

FLOTHA – Over 50 League Bylaws

The purpose of this league is purely recreational, but competitive in nature. Even though highly unlikely, the goal of this league is that all the teams end the regular season having the same win and loss record. It is the intent of the league that all players play on a regular basis during the regular season. The league will be an USA Hockey sanction league, therefore, govern by the rules and regulations of USA Hockey, unless specified in the league bylaws and/or by a committee of Representatives of each team or their designee. The league will be overseen by the management of the ice rink facility housing regular league games.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:

Each TEAM MUST HAVE A Team Representative. Each Team's Representative is responsible for the conduct of their team and enforcing the rules of the league. The team representative is expected to attend all league representative meetings. The team representative shall have a full voting right on league matters. The team representative will handle jerseys, either provide them or use available jerseys for his team.

When appropriate and available, all meetings will be overseen by a designee of the ice rink facility housing the league.

PLAYERS

All players must register with the ice rink facility housing the regular league and USA Hockey for eligibility to play each year in the upcoming season. All players must be approved by the League to participate in league sanctioned games. All players must be Fifty (50) years old or older. The minimum age of Fifty (50) years old is determined by an individual reaching the age of Fifty during the current calendar year. EG; for the playing year of 2018-2019, any player born in 1968 or earlier is eligible to play beginning the 2018-2019 season beginning September 2018. Players younger than Fifty (50) can be eligible to play only with prior approval of the league and provided all registered Fifty (50) + players have been placed on a team.

NOTE: Goalies are not required to be Fifty (50) years old.

TEAMS/DRAFT

All teams will consist of a minimum of Thirteen (13) players (skaters). The number of teams in the league will be determined by the number of teams with a minimum of 13 skaters.

Goalies will be assigned to teams and rotated between teams during the course of the season. The number of teams will be determined by the league representatives based on the number of registered players on the deadline date of registration. The league will conduct a draft prior to the beginning of each season with the purpose of assigning players to a team.

Team representatives will rate each player for the purpose of drafting equal ability players on each team. Players will be rated from one (1) for exceptional in groups equaling the amount of teams in the league, thru group (13) for beginners. There will be NO protected list, with only the team representative being retained on the same team outside of the draft.

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The draft will be a blind. The draft is of multiple rounds, depending on the amount of league members registered to participate in a given year. Each will consist of those equally rated in multiples of the number of teams for the year. The level five (5) players will be divided into forward (5) players and defense (5) players to assure each team has an equal number of forwards and defense rated in the top category. An equal amount of each rated level will be drafted for each team in succession.

The draft order will be mutually agreed upon prior to the beginning of the draft with each team representative obtaining 1 player each round in a blind draw. In the round a team representative is rated, that team automatically draws the representative.

There will not be any trades once the draft is concluded.

SUBS or REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

NO subs are allowed what-so-ever for skaters. If a sub is used in a game, the team will forfeit that game and any games a sub plays. A sub is any player not on the team roster.

There will be replacement players for skaters allowed for the following, due to injury, moving away, or unable to continue playing in the given season. The player being replaced will not be eligible to play the remainder of the season. A replacement player will be taken from the league “sub list” established with players interested in our league, that have registered with the arena and are rated. Any / all replacement players can only replace a player of the same or lesser rating. The replacement player must be approved by the board prior to playing in a game.

GOALIES

Goalies will be rotated from team to team as equally as possible during the regular season. A goalie representative will be assigned to align the goalie schedule for the regular season, maintain a sub-goalie list and assign sub-goals as needed during the regular season. Team representatives must contact the goalie representative if his assigned goalie will not be available for a given game and have the goalie representative assign a goalie either from the sub list or having a goalie play a 2nd game on a given night.

If a sub goalie is of lesser rating is assigned to a game due to late substitution, the team reps can agree on having the goalies in that particular game play 1 period for each team, switching teams at the half of the game (between periods 1 and 2).

The switching of goalies must be agreed upon prior to the start of the game. Once puck drop in period 1, either the agreement to switch or not will hold for the game.

GOALIES DURING PLAYOFFS

Goalies for the initial playoff round, 1st round consisting of 4 games best record, will be assigned by the goalie representative. The goalie representative will assign goalies for each game of the 1st round.

In the subsequent rounds, goalies will be picked by the team representative with the picking order based on the league standings at the end of the season. The second and final will be a best 2 of 3 series.

SPONSORS

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Each Team is expected to have a sponsor providing jerseys for each player on a given team. The sponsor can be a vendor, local establishment or businesses. There is not a requirement that a sponsor also be a team member, but this is encouraged.

A sponsor DOES NOT have any voting rights of league matters unless that player is also the team representative. If the sponsor is also a team rep, that team will maintain the same representation ruling as listed in team representatives' section.

GAMES

The season will consist of an agreed upon amount of games with the ice rink facility housing the league. The season length is an agreed upon amount of games, generally 20 – 25 including playoffs depending on the number of teams playing in the league.

Games will consist of two (2) periods of stop time of 16 minutes each period.

The team with the most goals after both periods are completed shall be designated as the winner and awarded two (2) points in the league standings. The team with the least goals is the looser and awarded zero (0) points in the league standings. In the event of a tied score at the end of regulation time, each team will be awarded one (1) point with the contest designated as a tie. There will be NO shoot-outs for games in the regular season.

PLAYOFFS

All teams will qualify for the playoffs. The teams will be aligned in accordance to the final league standings after all regular season games have been completed.

The first round of playoffs will be a four game, total points, 2 for win, 1 for tie and 0 for loss.

The top 4 teams will progress to round 2, matching up in a best 2 of 3 series. If a game is tied at the end of regulation play, a 5 minute sudden death overtime period will be played. If the game is still tied after the 5 minute period, a shootout will determine the winner. The shootout will skaters will be chosen by the team rep, with no shooter shooting twice until all eligible shooters attempt the shootout. Any player in the penalty box is not eligible for the shootout.

The winning 2 teams from round 2 will progress to the final round in a best 2 of 3 series to determine the league champions. If a game is tied at the end of regulation play, a 5 minute sudden death overtime period will be played. If the game is still tied after the 5 minute period, a shootout will determine the winner. The shootout skaters will be chosen by the team rep, with no shooter shooting twice until all eligible shooters attempt the shootout. Any player in the penalty box is not eligible for the shootout.

In the event of a tie in points at the end of a season, the following tie-breakers will be used:

1. Most wins
2. Best record head to head
3. Goal Differential

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4. Most goals For
5. Least Goals Against
6. Coin Clip

Goalies for the playoffs will be assigned as described in the GOALIE section of these bylaws.

PENALTIES

Any player assessed a major penalty shall be suspended for at least one (1) game. The Department of player safety and rules will review the incident and determine if further suspension is appropriate.

If the penalty results in the injury of a player, the department of player safety shall determine a more stringent penalty assessed.

Any player accumulating three (3) minor penalties in a given game shall be suspended for the remainder of that contest.

Department of Player Safety and Rules Committee

The purpose of this league is for the enjoyment of the participants in playing hockey in a recreational but somewhat competitive nature. The safety of each individual shall be held in high regards with stringent consequences to any individual participating in a reckless, dangerous nature.

A Department of Player Safety and Rules has been created to oversee and assess suspensions to any member not adhering to proper guidelines of the game of hockey. A Commissioner will lead league meetings and is to be notified of any questionable or obvious infraction. Further review and appropriate discipline will be carried out by this committee.

An example of questionable infractions: the act of hitting from behind (also known as hitting, checking a player in the “numbers”) shall be a suspend able offense and the assessment of such an offense will be determined to be a given number of games as determined by the Department of Player Safety and Rules.