournament. League fees will be paid directly to the UAHA Treasurer.
- d. There will be no refunds issued for teams that drop out after the Preseason Tournament.

#### B. Governance

Per the UAHA policies and procedures, the UAHA Vice President of Youth organizes and facilitates the UAHL Governing Committee for the state league and acts as a moderator for that committee.

#### 1. UAHL Governing Committee

The UAHL Governing Committee consists of one representative from each UAHA Member Organization that has at least one team playing in the league, as appointed by each organization.

- a. As part of its annual Membership Application, each Member Organization shall submit the primary contact (phone and email) for the representative it selects to participate in the UAHL Governing Committee.
- b. The representative must be provided the authority to make decisions for the Member Organization and participating teams including scheduling league play.

#### 2. Meetings

- a. The UAHL Governing Committee meets monthly unless a meeting is determined not necessary by a majority vote.
- b. Items requiring a vote are provided in writing to the committee.
- c. Each member of the committee gets one vote in making governance decisions, regardless of the number of teams it has playing in the league. A committee member may appoint a substitute representative to vote in their place if they are unable to attend a meeting.
- d. Decisions will be made based on a majority vote of more than 50% with a quorum of at least 60 percent of Member Organizations represented, including those present that abstain from a vote.

#### 3. Ad Hoc Positions

a. As needed, the UAHL Governing Committee may, by majority vote, select an individual or organization to serve in ad hoc positions including, but not limited to League Coordinator, Scheduler, and Tournament Director.

- b. The need for an ad hoc position, the responsibilities of the position, and the selection of an individual or organization to fill that position must be approved by a majority vote.
- c. The committee must approve a written agreement with an individual or organization. Ad hoc positions are limited to one season but may be approved for subsequent seasons by a majority vote.
- d. If funds are available within the Youth operating budget approved by the UAHA Board of Directors, the committee may agree to compensate an individual or organization for their work at a reasonable rate.

# C. League Divisions

The goal of the UAHL divisions is to place teams in a competitive brackets with similarly skilled teams as much as possible. These teams will play throughout the season, the End of Season Tournament will establish a champion and finalist for each division. The league may be divided into four divisions to provide the narrowest possible skill bracket for 10U through 18U, while still including enough teams in each category to maintain competition. Fewer divisions may be used for age levels with fewer teams in any given season.

League divisions are determined regardless of Travel A and Travel B designations or any other team labels. Assignment to a UAHL division does not impact how each organization labels teams for tournaments and games with other USA Hockey sanctioned teams outside the league.

#### 1. Divisions

Divisions will include the following groupings for 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U (19U for girls):

- a. <u>Platinum</u>: the most competitive Travel teams with the most experienced players.
- b. Gold: the next most competitive Travel teams.
- c. Silver: the least competitive Travel teams with the least experienced players.
- d. <u>Bronze</u>. A flexible division for Rec teams without a minimum season game requirement, and which may have a shorter season length, as determined by participating organizations. This division does not participate in the preseason tournament and is designed for Rec teams from programs that need outside Rec teams from other organizations to fill out games for their teams. The parameters of the Bronze division (e.g., season length, cross-ice vs. full-ice, etc.) will be agreed upon by participating organizations each season.

#### 2. Girls Divisions

If there are enough girls teams to constitute a division, as determined by the UAHL Committee, the UAHL will include a girls-specific division as needed in any given season. However, if there are not enough participating girls teams to create separate girls divisions at any level, girls teams may be placed in an appropriate co-ed division or age divisions may be combined to ensure sufficient teams for a girls division.

#### 3. Placement in Divisions (The Preseason Seeding Tournament)

- a. Initial Placement in Platinum, Gold, and Silver Divisions
  - i. Each year each UAHA Member Organization will declare how many teams they have participating in the UAHL. When they make these declarations, they will indicate the level at which they expect each team to compete (Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc.).
  - ii. The committee will use these declarations by the Member Organization to organize the Preseason Seeding Tournament. In the Preseason seeding tournament, teams will likely play games both within and across divisions. This will help gather enough data to place teams in the most appropriate divisions with as narrow skill-brackets as possible.
  - iii. Based on the results of the Preseason Seeding Tournament and any supplemental information provided by Member Organizations, the committee will establish divisions in each age level with participating Travel teams.
  - iv. Division decisions will be communicated through committee representatives to Member Organizations and teams.
  - v. UAHL reserves the right to restrict the number of divisions or teams in any one division or age classification.
- b. All Rec teams will be placed in the Bronze division.
- c. Division Changes
  - i. Petitions to change to a team's division may be proposed, in writing, by any member of the UAHL Organizing Committee based on data about the team's performance within its assigned division. Division changes must be approved by a majority vote of the UAHL Committee.

# IV. Team Selection and Rosters

#### A. Team Selection

Tryout procedures apply only to Travel teams. Rec teams may not be selected by tryout. Each organization may determine how to divide Rec teams when Rec teams are made available.

#### 1. Tryout Procedures

Each Member Organization shall institute procedures to select Travel team players. Guidelines for team selection process shall include, but not be limited to the following:

a. Each Member Organization shall hold open tryouts. Tryouts may not be announced or advertised until UAHA has published the UAHA Approved Youth Teams for the season.

- b. Tryouts must be conducted in accordance with UAHA's tryout schedule published each spring. Travel teams must be selected prior to the Preseason Tournament.
- c. No Travel team may recruit or solicit players or offer contracts to players for the following season, or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until after the protected Tier II tryout period, on dates set by the UAHA Board.
- d. Should a Member Organization determine, either during or following tryouts that one or more teams will not be viable; they may disband the team upon giving written notice to the parents or guardians of each player selected for the team.
- e. Personal invitations for tryouts are permissible but tryouts must be announced publicly through a general publication. The announcement must contain at a minimum the organization name, level of tryouts, contacts with phone numbers, and dates/location/time of tryouts.

### 2. Play-Up and Play-Down Policy

The UAHL follows the UAHA and USA Hockey play-up guidelines. Although it is an individual organization decision, UAHA believes youth players are best served playing in their own age division, and play-ups should only occur for top players who can compete on the top team in the next oldest age division. Players should be encouraged to move up to the next level within their age group instead of playing up to the next age level (i.e., Travel B to Travel A to Tier).

#### 3. Fact Sheet

Each Member Organization must provide each player and their parent(s), in writing, before any tryout and prior to signing a contract to roster with a team, a Fact Sheet that provides full disclosure of their Travel program and season, estimated number of games and practices, amount of expected travel, and any expectations of Travel team players. The Fact Sheet shall also outline the refund policy of the team should a player not play for the full season, regardless of reason.

Fact sheets are recommended for Rec teams.

## 4. Player Commitment

Any player who signs a contract roster is committed to that Travel team for the ensuing playing season and cannot play for another Travel or Tier team until he/she has been released from that Travel team. Roster contracts for Travel teams must be fully executed to be valid. Contracts must clearly state in writing the requirements for a player to be considered in good standing with the Member Organization, including team fees.

All players are released from their "home" organizations at the close of the current season if the player is in good standing. All player releases during the season shall be submitted to the UAHL Governing Committee for approval. Mid-season departures are considered

discretionary and any refund amount is determined by the Member Organization. Any fee for release may not exceed a player's full-season fees.

Players seeking to be released from a contract roster must submit a request in writing to their Member Organization. The home organization releasing the player must provide a written release before the player can roster or play with another organization. Member organizations and players must also adhere to the UAHA Outstanding Debt List (ODL) policy.

#### B. Team Rosters

The UAHL strictly adheres to the USA Hockey rules for the registration of players and teams. No team may dress a player(s) not on that team's official roster for UAHL games. Any team using a player(s) not on the team's official roster shall forfeit all games played with the ineligible player(s).

USA Hockey rosters must be submitted on USA Hockey form 1-T to the USA Hockey Registrar for Utah prior to any team participating in a non-league game, league game or tournament game. Any team found to be in violation of this rule will be sanctioned accordingly as outlined in the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

#### 1. USA Hockey Registration and Rostering

Every player, coach, and manager must be registered with USA Hockey to be on a roster. USA Hockey registration must be completed prior to any practices (on or off ice), and players and coaches must be included in an official 1-T roster prior to participating in any games or tournaments.

#### 2. Roster Sizes

- a. Travel team rosters shall have no more than 20 players (18 skaters and 2 goalies). Rosters should follow all USA Hockey and UAHA policies and procedures. The UAHL Committee <u>recommends</u> the following minimum roster sizes for UAHL teams:
  - i. 14U, 16U, 18U and 19U (girls) at least 13 skaters and 1or 2 goalies
  - ii. 10U and 12U at least 11 skaters and 1 or 2 goalies
- b. Rec team rosters, including 6U and 8U rosters are not limited to 20 players. For games within the league, coaches should select a group of at least 10 and up to 20 players (18 skaters and 2 goalies) to participate in each game. For 6U and 8U Jamborees, rosters may be divided into multiple teams. For the End of Season "Mite Madness" tournament, rosters will be set ahead of time and submitted to the tournament organizer.

#### 3. Coaches and Volunteers

Consistent with USA Hockey and UAHA rules, all UAHL coaches must be certified at the appropriate level for the age and classification of their team prior to any practices (on or off ice), games or tournaments, and must be rostered as a coach, manager, or volunteer on the USA Hockey 1-T roster. Coaches, team managers, and volunteers from each Member

Organization having direct contact with minors must be Safe Sport Certified and have a clean background check prior to any contact with minor players. USA Hockey and UAHA policies and procedures with regards to coaching and volunteer requirements supersede this document.

#### 4. Participation in Other Leagues

Travel teams that participate in the UAHL are allowed to play in other leagues, tournaments, and schedule friendly games with other USA Hockey teams outside of the UAHL, subject to USA Hockey and UAHA policies and procedures.

Players rostered on UAHL teams may also roster with another team outside of UAHL, including high school teams, as long as they do not break any USA Hockey or UAHA policies in doing so. Playing on a Tier or Junior level team (other than a Tier II girls team) makes a player ineligible for a UAHL team in the current season but does not affect a player's eligibility to play on a Travel or Rec team in a future season.

## 5. Double Rostering within UAHL

 A player may not be rostered on more than one UAHL team, with the following exceptions:

#### i. Goalies:

Goalies may roster as a non-goalie skater on a second team, so long as none of the teams on which they play (as a skater or goalie) are at the Tier I or Tier II level. While goalies may only roster as a goalie on one UAHL team, in the Bronze division, teams consisting of newer players (House/Rec) are strongly encouraged to utilize Quick Change Goalie Gear and rotate players willing to try being the goalie for at least one period.

#### ii. Girls

As allowed by USA Hockey, girls may be rostered on a co-ed team and a girls team within UAHL including if those teams are in different divisions. Girls may also be registered for a girls Tier II team and a Travel or Rec co-ed team at the same time.

#### 6. Roster Challenge

- a. When a roster or the play of a non-rostered player is questioned prior to or during a game, the Head Coach of the challenging team must notify the on-ice officials and the on-ice officials will notify the opposing team's Head Coach of the challenge. The challenge should be noted on the scoresheet and the player in question will be allowed to participate, allowing the game to proceed for an on-time start.
- b. Following the game and when a roster or the play of a non-rostered player is questioned, the team making the challenge is responsible for submitting the challenge to the UAHL Governing Committee through the Member Organization's representative, in writing.

- c. The challenge must be made in writing, include a copy of the scoresheet, and be submitted to the UAHL Governing Committee within 48 hours of the game in question.
- d. The UAHL Governing Committee will verify the eligibility of the player in question within 72 hours of notification after a league game and within 24 hours of notification during a tournament deliver a decision on the game.
- e. Any team using a player(s) not on the team's official roster shall forfeit all games played with the ineligible player(s).

## 7. Roster Changes

#### a. Travel Team Roster Changes

Platinum, Gold, and Silver division team rosters must be submitted and approved by the state registrar 72 hours prior to the start of the Preseason Seeding Tournament. Roster changes may not be made after December 31st or an earlier date as set by the State Registrar, and all roster changes must follow relevant UAHA and USA Hockey policies. However, if roster changes significantly affect the relative competitiveness of a team in a given division, the UAHL Committee may opt to move the team whose roster has changed to a more competitively appropriate division.

#### b. Rec Team Roster Changes

Bronze division (House/Rec) team rosters may be changed up to the end of the season, including adding and removing players from teams and adding additional rosters for Rec teams that start later in the season. In other words, Bronze division rosters do not freeze. This is to allow new players who are new to the game to join a team at any point (ideally after graduating from a Learn to Play program).

### 8. Call Up Policy

If there are fewer than 9 skaters and one goalie available for a single game or tournament, a team may "Call Up" a player from a lower division or the same division at a lower age level for the express purpose of providing their team an additional player so the game may be played.

Team	Players Eligible to be "Called Up"
Platinum	<ul> <li>Platinum player at next lower age level</li> <li>Gold, Silver, or Bronze at the same age level</li> </ul>
Gold	<ul><li>Gold player at next lower age level</li><li>Silver or Bronze at the same age level</li></ul>
Silver	<ul> <li>Silver player at next lower age level</li> <li>Bronze at the same age level</li> </ul>

A "Call Up" must be agreed upon and deemed to be safe by the coach, parent and player. Parents must be informed of, and special consideration given to players being called up from 12U to 14U where checking is introduced.

When a "Call Up" occurs, the coach using players from another team within their organization should inform the opposing coach prior to the game and the name of the player(s) shall be added to the roster/score sheet for that game. At no time may a player from a higher division above be called down.

#### 9. Players Residing Outside of Utah

UAHL Travel and Rec rosters will be composed of players whose family's permanent residence is in the State of Utah and will not include billeted members. A player residing outside of Utah may be granted an exception only be granted when the following conditions are met:

- a. The player does not have a Travel or Rec team in an appropriate age classification and level of play in their local community, the player attends school or the parents work nearby to a Utah organization, the player has no feasible opportunity to play hockey, or the player has been displaced from their home state for a prolonged period due to a family medical situation or due to a court order.
- b. Participation of the player will not take away the opportunity for a Utah player to participate.
- c. The player will not be billeted.
- d. The player and parent or guardian commit to attend a majority of the practices scheduled for the team.

A petition for an exception demonstrating these conditions are met must be submitted by a Member Organization to the UAHL Governing Committee through the organization's representative. The petition must also include the family's permanent residence, the addresses for and information about any rinks or youth hockey organizations closer to the family's residence, and the level of team in which the player has previously participated and proposes to participate.

Petitions that are approved by a majority vote of the UAHL Governing Committee will require confirmation by the UAHA Governing Board.

# V. Season Structure, League Play, and Tournaments

The season for UAHL Platinum, Gold, and Silver Divisions will include a Preseason Seeding Tournament, home and away league play within divisions, and an End of Season tournament to determine a champion for each division.

Bronze Division play will be more flexible to allow for shorter seasons, flexibility with home-and-home regular season games, and more flexibility with roster changes to accommodate new players. The Bronze season structure will be adapted to the needs of programs who field teams in that division, on a season-by-season basis.

#### A. Preseason

#### 1. Preseason Seeding Tournament to Form Divisions

UAHL will host a Preseason Seeding Tournament annually in early- to mid-October to establish divisions. In each age classification, teams will play against other teams proposed for the division—Platinum, Gold, and Silver—as well as teams in the division(s) below or above the proposed division. The Preseason Seeding Tournament will include a minimum guaranteed 4 games for each team.

#### 2. Divisions for League Play

Results from the Preseason Seeding Tournament will be used to establish divisions (ideally composed of at least four teams per division) in as many divisions are needed for each age classification. The UAHL Committee will make these decisions on how to group teams into the most competitive divisions.

#### 3. Division Adjustments

After divisions are set in the Preseason Seeding Tournament, the UAHL Governing Committee may make adjustments by moving teams to a more appropriate division if the need arises to keep divisions competitive. If there are a large number of teams in a given category at a given age group, the UAHL Committee may decide to subdivide that division based on skill level of the teams in the division.

# B. Regular Season

### 1. Regular Season League Play and Scheduling

- a. <u>Scheduling</u>: Each organization's representative will work with the UAHL Governing Committee, the organization's scheduler(s), and any other relevant individuals to create a schedule for the season, once the Divisions have been established.
- b. <u>Divisional Games</u>: Each team will be required to play every other team in their bracket at least twice during the Regular Season. Typically this will involve one game hosted by each team, depending on the size of the division. Smaller divisions may be required to play two home and two away games with each team. Tournament games played between teams in the same category during the Regular Season (e.g., at a local MyHockey tournament, etc.) may be included in league statistics and count toward the two-game requirement if the rosters are not changed for the tournament and home-and-home games are not possible.
- c. The UAHL Governing Committee will approve a scheduled structure for league play annually based on the number of divisions and teams in each division.

# 2. Scoresheets and Standings

Season and tournament games will be scored with a digital scorekeeping system, and all standings and scores will be available on the league website. This will allow team personnel, players, and parents to track what is happening in each division and foster a sense of community and healthy competitive spirit across the league.

#### 3. Hosting and Finances for Regular Season Games

While the UAHL League Fee will cover the expenses for the Preseason Seeding Tournament and the End of Season Tournament, regular season games will be paid for by the associations and teams participating in these games. Typically, "home-and-home" games played between two teams in a division would entail the home team covering the cost of ice, referee fees, and other associated expenses (scorekeepers if they are hired) for that home game. The visiting team would typically reciprocate by hosting the other team and covering those expenses for the game that they host as the home team. While the minimum number of games must be met within each division, if two organizations mutually agree on some arrangement other than the typical home-and-home exchange (e.g., two games at the rink of one of the teams, where the visiting team covers the expenses for one of the games), then that is allowable if both organizations mutually agree to host their required two games in that fashion.

Regardless of whether the home team hires scorekeepers or uses parent volunteers, all league games will be scored using the standard digital scorekeeping platform that the UAHL is using that season. It is the scorekeeper's responsibility to make sure the finished, signed digital scoresheet is uploaded at the end of the game. This will allow all scoresheets to remain on the UAHL website for league management (e.g., enforcement of rosters, suspensions, etc.) and public display of results. UAHA will make iPads available to all rinks for UAHL scorekeeping purposes.

### 4. Canceling Regular Season Games

Except in the case of severe weather which may make road conditions too dangerous to travel, organizations shall not cancel or reschedule games less than one week prior to the scheduled date.

- a. In cases of severe weather teams shall make every attempt to reschedule. Visiting organizations are responsible to contact the host team as far in advance as possible to alert them that severe weather will prohibit travel.
- b. Notice of any cancellation or request to reschedule shall be submitted to the opposing team for individual games or the UAHL Governing Committee for league weekends.
- c. Member Organizations may choose to assess a penalty to cover ice, referee, and scorekeeper costs when a visiting team does not show up to play a scheduled game or to cover travel costs when a home team cancels a game less than 1 week prior to the scheduled date or does not show up for the game. To assess the penalty, a noshow grievance must be submitted in writing to the UAHL Governing Committee the next business day following a no-show. If there is a disagreement between organizations with regards to the fee assessed, the UAHL Governing Committee will mediate the disagreement.
- d. Any cases of no shows will be considered forfeiture of that game in league standings.

#### 5. League Weekends

The UAHL Governing Committee may select weekends for league play where some or all teams in a division may gather for a weekend of games against each other at one rink. Costs for league weekends may be covered by an organization to fulfill their obligation to host home league games or split among organizations as appropriate. Schedulers shall make a good faith effort to find appropriate dates for league weekends and teams shall make a good faith effort to participate in these. League weekends are particularly beneficial to minimize travel to and from remotely located programs, while allowing for more games in a shorter period of time.

#### 6. Out of League Play

Teams may play teams outside their division and outside the league as long as it doesn't interfere with league weekends and playing the expected amount of league games over the season.

#### C. End of Season UAHL Tournament

At the end of the season (typically February-March), a tournament will be convened that includes all teams from every division. The UAHL End of Season Tournament dates and venue will be decided upon by the UAHL Governing Committee each year. The tournament shall be sanctioned by USA Hockey and will include a minimum 4-game guarantee and a playoff or championship round to declare a winner of each division. This will mark the end of the season for the league.

# 1. Seeding

Teams will be seeded for the tournament based on points earned within divisions during the regular season.

#### 2. Tournament Rules

The tournament rules will be agreed upon by the UAHL Governing Committee and distributed to all Member Organizations prior to the start of the tournament. All tournament disputes will be resolved by the UAHL Governing Committee.