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Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Conference Officials, Conference Board of Directors, Division Commissioners, and Member Organization Presidents:

Welcome to the 2010-2011 Empire Amateur Hockey Conference season.

The Board of Directors and Conference Officials have spent many long hours preparing this guide book. Please take the time to review the information. Changes from last season's rules and regulations have been typed in bold letters for your convenience. Please note that as a member of the Empire Amateur Hockey Conference it is your responsibility to know and abide by the rules in this guidebook. The guidebook information is also on our website at www.empirehockey.org.

For this season we have expanded the EAHC Aggressive Play Policy to more closely match the rules of the WNYAHL.

This season we will continue to support on-line referee evaluations via our website at www.empirehockey.org. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to make sure an evaluation form is filed for all games. Just go to the "Coaches Corner" page and click the link for "On-Line Referee Evaluation Form." This system allows the Conference and the Rochester Ice Hockey Officials Association to view your game evaluations in a timely fashion. This gives us the opportunity to deal with any problems or issues that arise while they are still fresh in everyone's mind.

Good luck to all the teams this season and thank you for volunteering your time working with this league, your organization, and your players.

Sincerely,
Steve Weisbeck
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**Empire Amateur Hockey Conference
2010-2011 CALENDAR
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<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agenda</u>		
May	11	Monthly Meeting	6:30	MCC
June	8	No Meeting-Summer Break		
July	13	Monthly Meeting	6:30	MCC
August	10	Monthly Meeting	6:30	MCC
September	14	Monthly Meeting Preliminary Team Counts Due	6:30	MCC
September	28	2010-11 Pre-scheduling Meeting Final Team Counts Due	6:30	MCC
October	5	2010-11 Midget Scheduling Meeting	6:00	MCC
October	12	2010-11 Mite-Bantam Scheduling Meeting Minnet Hall Dome Arena	6:00	
October	16	EAHC Midget Season Starts Conference Fee Statements Mailed		
October	23	EAHC Mite-Bantam Season Starts		
November	9	Monthly Meeting	6:30	MCC
December	14	Monthly Meeting	6:30	MCC
December	31	USA Hockey Team Rosters Frozen All Coaches must be certified at the Proper CEP level he or she is coaching		
January	1	Conference Fees Due		
January	11	Monthly Meeting	6:30	MCC
February	8	Monthly Meeting	6:30	MCC
February	13	EAHC Season ends for teams		
February	15-24	EAHC Play-offs		
February	26-27	EAHC Division Finals		
March	8	Monthly Meeting Transition of Officers	6:30	MCC
April	12	Monthly Meeting	6:30	MCC

All meetings are held at the Sports Centre at MCC which is located at 2700 Brighton-Henrietta Rd. on the MCC Campus in Henrietta, NY. All Monthly Meetings are "Open" to all interested parties. Call Steve Weisbeck, EAHC President, to add any items to the meeting agenda.

The EAHC Directory has a list of the EAHC Board of Directors.
Web-Site: www.empirehockey.org

EMPIRE AMATEUR HOCKEY CONFERENCE BY LAWS

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION NAME

This organization shall be known as the EMPIRE AMATEUR HOCKEY CONFERENCE, here in after referred to as the Conference **or EAHC**.

ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION OBJECTIVES

- A. The objective of this organization shall be to administer a recreational youth hockey program that provides:
1. A safe and healthy environment in which to play the sport of ice hockey,
 2. A fair and equal opportunity for all youth to participate in the sport,
 3. An opportunity to learn the basic skills of ice hockey without an over-emphasis on winning,
 4. The promotion of good sportsmanship and fair play,
 5. An operating philosophy, which attempts to reduce the number of players that become disenchanted and drop out of the sport,
 6. An opportunity for those who desire to advance to a higher level of play; in a more skilled and competitive environment, to do so,
 7. Qualified, knowledgeable and motivated adult leadership.
- B. The Conference shall achieve these objectives by supporting member youth hockey organizations and providing opportunities for the free exchange of information among members which focuses upon the betterment of the sport, the youth hockey participants (players and coaches) and the member organizations.
- C. Each member organization is expected to make substantial sacrifice of time in service and operational funding to the Conference, consistent with their member's other organizational, personal and family responsibilities.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members of the Conference shall be active youth ice hockey organizations as defined by and registered with USA Hockey and the New York State Amateur Hockey Association.
- B. Membership in the Conference may be acquired by application in writing to the President or Secretary, acceptance by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and a stated willingness to comply with and adhere to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of this organization. Whenever any new Organization joins the Conference, the first year will be a probationary period with no voting rights. A vote

will occur after the new Organization's first season to consider full membership.

- C. The Board of Directors may permit individual teams from non-member organizations to be allowed to participate in Conference play, providing that the non-member organizations shall agree to abide by the rules and regulations of this organization and to pay the dues required of them.
- D. Membership in the Conference shall be subject to suspension or forfeiture in the event of a member organization or team's failure to comply with any of the requirements of the by-laws, rules and regulations, or decisions of the Board of Directors.
- E. Conference dues are **\$125.00** per team and will be billed by the Treasurer in October and due January 1st of each year. Organizations with unpaid dues are not eligible for the playoffs.

ARTICLE IV - PLAYING RULES

Conference playing rules shall from time to time be adopted by the Empire Amateur Hockey Conference, but shall in no way conflict with the rules of USA HOCKEY or the New York State Amateur Hockey Association.

ARTICLE V - GOVERNMENT

A. Officers

- 1. Officers are appointed each year by the member Organizations. Each member Organization is responsible for a different officer each year according to the "Officer/Championship Schedule" attached to these By-Laws.
- 2. The responsibility of supplying a volunteer to fill the Officer positions each year will be rotated by the Member Organizations according to the "Officer/Championship Schedule" attached to these By-Laws.

B. Board of Directors

- 1. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of one voting member from each member organization, and his/her alternate, who have been elected to represent the interests of that member organization. These individuals shall here-in-after be known as the Conference Representative and Alternate, who shall vote in the absence of the Representative.
- 2. The Conference shall be notified annually, in writing of the individual and alternate that the member organization has elected to serve as their Conference Representative on the Board of Directors.
- 3. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to set the policy of the Conference and resolve issues pertaining to the interpretation of the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the Conference.

4. The Board of Directors shall convene periodically. Meetings of the board shall be open to the public and minutes shall be published and distributed to each member organization.
5. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of once every other month. A meeting may be called at anytime by any member of the Board of Directors for just cause, upon the agreement of the President, or upon petition to the President, in writing and signed by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.
 - a) In the event of such a petition, the meeting shall be scheduled in a timely fashion. In no event shall the meeting be in less than three (3) days from the President's receipt of the petition or no more than fifteen (15) days, unless the petitioner's otherwise wave the maximum time requirement in their petition.
 - b) Notice of all meetings of the conference Board of Directors shall be given no less than seven (7) days in advance thereof to all members unless written waiver of such notice is received by the President. (See above provision.)
6. In circumstances where it becomes necessary to reach an immediate decision, whereas no meeting is scheduled, voting by e-mail correspondence would be acceptable on condition that the President of the Conference approves, oversees, validates (by collecting and recording responses) and agrees to such a request. Any EAHC Board of Directors member in good standing may request an e-mail vote. All e-mail voting must follow procedures as outlined herewith and will be formally ratified at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
7. The majority of voting members of the Board of Directors must be present at any meeting to form a quorum and conduct Conference business. A majority vote of those present shall govern, except where otherwise especially provided for. Any questions or requests for action shall be discussed for a maximum of twenty (20) minutes. A vote on this subject shall then be held.
8. A roll call shall be taken at each meeting. The record of those in attendance shall become a part of each meeting minutes.
9. If a member of the Board of Directors shall miss three (3) consecutive meetings, without an excuse, their member organization shall be notified that it is necessary for them to replace their Conference Representative to the Board of Directors.
10. Each member organization shall have one (1) vote regardless of the number of teams that they enter into the Conference.
11. Each member organization shall provide a Conference Representative and a Division Commissioner.
12. Membership on the Board of Directors is excluded to all active Conference players.

C. The Conference Executive Committee

1. The Conference Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference.
2. The Executive Committee shall convene periodically to plan activities and events on behalf of the Board of Directors.
3. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to the final approval of the Board of Directors.

D. Standing or Special Committees

1. The Board of Directors may designate from among its members one (1) or more standing or special committees.
2. The committees shall have such authority as the Board of Directors shall provide, subject to the limitations provided in the Conference By-Laws.
3. The Chairman of the committee or the Board of Directors may designate one (1) or more individuals to serve as member of the committee or to replace an absent member or members at any meeting of such committee.
4. Decisions of standing or special committee shall be subject to the final approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Conference President

1. The President shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Conference. It shall be the President's duty to supervise generally the management of the affairs of the Conference, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors at which the President is required to be present.
3. The President shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect.
4. The President shall secure a meeting location for the Board of Directors to meet and propose and publish an agenda for the meeting.
5. The President shall maintain and update, as needed, the By-Laws of the Conference and present them to the Board of Directors for ratification and/or amendment.
6. The President shall vote in the event of a tied vote on behalf of the Board of Directors.
7. The President shall serve as chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, but shall vote only in the event of a tie of the committee's members.
8. The President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to the

President from time to time by the Board of Directors.

B. The Conference Vice President

1. The Conference Vice President shall, during the absence or disability of the President, have all of the powers and functions of the President.
2. The Vice President shall coordinate the training and routine administrative activities of the Division Commissioners.
3. The Vice President shall maintain and update, as needed, the Rules and Regulations of the Conference and present them to the Board of Directors for approval and/or amendment.
4. The Vice President shall coordinate the Conference play-off and championship games for all participating division Conference Representatives and Division Commissioners.
 - a) The Vice President shall coordinate the Conference committee to establish specific play-off and championship game rules and procedures and present same to the Board of Directors for approval.
5. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.

C. The Conference Secretary

1. The Conference Secretary shall keep the records of the Conference, conduct correspondence, issue notice of meetings, prepare an official Conference calendar of events, publish the Conference Roster, record the minutes of each meeting and perform the usual duties of a secretary.
2. The Secretary shall coordinate the Conference Scheduling Meeting for team officials and provide organizational materials and methods to ensure the successful operation of same.
3. The Secretary shall compile and publish the "Official Guide" of the Conference.
4. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.

D. The Conference Treasurer

1. The Conference Treasurer is responsible for all of the financial matters concerning the Conference, which shall include keeping all books and accounts, invoicing member organizations for fees, the collection of said fees and the payment of all bills.
2. The Treasurer shall present an annual financial report setting forth, in full, the financial condition of the Conference.
3. The Treasurer shall, at all reasonable times, exhibit the Conference books and accounts to any Conference Officer or member of the Board of Directors.
4. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her

by the Board of Directors.

E. The Conference Representative/Alternate

1. The Conference Representative/Alternate shall:

- a) Act as an active participant on the Conference Board of Directors.
- b) Act as the Conference's main point of contact to their member organization.
- c) Vote on Conference issues on behalf of their member organization.
- d) Schedule Conference Disciplinary Committee meetings with the Conference Secretary, as necessary.
- e) Be present at the Conference scheduling meeting to meet coaches and assist in game scheduling.
- f) Organize and supervise Conference Play-Off games hosted by their member organization.
- g) Update their member organization of Conference rule changes.
- h) Objectively support and enforce USA HOCKEY, New York State Amateur Hockey Association and Empire Amateur Hockey Conference Rules and Regulations.
- i) Attend conference games. Watch for signs of competitive imbalance among teams and recommend modifications as necessary.
- j) Distribute Conference Board of Directors meeting minutes to their member organization.
- k) Be an active participant in their member organization and seek to insure correct placement of players (level of play) and participate in the on-going assessment of coaches and other team personnel.

F. The Conference Division Commissioner

1. The Conference Division Commissioner shall:

- a) Act as the main point of contact to the division's coaches **and managers**.
- b) Attend monthly Conference Board of Directors meetings (October - April).
- c) Schedule Conference Disciplinary Committee meetings (as needed), advise **Conference** officials of accumulated penalty minutes, **aggressive play penalties** and major game infractions.
- d) Be present at the Conference scheduling meeting to meet coaches, assist in game scheduling and **take ownership** of the division master schedule.
- e) Update all division coaches **and managers** of Conference rule changes.

- f) Objectively enforce all USA HOCKEY, New York State Amateur Hockey Association and Empire Amateur Hockey Conference Rules and Regulations.
- g) Inform the Conference President of all team and member organization **finances that** need to be assessed.
- h) Attend division games. See each team in the division play a minimum of one game per season.
- i) Attend and supervise Conference Play-Off games for the division.
- j) Watch for signs of competitive imbalance among teams and recommend modifications as necessary.
- k) Complete and maintain player and team reports and statistics **on the Conference website** in a timely manner **(at least weekly)**.
- l) The Conference Division Commissioner cannot hold a head coach or manager position within the same division that they are responsible for.

ARTICLE VII - APPROVAL/CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

- A. A vote of two-thirds of the entire Conference Board of Directors shall be required to ratify, amend and/or repeal these by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII - HOST OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

- A. The privilege of hosting the Empire Amateur Hockey Conference Championship games shall be rotated among the member Organizations per the "Officer/Championship Schedule". If the designated organization turns down this privilege, hosting of Championship games will be open to any member organization.
- B. The responsibilities of hosting the Championship games include:
 - 1. Supply ice time for all Championship games on the date designated on the Conference schedule.
 - 2. Schedule referees for all Championship games.
 - 3. Supply all off-ice officials for all games including scorekeeper, timekeeper, and penalty box attendants.
 - 4. Supply a public address system during all Championship games.
 - 5. Be prepared to assist Conference Officers with the presentation of awards.
- C. The ice and referee fees will be split equally among the member Organizations. It is the responsibility of the "Host" to pay the original fees and submit a copy of the invoices to the Conference for re-imbusement.

EMPIRE AMATEUR HOCKEY CONFERENCE OFFICER/CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

OFFICER SCHEDULE

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2011-2012	MONROE CO.	PERINTON	CANANDAIGUA	GENESEO	BROCKPORT	BATAVIA	WEBSTER	ROCH. YOUTH
2012-2013	PERINTON	CANANDAIGUA	GENESEO	BROCKPORT	BATAVIA	WEBSTER	ROCH. YOUTH	MONROE CO.
2013-2014	CANANDAIGUA	GENESEO	BROCKPORT	BATAVIA	WEBSTER	ROCH. YOUTH	MONROE CO.	PERINTON
2014-2015	GENESEO	BROCKPORT	BATAVIA	WEBSTER	ROCH. YOUTH	MONROE CO.	PERINTON	CANANDAIGUA
2015-2016	BROCKPORT	BATAVIA	WEBSTER	ROCH. YOUTH	MONROE CO.	PERINTON	CANANDAIGUA	GENESEO
2016-2017	BATAVIA	WEBSTER	ROCH. YOUTH	MONROE CO.	PERINTON	CANANDAIGUA	GENESEO	BROCKPORT

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

The organization listed in the second "CHAMP HOST*" position has the option to host the Conference Championship games. If that organization declines, the privilege of hosting the Conference Championship games will be opened to any member organization and approved by the Board of Directors.

EMPIRE AMATEUR HOCKEY CONFERENCE RULES and REGULATIONS

The current USA HOCKEY and NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION rules and regulations shall govern all play in the EMPIRE AMATEUR HOCKEY CONFERENCE (herein after referred to as the Conference **or EAHC**). Any challenge or protest to these rules shall be directed to the West Section President.

2010-2011 Rule updates are noted in bold text

SECTION I - ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Player Eligibility

1. All area youth hockey players are eligible to play in the Conference except those players participating on any Tier III or above Travel or Select hockey team for the current season (example: August 1 through completion of Conference Championship Games). A player with any prep school, college or junior experience has to petition the EAHC Board for acceptance into the Midget A division. Any exceptions except those noted below are subject to approval by the Empire Amateur Hockey Conference Board of Directors.
 - a) Any player (skater or goalie) rostered on a Conference Team may play ten (10) games TOTAL (**includes any USA Hockey Sanctioned game with referees and a score sheet**) for a Tier III or above Travel Team and/or Select Team. Once a player rostered on a Conference Team plays in their eleventh (11th) game for a Travel and/or Select Team, they shall forfeit their Conference eligibility and subject their Conference Team to penalties associated with use of an illegal player.
 - b) Any girl playing on an All Girls Team which plays in an All Girls League is not subject to the ten (10) game rule and may play an unlimited number of games for their All Girls Team.
 - c) Provisional Rule Change for Midget only – Players who have participated in eleven (11) or more Tier III or above games at the Midget level may petition the Conference for assignment to a team provided they meet the following qualifications:
 - They are not playing or rostered or participate as an alternate on any other USA Hockey team.
 - They are not playing or rostered or participate as an alternate on any High School or JV team.

The petition must include:

- Details of the player's current situation
- The roster of the player's last team
- The contact information of the player's last coach
- The player's preference of Association (1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, etc.)

Upon approval of the petition the Conference may assign the player to any Association or team within the Conference to preserve competitive balance. No single team may have more than two (2) approved exceptions (by petition) to the eleven (11) game limit on their roster. If the player refuses the assignment to an Association or team they may not re-apply until the following season.

- d) When considering requests the player must have been to a tryout and been cut by his/her JV or Varsity team.
2. A player may be rostered on only one (1) **Conference team within a single member organization.**
 - a) It is not unlawful for a player to participate on more than one (1) team by being registered in more than one (1) member organization.
3. "Select Teams" and "Travel Teams" are not eligible to participate in the Conference. The definition of a "Select Team" or "Travel Team" is a team that has had try-outs and one from which players may be "cut" based on ability. A "House Team" is defined as the teams in an organization in which players are evaluated for playing ability and there are no players "cut" from the organization based on ability.
4. Age classifications set by USA HOCKEY will be strictly adhered to.
5. Any team official or member of the Conference may challenge a player's age. Having done so the player has one (1) week (seven days) to provide proof of age to the respective Division Commissioner. If after one (1) week, proof of age has not been established, the challenged player will be suspended and will remain so until proof of age has been established.
6. High School players are eligible to play in the conference as long as they meet the eligibility rules in the above sections.

B. Conference Waiver Policy

A USA HOCKEY registered player must play within the outlined age classifications. Younger players may "play up" if skill is such that it is deemed appropriate. "Playing down" **is not allowed by USA Hockey.** USA Hockey can grant a waiver for a medical condition that is documented only by a physician. The **USA Hockey** waiver allows a player to play down **one level and is not granted for player size reasons; only for a valid medical condition. Players with USA Hockey medical waivers for a season may play down in Conference games/play-offs and may not participate on any High School, JV, travel or select team. The Conference's acceptance of the USA Hockey medical waiver does not guarantee or grant rights for the player to participate in Tournaments or scrimmages. The Organization's Conference Representative must declare players who are "playing down" with a USA Hockey medical waiver to the Division Commissioner and the Conference Board.**

C. Determination of Team Levels

1. When ten (10) or more teams are registered for a division the division shall be split into "A" and "B" levels (Exception – if a Division registers less than ten

teams in the previous year, the Division will not be split into A & B and if a member organization has more than one team, the players should be divided equally).

2. When a member organization registers only one (1) team in a division, the member organization shall decide at what level that team shall play, dependent on the competitive level of the players on that particular team.
3. When a member organization registers two (2) or more teams in a division, one half or greater shall be registered at the A level.
 - a) An organization must submit a written letter of explanation with supporting documentation, or e-mail, to the Conference Secretary by September 30th of the current year; to register more team(s) at the "B" level than at the "A" level if they determine that is where the skill level exists for said team(s). Level will be determined by Board approval.
4. The Conference and its Division Commissioner shall correct competitive imbalances among teams.

D. Conference Liability

1. In the event of any injuries, the Empire Amateur Hockey Conference will be held "Save Harmless". Each participating member organization and/or player must carry his or her own insurance.

SECTION II - PARTICIPATING TEAM ROSTERS

A. The **EAHC** Team Roster form must be submitted to the Division Commissioner at the October scheduling meeting. Players (PeeWee B Division and above) are required to sign the Empire Team Roster. Players at all levels are required to provide date of birth. Player addresses are not required on rosters as per USA Hockey. Any player additions to the original **EAHC** Team Roster must be made, in writing, to the **Division Commissioner** prior to December 31st of that year (No player movement will take place after this date). The **EAHC** Team Roster will be used as the official team roster until the USA **Hockey** Team Roster is **available**.

1. Upon receiving his/her **certified/stamped USA Hockey** Team Roster, it is the **Head Coach's** responsibility to **deliver it to the Division Commissioner as soon as possible and no later than February 1st. Failure to obtain a certified/stamped USA Hockey Team Roster may result in the team becoming ineligible for play-offs and/or a fine.** The Division Commissioner will in turn make copies available to the Conference Secretary. **The USA Hockey** roster **is** the official team roster for the rest of the Conference season and throughout the Conference Playoffs and Championships. **Signatures on the EAHC Team Roster will continue to be utilized for player verification at the PeeWee B level and above as signatures on the USA Hockey Team Roster are no longer required by the Conference.**

2. Any questions or challenges to a team roster will be directed to the appropriate Division Commissioner for resolution.
3. The minimum number of players on a team roster will be eleven (11). EAHC does not recommend forming teams this small and strongly suggests minimum rosters be 13 players for Mites/Squirts, 15 players for PeeWee/Bantam & 17 players for Midgets when possible.
 - a) **The maximum number of players on a USA Hockey roster is twenty (20) with no more than eighteen (18) skaters and the remainder goalies.**

B. Player Movement – (addition/subtraction from team roster):

1. When any player is added or subtracted from a team's roster, the Division Commissioner shall receive a player movement request.
 - a) Official notification must be made in writing or via e-mail by the requesting coach within one (1) week after verbal discussion with the Division Commissioner of all team roster changes. Receipt of official documentation (EAHC Team Roster with complete player information including player's signature if applicable) must be received from the requesting team official within one (1) week after verbal/email notification to the Division Commissioner. Failure to supply an updated EAHC Team Roster will result in forfeiture of the game(s) involving the player(s) in question.
 - b) If the Division Commissioner determines that a serious imbalance exists in his/her division, he or she shall convene a meeting of the commissioners to ascertain whether team(s)/player(s) shall be re-assigned between divisions. Movements within associations shall be made effective no later than December 31st of each year.
2. If a Division Commissioner determines that a competitive imbalance still exists after December 31, the team in question may have its Conference Play-off eligibility revoked.
3. An objection to any decision of the Division Commissioner by any participating organization may be appealed to the Conference Board of Directors.

SECTION III - COACHING REQUIREMENTS

- A. On January 1st of the current season, all coaches (Head and Assistant) must meet the following certification levels for their respective divisions.
 - Mites (all 8 and under programs) – Level 1 (Initiation)
 - Squirts – Level 2 (Associate / prerequisite Level 1)
 - Pee Wee through Midgets – Level 3 (Intermediate / prerequisite Level 1 and 2)
- B. If a coach's accreditation was received more than three (3) years from the current calendar year, the card is rendered invalid / expired (below Level 4) and a refresher

course at the same level or attending a clinic at the next level is necessary for the accreditation to remain current – USA Hockey rule change 2002.

- C. **All of the organization's Conference Representatives must submit to the Conference Vice-President a copy of the Coaching Certification Report in PDF format which is generated by the USA Hockey Registration software. This report is required monthly starting in September until the organization can prove that all coaches are certified to the proper level. Using the Conference website to determine a list of coaches for every organization, the Conference Vice-President shall prepare a report on any coaches not certified to the proper level by the November Conference meeting and the Conference Board can determine what actions, if any, are needed at this meeting.**
- D. All coaches, BOTH Head and Assistant, who do not obtain the proper USA Hockey CEP Level for which he/she is coaching for the current season by December 31 of the current season is subject to suspension from the Conference, **ineligibility to coach their team in the Conference play-offs or a fine.**

SECTION IV – OFFICIAL SCORE SHEETS

- A. The Conference score sheet is the official record and conclusive evidence of the circumstances of each game.
 - 1. There are absolutely no changes allowed in any penalty calls once they are assessed. Any alterations of the score sheet concerning players who have scored goals or made assists are to be made with the referees in attendance and prior to them signing the score sheet.
 - 2. Suspended players must be listed on the score sheet. There must be a written indication on the score sheet that a player was serving a suspension.
 - a) It is the Conference's recommendation that all suspended players be physically present at those games in which they are serving suspensions.
- B. The original score sheet (white copy) will be completed and mailed to the Division Commissioner by the HOME team, along with a completed Referee Evaluation (both teams MUST submit a completed Referee Evaluation).
 - 1. If a score sheet is submitted incomplete, a fine against the offending organization may be assessed.
 - 2. Score sheets must be mailed within seventy-two (72) hours after the completion of the game or a fine will be assessed against the offending organization.
 - 3. Score sheets and reports of games involving a Match Penalty or Game Misconduct shall be reported to the appropriate Division Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours or prior to the next game.
 - 4. Score sheets MUST be signed by all coaches (head and assistant), scorekeeper and the referees shall print their name as well as sign their name.

5. All coaches **MUST** write their certification numbers on the score sheet next to their signature.
6. Players in the PeeWee B division and above are required to sign the score sheet and must do so **BEFORE** the player participates in a game, including late arrivals. Failure to do so by any player may result in forfeiture of game and/or suspension of the player or coach.
7. Coaches are required to sign score sheets and must do so **BEFORE** the game begins.
8. If the Referees need extra time to write the explanation of a Game Misconduct or Match Penalty on the score sheet, a copy of said score sheet must be made available to both coaches in a reasonable amount of time after the game.

SECTION V – ASSESSMENT OF FINES

A. Fines are incurred for the following:

1. Any violation of the administrative rules not affecting the outcome of the game (late/missing score sheets, etc.)
\$25.00 first offense per team
\$35.00 each offense per team thereafter
2. Violations of administrative rules that hamper the effective operations of the Conference are: late/missing waivers, team rosters, proof of coaching certification, etc.
\$15.00 each occurrence
3. Protested games that have been ruled against
\$15.00 each occurrence

B. Division Commissioners will notify the Conference President of any fine(s) to be assessed. The Conference President will provide written notification of said fine(s) to the offending organization, Division Commissioner, and Conference Treasurer.

C. All fines must be paid by member organizations before the conclusion of the regular season in order for a team to participate in the Conference play-off and championship games.

SECTION VI – GAME PENALTIES

A. Penalty minutes in the **PeeWee through Midget** Divisions shall be:

Minor: Two minutes (2 minutes)

Major: Five (5) or ten (10) minutes.

Misconduct: Ten minutes (10 minutes)

Penalty minutes in the Mite and Squirt Divisions shall be:

Minor: One minute, thirty seconds (1.5 minutes)

Major: Five (5) or ten (10) minutes.

Misconduct: Ten minutes (10 minutes)

B. Game or Match Penalty

1. When a player or coach is assessed a Game or Match Penalty, ten (10) minutes in additional penalty time shall be added to the player's or coach's accumulated penalty minutes by the Commissioner.

C. Suspensions are incurred for the following:

1. Game Misconduct

A one (1) game suspension for all players, coaches and team officials in all Divisions is mandated by USA Hockey. USA Hockey mandated suspensions must be served in the next game (Conference, Tournament or scrimmage) that already appears on the team's schedule at the time of the infraction which warranted the suspension.

2. Match Penalty

Two (2) game suspension minimum. The offending player/team official is suspended from and may not participate in any and all Conference and USA Hockey games/functions pending the outcome of a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee. The hearing must be held within thirty (30) days of the date the Conference is notified of the penalty.

Any player/team official who receives a Match Penalty is automatically placed on a one-year probationary period regardless of the outcome of the hearing.

3. Conference Suspensions

All Conference suspensions, other than **those** occurring from a Match Penalty, shall be limited to and served **in** Conference **games**.

D. Disciplinary Committee

1. The Conference members who have the authority to act under USA HOCKEY Rule 410 entitled "Supplementary Discipline" shall be the Conference's Disciplinary Committee.
2. The Disciplinary Committee should consist of at least one voting member from each of the member organizations (representative, alternate or commissioner). It will also include one member of the executive board. (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer) who will act as the Chairperson and cast the tie-breaking vote if necessary. The executive board member may not come from the organization that has the infraction. A majority vote of a quorum of five is required to render a decision. The Committee Chairperson can limit number or participants from each party.
3. Disciplinary Committee hearings shall be held as needed.

4. Coaches of players requiring a Disciplinary Committee hearing shall notify their respective Division Commissioner of the need for the hearing.
 5. If a referee issues a Match Penalty, a hearing by the Conference's Disciplinary Committee is required.
 6. **Players or team officials requiring a hearing will be notified by mail, email or telephone of the date and time of the hearing by the Conference President.**
 7. Players or team officials requiring a hearing have the right to be in attendance and / or be represented by a person or persons of their choice.
 - a) If the Player or Team Official cannot within reason or due to extenuating circumstances attend the scheduled hearing, the Conference shall make an attempt to reschedule the hearing within thirty (30) days of the infraction so that the offending player / team official can be heard and present witnesses on their behalf.
 8. If a player or team official decides not to appear at their scheduled hearing, the hearing shall still be held and they will be notified of the Committee's decision by mail and/or telephone.
 9. Any appearance before the Disciplinary Committee by a player or coach will result in a mandatory one-year Conference probationary period. During this period prior incidents may be considered when determining discipline or eligibility.
 10. The Conference can make a request to the West Section President to extend any suspensions to all USA Hockey activities.
 11. Any decision reached by the EAHC Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the West Section President of the New York State Amateur Hockey Association (NYSAHA). Any appeal must be placed within ten (10) days of the receipt of the written decision of the EAHC Disciplinary Committee.
 12. A written report of any and all hearings and disciplinary action(s) will be sent to the West Section President for review and record keeping purposes.
- E. Accumulated penalties and misconducts exceeding twenty (20) minutes for Mite level, thirty (30) minutes for Squirt level, forty (40) minutes for Pee Wee level, fifty (50) minutes for Bantam level, and seventy (70) minutes for Midget level shall require an automatic suspension for a minimum of two (2) games (must be served in Conference regular season or play-off games).
1. Penalty minutes shall include minor penalties, five (5) and ten (10) minute major penalties and misconducts.
 2. Once a player or coach has exceeded the accumulated penalty minutes noted above for their respective age division, additional penalties subsequently accumulated in fifteen (15) minutes increments thereafter (20 minutes for Midget) including Play-Off games, shall result in the player or coach automatically receiving an additional two (2) game suspension. The

player or coach may not participate in a Conference game, including play-off games, until a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee is held.

- a) The hearing must be held within thirty (30) days of the date the Conference was notified of the accumulated penalty minutes.
 3. The Commissioner, at his/her discretion, may notify the coach when a player or coach has amassed the first ten (10) penalty minutes at the Mite level, twenty (20) minutes at the Squirt level, thirty (30) minutes at the Pee Wee level, forty (40) minutes at the Bantam level, and fifty (50) minutes at the Midget level.
 4. Coaches are responsible for keeping track of a player's penalty minutes.
- F. Any Game Misconduct incurred by a player, coach or team official in any regular season, play-off or championship game will automatically result in a one game suspension for all Divisions **mandated by USA Hockey**.
1. Game suspension – A player or team official incurring a game misconduct penalty shall be suspended for his/her team's next game (the game already appearing on the schedule of that team at the time of the infraction). This game **may be a Conference or non-Conference** game. Score sheets must be submitted to commissioners within 72 hours.
 2. **Any coach or player** who receives three (3) Game Misconducts (exclusive of USA Hockey Rule 404d suspensions) during any given season will forfeit their eligibility for the remainder of the season and playoffs. A player or coach may appeal the suspension within thirty (30) days.

G. Suspension Procedures

1. Any suspension that carries over from the previous season must use the first scheduled Conference Game of the new season as the first game served for such a suspension. In addition, all remaining carry-over games will be served in immediately succeeding Conference games until such time as the suspension is satisfied. A player is eligible to participate in any scrimmages or tournaments prior to the first scheduled Conference Game.
2. Failure to serve the suspension will result in the offending player or coach's team's forfeiture of the games during which the suspension was in effect.
3. It is the responsibility of the player's coach to enforce the suspension and indicate that the player is serving the suspension on the game score sheet.
 - a) The appearance of the player's name on the score sheet without the clear statement that he or she is sitting out a suspension shall be conclusive evidence that the player did in fact play in the game.
 - b) If the suspension is served in a non-Conference game, the completed score sheet must be submitted to the Division Commissioner within 72 hours or the suspension will not be counted as served.
4. If a player, coach or team official receives a Game Misconduct, and is a player, coach or team official for one or more teams, they shall serve the

suspension in the age division in which they were assessed the Game Misconduct.

- a) The Disciplinary Committee shall be made aware of all misconducts.
5. In instances where a suspension of a player(s) or team official(s) is not adhered to, the player(s) or team official(s) responsible is immediately suspended indefinitely and will be brought before the Disciplinary Committee within a time frame not to exceed thirty (30) days.
- H. Parents or spectators who interfere with any game or become rowdy or abusive in any way may be ejected from the arena.
1. The referee may hold up a game until the person(s) are removed.
 2. Incidents of this nature will be noted by the referee on the score sheet and brought to the attention of the respective member organization immediately for necessary action.
 3. **Use of noisemakers is prohibited during Conference games and playoffs. Examples of prohibited noisemakers include (but are not limited to): whistles, air horns, pennies in jars, megaphones, etc.**
- I. A player whose equipment becomes dislodged during play may not resume play until the equipment is properly replaced. A player not conforming to the rule shall be assessed a minor penalty.
1. Mouth protection pieces are mandatory for all levels. All mouthpieces must be colored (non-clear). Mites and Squirts will be asked to leave the ice until the proper equipment is obtained. **PeeWees and above are governed by USA Hockey rules enforced by the referees.**
 2. Throat/neck protection guards are REQUIRED for all levels of play. **Players will be asked to leave the ice until the proper equipment is obtained.**
- J. EAHC Aggressive Play Policy:
1. Purpose: This policy is intended to provide additional support to the USA Hockey, NYSAHA and EAHC playing rules, regulations and points of emphasis and not necessarily intended to impose supplementary discipline. This policy is intended to draw attention to the dangerous and/or reckless behavior of participants and will hopefully result in modifications to such behavior so that additional supplementary discipline and suspensions are not necessary. This policy is directed at both players and team officials.
 2. Definitions: For the purpose of the policy, the following shall be defined as an "Aggressive Play Penalty":
 - a) Any Major Penalty including those that result in a Game and/or Match Penalty. Note that Game Misconducts or Match Penalties that are NOT the result of a Major Penalty will NOT be considered Aggressive Play Penalties (one example is Rule 404d Game Misconducts).
 - b) Minor Penalties imposed for checking from behind, boarding, charging.

- c) Any penalty (minor, major or misconduct) that the referee states to the scorekeeper or writes up as “intent to injure” or “head contact” will also count as an Aggressive Play Penalty.
3. Implementation:
- a) Players or Coaches may only be charged for one (1) Aggressive Play penalty per incident. Any incident is defined as the penalties written up with the same clock time. For example, a Major Check from Behind plus a Game Misconduct that the referee writes up as “intent to injure” would only result in one (1) Aggressive Play Penalty as all penalties were imposed with the same clock time.
 - b) Game suspensions imposed for violating the Aggressive Play Policy are not to be counted as Game Misconducts.
 - c) Head Coaches are defined as the Coach who signs as the Head Coach for that Game. Note that Head Coaches, if present and not suspended, must sign the score sheet as Head Coach or face a Conference Hearing under supplemental discipline. Any rostered Head Coach who is not present for a game due to personal conflict or game suspension will have any Aggressive Play penalties accrue against his totals for Aggressive Play penalties
4. Players:
- a) Any player who incurs **five (5)** aggressive play penalties during EAHC games in any season in any combination would, following the **fifth** such penalty, be suspended for two (2) games (must be served in **Conference**/play-off games) in addition to any other suspensions that are incurred for the infractions.
 - b) Upon the **sixth** (and higher) penalty the player shall be suspended an additional EAHC game and required to appear before the EAHC Disciplinary Committee. This hearing must occur within a time frame not to exceed thirty (30) days from the **sixth** (or higher) infraction. The purpose of this hearing is to review (with the player and Head Coach as well as the parents of the player) the penalties that have occurred and the concern that this raises with the Conference.
 - c) Every additional aggressive play penalty (**7th, 8th**) received thereafter **will result in** an automatic additional game suspension.
5. Head Coach:
- a) A Head Coach will be required to submit a letter to the Conference president, if his or her team has incurred seven (7) or more aggressive play penalties over any four game period. The Head Coach will be expected to explain the steps that they are taking to curtail this behavior. If not satisfactory to the EAHC President, then a hearing will be called before the EAHC Disciplinary Committee.

- b) The Head Coach of the team for each player who appears before the EAHC Disciplinary Committee under this policy will also be required to appear with the player. The Head Coach will be expected to explain the steps that he or she is taking, both with the team and with this player, to reduce the incidence of aggressive play penalties. Where circumstances warrant, the EAHC Disciplinary Committee can impose supplementary discipline on the Head Coach and/or player.
- c) **The Head Coach is responsible for tracking Aggressive Play penalties and ensuring that Conference suspensions are served in the next Conference game. The Commissioner, at his/her discretion, may notify the team officials when a player has amassed the first three or four Aggressive Play penalties. Failure to have players serve their suspensions in the next Conference game may result in forfeiture of games played due to use of an illegal player and/or a hearing. Team officials are encouraged to seek advice on their player's status from their Commissioner.**

SECTION VII – GAME RULES

A. Substitution of Players

1. The substitution of players is permitted only when a team has less than ten (10) skaters or does not have a goaltender. A player from a lower level may be a substitute for a higher-level team.
 - a) Only players from within the same member organization may be substituted.
2. A team may only add via substitution the number of players needed to bring the team to a maximum of ten (10) skaters and a goal tender.
3. No skater may serve as a substitute more than a total of two (2) times throughout the season. This total includes play-off and championship games. All penalty minutes incurred while substituting count toward the player's total penalty minutes on his/her rostered team.
 - a) Goalies may be substituted unlimited times.
4. All substitutes must be listed on the score sheet. The word "sub" and the team that substitute plays for must be included on the score sheet. A copy of a validated roster, from which the substitute is officially rostered on, must accompany the game score sheet. Any violation of the above rule will result in forfeiture of the game.
5. Substitution Examples:
 - a) Mite "B" players may be substituted on other Mite "B" teams as there are no lower levels to call players up from.
 - b) A Pee Wee "B" team needs a substitute. Any Squirt ("A" or "B") player may serve as a substitute. No Pee Wee player may substitute.

- c) A Pee Wee “A” team needs a substitute. Any Squirt (“A” or “B”) or Pee Wee “B” player may serve as a substitute. No Pee Wee “A” player may substitute.

B. Delayed Games

1. If a team is late for a scheduled game, there will be a ten (10) minute waiting period from the scheduled starting time of the game. If, at the end of the waiting period a team does not have enough players to start, the game will be forfeited and the remainder of the ice time will be used for a practice by both teams. A team may not start a game unless they have at least six (6) skaters and a goaltender.
2. Games may be postponed due to hazardous driving conditions, emergencies, gross illness or other acts of God, which reasonably prevent the playing of the game, by the coach’s decision (with notification to the opposing coach).
3. The Division Commissioner must be notified of all postponed or rescheduled games or the home team will be fined.
 - a) Postponed games must be rescheduled within forty-eight (48) hours of the postponement. The game need not be played within forty-eight (48) hours.
 - b) The home team is responsible for notifying the opposing team of the time and date of a rescheduled game.
4. All regularly scheduled conference games must be played as scheduled at the October Scheduling Meeting. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the game by the team attempting to make the change (unless agreed to by BOTH Head Coaches and the Division Commissioner).
 - a) Once scheduled, all EAHC games **and play-off games** hold precedence over any non-Conference (tournament) games.
 - b) The Division Commissioner will maintain a master schedule for their division. This is the schedule that all teams will follow.
 - c) If it becomes necessary for a home team to make a change to the master schedule; they must notify the Division Commissioner and visiting team as soon as possible. If a home team does not notify the Division Commissioner and the visiting team, they will forfeit the game.
 - d) A score sheet must be turned in for a forfeited game. The Division Commissioner makes the final decision and must notify both teams.
5. The following rule pertains to what constitutes a “completed game” in case of injured players(s) or other unforeseen circumstances (which are beyond the Conference’s control) which delay play of game:
 - a) During a regular season game, two (2) full stop clock periods must be completed before a game is considered complete.
 - b) During a playoff game, same as regular season.

- c) If the above requirements are not met, the game shall be rescheduled at a later date.

C. Game Duration (Zamboni time to resurface ice is not included)

1. Games at the Mite and Squirt level will consist of three (3) ten (10) minute stop clock periods.
 - a) The curfew time for Mite and Squirt games will be no less than fifty (50) minutes.
2. Games at the Pee Wee level will consist of three (3) twelve (12) minute stop clock periods.
 - a) The curfew time for Pee Wee games will be no less than sixty (60) minutes.
3. Games at the Bantam level will consist of one (1) twelve (12) minute stop clock period and two (2) fifteen (15) minute stop clock periods played in 12-15-15 order.
 - a) The curfew time for Bantam games will be no less than seventy (70) minutes.
4. Games at the Midget level will consist of three (3) fifteen (15) minute stop clock periods.
 - a) The curfew time for Midget games will be no less than eighty (80) minutes.

D. Game Curfews

1. The curfew time (finish time) must be noted on all game score sheets prior to the start of the game and announced to the coaches and referees.
2. The location of the curfew clock and/or other "official" timepiece must be identified prior to the start of the game and announced to the coaches and referees.
3. A curfew time may not be changed after the start of the game. It is the responsibility of the timekeeper to blow the horn at curfew time.
4. A game cannot be protested because of curfew time expiration.
5. During play-off games only, both teams will follow those guidelines set forth by the rink personnel of the arena at which the game is being played if there is any dispute concerning a game curfew.
6. There shall be no time-outs allowed during any Conference game.

E. Double Shifting

EAHC promotes the USA Hockey fair play policy. It is EAHC's intent to have all players receive an equal amount of ice time.

All violations of this rule will be referred by the Division Commissioner who receives the complaint to the member organization.

F. Game Protests

1. All protests regarding the application of Conference Rules shall be submitted in writing to the Division Commissioner. There are no changes allowed for USA Hockey Rules and all referee calls once the call is made during the game. The Conference does not have jurisdiction to change the referee's call or the suspension(s) affiliated with any call.
2. Protests regarding regular season game actions must be submitted within seventy-two (72) hours following a game.
3. Judgment calls on the part of the referee(s) may not be the subject of a protest.
4. A copy of the score sheet, supporting documentation, and a written explanation of the protest shall accompany all protests of games.
5. All protests of games, which are denied, shall be subject to a fine.

G. Game Procedures

1. The home team will supply a minimum of two (2) referees with current USA HOCKEY registration for each game.
 - a) If two (2) referees are not available, the game shall be played with one (1) referee, or
 - b) If no referees are in attendance, the game must be rescheduled at the Pee Wee level and above and the ice used as practice time by both teams.
 - c) USA HOCKEY rule 502i – At the Mite and Squirt levels a rostered coach or assistant coach may be appointed as referees if both coaches agree and sign to this agreement on the score sheet.
 - d) If there is a doubt that the referees are USA HOCKEY registered, the game must be played and a protest noted on the score sheet before the end of the game. An investigation by the Division Commissioner will determine whether the referee(s) is USA HOCKEY registered. If the referee is not USA HOCKEY registered, the protest will be upheld and the home team will forfeit the game.
 - e) The Conference recommends that independent referees be used at the Mite and Squirt levels.
 - f) The Conference requires that independent referees be used at the Pee Wee level and above.
 - g) The Conference requires that independent referee organizations be used in all play-off games including the Conference championships.
2. A responsible adult **from each team** shall staff the penalty box for each team **who is** over eighteen years of **age**. **No** players may staff the penalty box.
3. The home team shall provide for each game a qualified scorekeeper, timekeeper, first aid kit, score sheet and game pucks. **Before the game**

starts, either team and/or the Commissioner may request that the away team supply the scorekeeper and the teams will accommodate this request.

4. All players from the same team will be in matching and numbered uniforms. Teams will submit uniform colors at the time the roster is submitted prior to the start of the season.
 - a) The home team **is** responsible for resolving any jersey color conflicts **using the following resolution order: (1) the home team wears an alternate jersey, (2) the away team wears an alternate jersey, or (3) the home team wears pinneys. Teams are required to bring BOTH their primary and alternate jerseys (if available) to ALL games.**

SECTION VIII – REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS TIE BREAKER

- A. If a tie results between two or more teams after completion of the regular season games, the following format will be used as tie breaker for the divisional final standings and to determine the playoff game seeding. All tiebreaker scenarios are cumulative throughout the regular season. **(If more than two teams are tied, start with #2 and then start over at #1 when only two teams are left.)**
 1. Head to head record against each other in the regular season **(does NOT apply if more than two teams are tied)**
 2. The team with the most wins
 3. The team with the least amount of losses
 4. The team with the least goals against
 5. The teams with the least amount of “accumulated penalty minutes”
 6. A coin flip

SECTION IX - CHANGES TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

All requests for Conference rule changes must be submitted in writing to the Division Commissioner. The Board of Directors will review the proposed changes.

Any situation not specifically covered in the aforementioned rules and being deemed not to be in the best interest of the Conference, or amateur hockey in general, shall be dealt with by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

EAHC PLAYOFF / CHAMPIONSHIP RULES AND PROCEDURES

PLAYOFF GAME RULES

All current USA HOCKEY and EMPIRE AMATEUR HOCKEY CONFERENCE rules and regulations will apply during the Divisional Playoff games.

- A. All Divisional Playoff games must be played as scheduled. No rescheduling will be permitted without the consent of the Conference President or Secretary. (The EAHC Playoff “Matrix” will be used in all games)

- B. All regular season division game curfews will apply. NO overtime periods.
- C. There will be NO time outs.
- D. A list of five (5) players and two (2) alternates from each team will be **given to the Division Commissioner** prior to the start of the game. They must be written in the order in which they will be used to shoot on the opposing goaltender (in the event the game is tied at the end regulation play). Alternates will be used if a player on the list of five is unable to participate due to injury, ejection or is serving a penalty at the end of regulation/sudden death. An alternate replaces the listed player in the order specified on the score sheet (e.g. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 if 2 is unable to participate).
- E. The higher seeded team is considered the HOME TEAM in all Playoff and Championship games (#1 is highest seed, #16 is lowest seed).

PLAYOFF GAME TIE BREAKERS

Method #1: The Five Round Shoot-Out (if tied after regulation)

- A. A shoot-out will consist of one (1) player from each team (per round) shooting on the opposing goal tender. The home team will have the choice of whether they shoot first or last. Teams will alternate shots which will comprise one (1) round. The team with the most goals after five (5) rounds will be declared the winner.
All shooters will be declared before the game has started as indicated above.

Method #2: The Sudden Death (Per Round) Shoot-Out

If, after conducting the "Five Round Shoot-Out" noted above, the score is still tied, the following shoot-out procedure will be used to break the tie:

- A. The same players from the Method # 1 shoot-out from each team (in the same sequence noted above) will shoot on the opposing team's goal tender. The home team will have a choice of whether they shoot first or last. At the conclusion of one (1) round, the team that scores a goal wins. If both teams score and/or the score is still tied a second round will be conducted. This process will continue, with subsequent rounds, as necessary, rotating each of the shoot-out players from both teams in sequence, until the tie is broken.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RULES

All current USA HOCKEY and EMPIRE AMATEUR HOCKEY CONFERENCE rules and regulations will apply during the Division Championship games.

- A. All Divisional Championship games must be played as scheduled. No rescheduling will be permitted without the consent of the Conference President or Secretary.
- B. All Championship games will have no curfews.
- C. There will be one (1) time-out per team during a championship game.
- D. A list of five (5) players and two (2) alternates from each team will be **given to the Division Commissioner** prior to the start of the game. They must be written in the order in which they will be used to shoot on the opposing goaltender (in the event

the game is tied at the end of the sudden death period). Alternates will be used if a player on the list of five is unable to participate due to injury, ejection or is serving a penalty at the end of regulation/sudden death. An alternate replaces the listed player in the order specified on the score sheet (e.g. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 if 2 is unable to participate).

- E. There will be a five (5) minute sudden death OVERTIME PERIOD used should there be a tie at the end of regulation play. If at the conclusion of this overtime period the score is still tied, the methods outlined below will be used.
- F. Two (2) referees must be used in ALL Championship games. Referees for Championship games must be scheduled through RIHOA.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIE BREAKERS

Method #1: The Five Round Shoot Out

- A. A shoot-out will consist of one (1) player from each team (per round) shooting on the opposing goal tender. The home team will have the choice of whether they shoot first or last. Teams will alternate shots which will comprise one (1) round. The team with the most goals after five (5) rounds will be declared the winner.

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QUESTIONS/PROTESTS

- A. Any questions regarding the Divisional and/or Championship games should be referred to the Division Commissioner or the Conference President. All disputes must be received, in writing, within one (1) hour of the completion of the game to be considered. See, Section VII - GAME RULES, paragraph F.
- B. All questions or protests MUST be made by the head coach.
- C. All protest or disputes that are not upheld shall be subject to fines.

EAHC SAMPLE SCORE SHEET

1

Division: **PEE WEE A**

Time	1	2	3	Total
Home Goals	0	1	1	2
Vis Goals	1	0	0	1

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

2

Home Goals

Time	1	2	3	Total
Home Goals	0	1	1	2
Vis Goals	1	0	0	1

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

3

Home Penalties

Per	No.	Min.	Infraction	Off	On
1	130	5:00	TRIP		
2	170	10:00	SAFETY		
3	180	15:00	SAFETY		

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

4

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

5

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

6

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

7

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

8

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

9

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

10

Home Team: **PEE WEE A**

Vis Team: **MON COUNTY EAGLES**

Game No: **18**

Start Time: **7:00**

Referee: **STEVENS**

Officer: **STEVENS**

Center Time Remaining: **00**

1. Print Name of the level and division, home team on top, visitor below goals per period filled in and totaled

2. Goals - List goals period scored, time on the clock player who scored and any players who assisted

3. Penalties - List all penalties as they occur, period, player number, minutes of penalty, infraction name, time off ice on clock, time on ice

4. List team full name and team number assigned by commissioner IE. Monroe County Eagles #3

5. List all players on team in alphabetical order, per wee and above must sign sheet if they are playing in game, also note if player is sitting a suspension, note if there is a sub player, list team and level they came from

6. Coaches - All coaches head and assistants on bench must sign in before start of game and list coaching card number and level of certification

7. Referees - All referees must sign and print names and number on sheet

8. Visitor team - duplicate all information for the visiting team same as home team info

9. Game info - fill in all boxes with proper info, most important is game number for tracking

10. Comments - This section is for referee use to note any misconducts, protests, suspensions

Make sure score sheets are filled out completely and legibly to avoid any fines to be issued

Length of Period	Goals		
	1	2	3
Home	0	1	1
Vis	1	0	0
Total	0	1	1
Penalty	1	0	0
Time	10:00	10:00	10:00
Free Throws	1	1	1
Substitutes	1	1	1
Officials	1	1	1

Please Note:
 A completed referee evaluation form for this game must be completed on file. as <http://empirehockey.org>
 Match penalties, goals and game misconducts must be reported to division commissioner within 24 hours of game completion.
 All travel must be completed to avoid fines. Completed travel sheet must be sent to division commissioner within 72 hours of game completion.
 Team travel sheet to division commissioner.

White Copy-Division Commissioner, Yellow Copy-Home Team, Pink Copy-Away Team

USA HOCKEY ZERO TOLERANCE

In an effort to make ice and inline hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior and Adult Councils and the Inline Section have instructed the officiating program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey-sanctioned games. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all referees and linesmen:

Players

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

Coaches

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators.

Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, he/she shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

Officials

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

Parents/Spectators

Game officials will stop the game when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectators viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players' bench, penalty box or on the ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

USA HOCKEY ANNUAL GUIDE

(Notes: This would be inserted between sections D and E of the Policies section of the Annual Guide on page 35. Subsequent policies would be re-lettered.)

E. LOCKER ROOM SUPERVISION

USA Hockey is concerned with locker room activities between minor players; minor players and adult players; adults being alone with individual minor players in locker rooms; and with non-official or non-related adults having unsupervised access to minor participants at sanctioned team events.

It is the policy of USA Hockey and USA Hockey InLine that all Affiliates, Districts, leagues and local hockey programs have at least one responsible adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants, coaches and players, approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room. Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult be with the coach.

Further, responsible adults must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice.

Teams, leagues and local hockey associations shall also comply with the USA Hockey Co-Ed locker room policy set out below.

2009-11 USA HOCKEY OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES Points of Emphasis *2009-10 and 2010-11 Playing Seasons*

The goal of USA Hockey is to promote a safe and positive playing environment for all participants while continuing to focus on skill development and enjoyment of the sport. All officials, coaches, players, parents, spectators and volunteers are encouraged to observe these "Points of Emphasis" when participating in the sport of ice hockey.

Fair Play and Respect

Fair play and respect are the backbone of any successful amateur sports program. In order for a positive environment to be created, it is imperative that all participants and spectators have respect for all players, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators and the sport of hockey. Hockey is a game demanding high levels of concentration and skill.

Intimidation or "bullying" has no place in ice hockey. Any act that includes taunting or teasing of players, coaches, officials, or spectators by means of verbal ridicule, obscene gesture, threat of physical violence, or physical violence itself will not be tolerated at USA Hockey events.

Players are encouraged to develop a deep sense of respect for all (opponents and officials) while endeavoring to enjoy the sport and improve their playing ability. Each player is encouraged to use proper skill and technique when engaging in any type of body contact.

Coaches are responsible for instructing their players to play the sport in a safe and sportsmanlike manner. To that end, coaches are directed to teach only those skills necessary to allow for proper and legal body contact.

Officials should be diligent and confident when officiating the sport. Each official should enforce the playing rules fairly and respectfully.

Spectators are encouraged to support their teams while showing respect for all players, coaches, officials and other spectators.

Standard of Play and Rule Emphasis

USA Hockey will continue to observe the Standard of Play and Rule Emphasis adopted in June 2006. The goal is to reduce restraining infractions in the game, allowing the skill levels of the participants to determine the outcome of a game and to increase participant enjoyment. There is no intention to remove legal body checking or body contact. A legal body check or using body contact or position to gain a competitive advantage over an opponent should not be penalized as long as it is performed within the rules.

Conclusion

All participants should enjoy hockey. To that end, all participants and spectators should observe a level of personal behavior that demonstrates respect for all. The USA Hockey Officiating and Coaching Education programs will continue to increase awareness among all officials and coaches with regard to these Points of Emphasis and the Standard of Play and Rule Emphasis.

2009-11 USA HOCKEY Standard of Play and Rules Enforcement

Through the standard of rules enforcement, our game will continue to allow the opportunity for improved skill development and a more positive hockey environment for all participants. The mission of USA Hockey is clear; through this new initiative a greater emphasis will be placed on skating, puck possession and the proper use of the body to establish position and a competitive advantage. The goal of the enforcement standard is to reduce restraining infractions in the game and not to remove legal body checking or body contact. A hard body check or using body contact/position (non-checking classifications) to gain a competitive advantage over the opponent should not be penalized as long as it is performed within the rules. The principles of the continued enforcement standard include the following:

- The use of the stick will be limited to only playing the puck.
- The stick will not be allowed to in any way impede a player's progress.
- The use of a free hand/arm will not be allowed to grab or impede a player's progress.
- Players who use their physical skills and/or anticipation and have a positional advantage shall not lose that advantage as a result of illegal acts by the opponent.
- Players will be held accountable for acts of an intimidating or dangerous nature.

HOOKING

A player cannot use his/her stick against an opponent's body (puck carrier or non-puck carrier) to gain a positional advantage. Examples include:

- Tugs or pulls on the body, arms or hands of the opponent which allows for the space between the players to diminish
- Placing the stick in front of the opponent's body and locking on – impeding the opponent's progress or causing a loss of balance.
- Stick on the hand/arm that takes away the ability for the opponent to pass or shoot the puck with a normal amount of force

TRIPPING

A player cannot use his/her stick on the legs or feet of an opponent in a manner that would cause a loss of balance or for them to trip or fall. Examples include:

- Placing the stick in front of the opponent's legs for the purpose of impeding progress, even if on the ice, with no effort to legally play the puck
- Placing the stick between the legs of the opponent (can opener/corkscrew) that causes a loss of balance or impedes the progress of the opponent.

HOLDING

A player cannot wrap his/her arms around an opponent or use a free hand to clutch, grab or hold the stick, jersey or body on the opponent in a manner that impedes their progress. Examples include:

- Wrapping one or both arms around the opponent along the boards in a manner that pins them against the boards and prevents them from playing the puck or skating
- Grabbing the opponent's body, stick or sweater with one or both hands
- Using a free arm/hand to restrain or impede the opponent's progress

INTERFERENCE

A player cannot use his/her body ("pick" or "block") to impede the progress of an opponent with no effort to play the puck, maintain normal foot speed or established skating lane. Examples include:

- Intentionally playing the body of an opponent who does not have possession or possession and control of the puck.
- Using the body to establish a "pick" or "block" that prevents an opponent from being able to chase a puck carrier
- Reducing foot speed or changing an established skating lane for the purpose of impeding an opponent from being able to chase a puck carrier

SLASHING

The use of the stick will be limited to only playing the puck. Any stick contact, as a result of a slashing motion, to the hands/ arms or body of the opponent will be strictly penalized. In addition, hard slashes to the upper portion of the stick (just below the hands) of an opponent, with no attempt to legally play the puck, shall also be penalized.

OTHER INFRACTIONS

In addition to the above mentioned enforcement standards, all other infractions, including contact to the head, checking from behind, cross checking, high sticking and roughing (including late avoidable checks) shall be penalized to a strict enforcement standard.

Players shall body check within the rules. Any use of the hands or stick or extensions of the arms to body check an opponent will be penalized as unnecessary roughness.

Any avoidable contact after the whistle shall be penalized strictly, including scrum situations around the goal.

Officials are instructed to assess an additional penalty to those players acting as the aggressor or who instigates any contact after the whistle.

CONCLUSION

All USA Hockey members must demonstrate awareness and support for the application, spirit and the respect of the rules in order for continued improvement in the game of hockey. At the same time, it is important to remember that:

- A player is entitled to the ice he/she occupies as long as they are able to maintain their own foot speed and body position between opponent and puck
- Players are allowed to compete for body position using their strength and balance in front of the goal or along the boards

Coaches are expected to teach proper skills and hold their players accountable for illegal and dangerous actions, regardless as to whether they are properly penalized, or not.

Parents are expected to support the decisions of the officials and support the coaches in teaching the proper skills in a safe and positive environment.

Officials shall enforce a strict penalty standard according to the guidelines that have been established.

Players are expected to compete within the playing rules.

Administrators are expected to hold players, coaches, officials and parents accountable for their actions in an effort to promote a safe and positive environment for all participants.

All members of USA Hockey share an equal responsibility to ensure the integrity of the game is upheld.

The onus to incorporate change is not only on the officials, but also on administrators, coaches, parents and players, as well.

2009-11 USA HOCKEY RULE CHANGE SUMMARY

For Youth, Girls'/Women's and Adult Classifications
For the 2009-10 and 2010-11 Seasons

Description of Change

Standard of Play and Rules Enforcement: Adds language clarifying a legal body check and identifying avoidable contact after the whistle as being an illegal act that shall be penalized. Also adds language recognizing the ability for a player to legally use their body to compete for position or the puck.

Rule # Rule

301 Sticks Cleans up language regarding the dimensions of a stick and identifies the penalties to be called for violations under this rule.

302(a) Skates Modernizes the description "fancy" skates by changing to "figure" skates as being prohibited in ice hockey.

303 Goalkeeper's Equipment Moves Appendix V from the 2007-09 Official Playing Rules Book into the actual rule and reinforces that the new goalkeeper equipment standards are to be applied starting with the 2009-10 season.

304(e) Protective Equipment Adds recommended equipment to those items that must be worn in the manner in which it was intended and designed and calls for a team warning to be issued prior to the assessment of a misconduct penalty for a violation.

403(b) Major Penalty For a player that is assessed a non-coincident major penalty and game misconduct, the offending team is not required to immediately place a substitute on the penalty bench and may do so prior to the expiration of the penalty. No player may enter the game except from the penalty bench with a bench minor penalty being assessed for a violation.

405(a) Match Penalty For a player that is assessed a non-coincident match penalty; the offending team is not required to immediately place a substitute on the penalty bench and may do so prior to the expiration of the penalty. No player may enter the game except from the penalty bench with a bench minor penalty being assessed for a violation.

405(c) Match Penalty Adds language that more clearly defines the hearing process for a match penalty.

409(b) Calling of Penalties Requires a delayed penalty that is nullified as the result of a goal being scored to be recorded on the game sheet and count towards the 5/15 penalty rules.

505(a) Penalty Timekeeper Clarifies the manner in which a penalty shot is recorded on the score sheet.

601(i.2) Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct Allows for game misconduct to be assessed to a Team Official for persisting in any course of conduct for which the team has previously been assessed a bench minor penalty.

603(d and Note) AND 616 Attempt to Injure/Deliberate Injury of Opponent (Head Butting)
Head Contact Removes language in Rule 603 pertaining to Head Butting and places it under Rule 616 Head Contact.

613 Fisticuffs Cleans up language and specifies under subsection (a) that a player receiving a major penalty for Fisticuffs is also assessed a game misconduct penalty

613 Fisticuffs Adds new section that calls for a game misconduct penalty (excluding Adults) to be assessed for any player who removes his (or opponent's) helmet prior to or during an altercation.

622(b) Interference by Spectators Clarifies the game misconduct assessed for physically interfering with a spectator as being an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty