



# 2023-2024 UWHL ANNUAL REPORT

## **Commissioners**

Vacant

## **Elected Officers**

President: Lily Cicilia

Red Conference Liaison: Anna Gardner

Vice President: Katie Smith

White Conference Liaison: Lily Cicilia

Treasurer: Anne Gorrigan

Gold Conference Liaison: Melanie Myers

Secretary: Kara Weber

Silver Conference Liaison: Taylor Sczymecki

Blue Conference Liaison: Aoi Wakabayashi

## **Appointed Positions**

Referee in Chief: Madeleine Weeks

Statistician (Red): Sam Mazzi

Statistician (White): Marilyn Heilman

Statistician (Gold): Marie Mazzola

Statistician (Silver): Sally Tarabah

Statistician (Blue): Taylor Sczymecki

Webmaster: Sam Mazzi

Schedulers: Sally Tarabah and Katie Smith

## **2023–2024 Season Notes**

The 2023–2024 UWHL season was an eventful one! Here is an overview/outline of the most notable occurrences this season:

1. The EC gave the UWHL website a complete makeover as we rebranded our logo and website in the hopes to make information easily accessible. This was done with a mind for creativity and alignment with other leagues in the country to help draw interest into the UWHL.
2. Combined with our website relaunch, we also worked to increase our social media presence by resharing posts/stories from teams and also posting highlights from the league. The EC encourages teams to continue tagging us on social media so that we can continue to promote teams' activities and grow the league.
3. The cross division games were removed as a result of overwhelming protests from teams in the previous season.
4. The Southside Thrashers re-entered the league in the Silver Division and two new teams entered: Gremlins in White, and Philadelphia Freeze in Silver.
5. There was not enough interest in the UWHL All-Star Game league fundraising so the fundraiser was not held this season. The UWHL Vice-President, along with the EC, has been exploring other fundraising options for the upcoming 2024/2025 season that teams/ friends/ family would be excited to participate in. The EC strongly encourages members of the league to suggest ideas or volunteer for one of the Appointed Positions.
6. 2022/2023 Review Requests:
  - RG: Was requested for a review in the Red Division. Upon review, the player was allowed to remain in the Red Division.
  - AB: Was reviewed and this player was allowed to remain in the division as they were grandfathered in, per communications with the previous EC. The current EC communicated that they would uphold the agreement that the previous EC communicated to the team, with the understanding that this player must move up from the Red Division for the 2024–2025 season.
7. Fighting events reviewed:
  - a. Gold Division: Lightning vs Jags (March)
    - i. Both team's players served a 1 game suspension
  - b. Gold Division: Lady Predators vs Jags (December)
    - i. Both team's players served 1 game suspensions
8. Integrity of the League:

For the 2023–2024 season, the EC found multiple teams actions and language distasteful and unbecoming to the league. We remind teams that the mission of the league is to promote women's hockey and ensure every player finds success and has

a positive experience. We cannot accomplish that without everyone’s support and commitment to provide fair play, ethical behavior and integrity, and general goodwill towards all. The EC remains committed to our mission and will take necessary measures to ensure all teams and players have a positive experience within the league.

## **2023-2024 UWHL Secretary's Report**

The UWHL had three Conferences and five Divisions – Red Conference consisting of the Red Division, South Conference consisting of the White Division and Gold Division, North Conference consisting of the Silver Division and Blue Division. There were no crossover games this season due to feedback from team representatives.

The Jaguars did not return to the Red Division for the 2023-2024 season and the Mighty Moose moved to the Red Division from the White Division. One new team entered the White Division for the 2023-2024 season, the Gremlins. Queenston requested to move down to the White Division while the EC requested the Lady Predators move to the Gold, and they accepted. The Hawks Black team from Gold requested to move up to the Silver Division, and were approved. This season welcomed another new team into the Silver Division, Philadelphia Freeze. The Southside Thrashers rejoined the league in the Silver Division after taking last season off. The Phoenix did not return to the Silver Division. The Blue Division remained the same.

### **League Statistics**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Total Rostered</b>	<b>Skaters Rostered</b>	<b>Sub Skaters Used</b>	<b>Goalies Rostered</b>	<b>Avg. Players /Team</b>	<b>Avg. Age</b>	<b># Coaches</b>	<b>Ave. Coaches /Team</b>
<b>Red</b>	6	114	101	4	9	19	38.9	7	.8
<b>White</b>	6	99	87	4	10	16.5	42.6	6	1
<b>Gold</b>	6	93	81	4	8	15	41.7	8	.75
<b>Silver</b>	5	104	90	5	8	20.8	35.8	6	.8
<b>Blue</b>	4	75	67	3	8	18.75	28.9	5	.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>43</b>			<b>32</b>	
<b>Average</b>						<b>18</b>	<b>37.6</b>		

### **Player Review Statistics**

The 2023-24 season continued 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, 2023, whichever came first. The Player History Surveys of the Probationary Players were then re-voted as “Approve” or “Deny” by the Team Representatives. 28.5% of all UWHL players submitted Player History Surveys this season.

	# Reviewed	# Approved	% Approved	# Denied	% Denied	# Probationary	Re-Vote Result
Red	34	25	73.5%	0	0%	9 (26.5%)	9 approved
White	32	25	78.1%	3	9.4%	4 (12.5%)	3 Approved; 1 Denied
Gold	34	30	88.2%	2	5.9%	2 (5.9%)	2 Denied
Silver	23	22	95.7%	0	0%	1 (4.3%)	1 Denied
Blue	15	15	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>83.9%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>16 (11.6%)</b>	
<b>Total (Excluding Blue)</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>87.1%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>16 (13.0%)</b>	

### 2023-2024 UWHL Treasurer's Report

This year without a fundraiser and keeping our playoffs as streamlined as possible we still incurred a substantial net loss. 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). Year over year, our balance has steadily decreased, most notably in the past few years since we have not held our annual fundraiser. 2020-2021 saw a higher balance as there was no season, so no expenses were incurred. In order to increase our balance, we will be discussing different fundraising opportunities for the 2024-2025 season. The current balance of the UWHL Bank Account is \$11,643.52.

<b>United Women's Hockey League Year-end Financial Statement</b>				
	2023-2024	2022-2023 (1 year)	2020-2021 (3 year)	2018-2019 (5 year)
UWHL TD Bank Account Balance	\$11,407.52	\$14,071.51	\$22,124.30	\$17,441.52
<b>Income</b>				
Fines/Appeal Fees	\$145.00	\$100.00	N/A	\$125.00
League Playoff Fees	\$7,800.00	\$6,000.00	N/A	\$7,800.00
League Team Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,200.00	N/A	\$5,200.00
Revenue	\$454.00	\$0.00	N/A	\$9,474.00
Total Income	\$13,399	\$11,300	N/A	\$22,599
<b>Expenses</b>				
Administrative Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$646.60
Bank Fees	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Delaware Taxes and Delaware Agent	\$245.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00

Diamond Scheduler	\$0.00	\$99.00	\$99.00	N/A
Go Daddy Domain Hosting	\$0.00	\$158.89		
Google/Zoom	\$102.80	\$158.89	\$158.89	N/A
Scoresheets	\$252.60	\$406.13		
UWHL Website	\$1,117.00	\$1,111.94	\$1,111.94	\$2,129.00
UWHL Merchandise	\$1,142.60	N/A	N/A	\$6,287.80
<b>Playoff Expenses</b>				
Playoff Ice Slots	\$5,700.00	\$5,625.00	N/A	\$5,250.00
Playoffs Fee Refunds	\$1,500.00	N/A	N/A	\$1,800.00
Photographers	\$800.00	\$0.00	N/A	\$390.50
Referees	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	N/A	\$1,500.00
Scorekeepers	\$450.00	\$375.00	N/A	\$315.00
Playoff Banners/Signs	\$241.53	\$130.44	N/A	\$1,609.31
Catering	\$1,607.00	\$1,549.25	N/A	\$1,113.50
Trophies/Medals	\$548.46	\$519.25	\$63.98	\$1,108.75
Total Playoff Expenses	\$12,946.99	\$10,298.94	\$63.98	\$13,087.06
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,826.99</b>	<b>\$12,295.79</b>	<b>\$1,503.81</b>	<b>\$22,220.46</b>

### Final Regular Season Standings

Red	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Record
Reapers	25	15	12	2	1	57	20	12-2-1
Delaware Bobcats	21	15	9	3	3	32	22	9-3-3
Mighty Moose	16	15	7	6	2	37	26	7-6-2
Hawks	13	15	5	7	3	25	26	5-7-3
Lady Patriots	11	15	5	9	1	33	38	5-9-1
Philadelphia Freeze	4	15	1	12	2	14	66	1-12-2

White	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Record
Lady Patriots	26	14	13	1	0	74	14	13-1-0
Queenston	20	15	9	4	2	48	39	9-4-2
Quarry Cats	16	15	7	6	2	46	31	7-6-2
Concord Flames	16	15	7	6	2	48	46	7-6-2

Americans Valor	6	14	2	10	2	13	61	2-10-2
Gremlins	4	15	2	13	0	18	56	2-13-0

Gold	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Record
Jaguars	19	15	8	4	3	30	20	8-4-3
Lady Predators	17	15	7	5	3	33	25	7-5-3
Lightning	17	15	7	5	3	26	29	7-5-3
Philadelphia Freeze	16	15	6	5	4	35	23	6-5-4
Delaware Bobcats	13	15	5	7	3	34	40	5-7-3
Hawks	8	15	3	10	2	17	38	3-10-2

Silver	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Record
Hawks	18	12	8	2	2	39	16	8-2-2
Philadelphia Freeze	15	12	7	4	1	31	27	7-4-1
Black Widows	13	12	6	5	1	37	25	6-5-1
Philadelphia Voodoo	13	12	6	5	1	33	31	6-5-1
Southside Thrashers	1	12	0	11	1	8	49	0-11-1

Blue	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Record
Jaguars	19	12	8	1	3	57	31	8-1-3
Philadelphia Freeze	13	12	6	5	1	47	47	6-5-1
Quarry Cats	10	12	4	6	2	42	50	4-6-2
Lady Patriots	6	12	3	9	0	33	51	3-9-0

## Playoffs Report & Results

UWHL Playoffs were held March 23-24, 2024 at Hatfield Ice Arena in Colmar, PA. This is the sixth year the UWHL has held playoffs at Hatfield. All teams were notified of Playoffs moving dates mid-season as there was limited ice, referees, and photographers available on the original weekend. The EC acknowledges changing dates mid-season affected multiple teams and players' ability to attend playoffs and will ensure future playoff dates are not changed once announced.

The final schedule was sent out to teams prior to our pre-playoff meeting on March 18th. Each team was sent their list of eligible players by their Conference Liaisons and all discrepancies were handled prior to playoffs. Eligibility waivers were due on March 16th and were not accepted if they were submitted after that date. All playoff eligible teams submitted a player to volunteer for an hour time slot on either Saturday or Sunday. The Executive Committee appreciates all of the support provided by those volunteers.

The Executive Committee approved the purchasing of marketing materials to enhance players experience over playoff weekend in addition to promotion of the league. Marketing materials included bracket boards, X-stand signs, and banners from DRS Imaging and Print. The EC also purchased merchandise to sell over playoff weekend to help bolster the league's income over the next few years. Other expenses included ice rentals and scorekeepers provided by Hatfield; food from the Cafe at Hatfield, and referees who were scheduled by UWHL Referee In Chief, Madeline Weeks. This year saw an increase in ice slots and scorekeeper costs which was dictated in our 3 year contract agreement with Hatfield.

Our photographers were Frankie James for Saturday, and PhilMar Photography for Sunday. Team photos were taken before each semi-final game on Saturday and winning teams had a team photo taken after each Championship game on Sunday. All photos from the weekend were sent out to teams within 2 weeks of playoffs concluding.

At the conclusion of every Championship game on Sunday, there was an award ceremony. The EC thanks all teams for being respectful of this process. The playoff logo this season was designed by UWHL Creative Director, Morgan Wampler, and medals were produced by Buxmont Awards. The trophy is due to be engraved with this season's Championship team names prior to next season's playoffs.

#### **Red Division Champion: Reapers**

In the Red Division, Delaware Bobcats beat the Mighty Moose 3-1 and the Reapers beat Hawks Red 3-2. Reapers played the Delaware Bobcats in the Championship and won 3-0.

#### **White Division Champion: Lady Patriots**

In the White Division, Lady Patriots beat the Concord Flames 4-3 and the Quarry Cats beat Queenston 4-3. Lady Patriots played the Quarry Cats in the Championship and won 5-1.

#### **Gold Division Champion: Lady Predators**

In the Gold Division, Jaguars beat the Philadelphia Freeze 3-2 and the Lady Predators beat the Lightning 6-5. Lady Predators played the Jaguars in the Championship and won 3-0.

#### **Silver Division Champion: Philadelphia Voodoo**

In the Silver Division, Philadelphia Voodoo beat Hawks 3-2 and the Philadelphia Freeze beat the Black Widows 3-2. Philadelphia Voodoo played the Philadelphia Freeze in the Championship and won 6-0.

#### **Blue Division Champion: Jaguars**

In the Blue Division, Jaguars beat the Lady Patriots 5-3 and the Quarry Cats beat the Philadelphia Freeze 6-4. Jaguars played the Quarry Cats in the Championship and won 6-0.

#### **Website Report**

The website was upgraded to a newer style and layout this year in hopes to make it more appealing. SportsEngine is in the process of making some more changes effective in April so it's possible things may look a little different again next season but hopefully things will continue as they were this season. We had a few errors when submitting applications but these were resolved quickly. We will continue to update the website to be user friendly and easy to navigate.

### **Statistician's Report**

Our group of statisticians were again able to keep the games and stats updated quickly this year, with the work split by division. Scores were entered immediately upon receiving them from the team reps, and then the stats were updated efficiently allowing us to effectively track standings and player eligibility. Thank you to all the team reps for sending your scoresheets in after your games and double-checking our work to make sure everything was accurate.

To streamline the process of entering game stats, we will be requiring team reps to upload/scan a copy of the scoresheet to the UWHL Google Drive within the regulated timeframe. This will alleviate any delays on updates on the website due to unavailable statisticians.