



**OFFICIATING  
&  
GAME OPERATIONS MANUAL**

**2020-21**



## **Welcome to The United State Premier Junior Hockey League**

The documents in this manual contain the necessary information for Leagues policies, procedures, game night operations, officiating directives, and points of emphasis of the 2020-21 Season.

The National Collegiate Development Conference, The USPHL Premier, and the USPHL will use the 2020-22 NCAA Rulebook with the exceptions listed below in the protocol section.

The USPHL U18 and U16 and Futures Hockey Divisions use the USA Hockey 2017-21 Youth Book. The only exception will be the overtime procedure listed below in the protocol section.

**ALL Divisions: There is a strict NO Fighting Policy; All fighting majors will have additional games added for repeat offenders, in addition to the rulebook mandatory game suspension.**

**Strictly Enforced -There will be supplemental discipline on all helmets removed during an altercation. Officials are REQUIRED to note the helmet removal on the game sheet.**

***It is up to all parties, officials, coaches, players, and managers to be familiar with and comprehend the material listed in the manual.***

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**All equipment must be worn properly as designed by the manufacture.**

**Please refer to the NCAA Hockey 20-21 with the following Amendments.**

### **High-Sticking**

**A major plus a game misconduct or DQ shall be assessed to any player who injures an opponent as a result of high sticking, unless deemed to be accidental in which a double minor penalty may be assessed.**

### **Juniors Only Waiver**



**For those who reach the age of majority and sign a waiver is allowed to wear a half-shield as designed and approved by HECC.**

**League Games cannot end in a tie**

### **Overtime procedure Junior and Midgets**

-  **5 minute OT 3X3**
-  **3 man shootout**
-  **Sudden Death different shooters until roster exhausted**

### **Overtime Penalty Procedure**

-  **If there is a penalty at the end of regulation the overtime will start 4-3, then 4-4 until the first whistle.**
-  **If there is another penalty to the team shorthanded; the on ice strength will be 5-3. There never shall be no less than 3 players on each team on the ice at all times.**

**Junior Roster**  
**A total of 21 – does not matter the configuration**  
**Please refer to the USA Hockey Youth Rulebook 2017-21**

**All youth rules apply to the USPHL Midgets.**




***GAME REPORTS-***

*A game report is required for all game misconduct and game disqualifications use the reporting system on horizon.*

-  **For Youth all Game Misconducts and Match Penalties must be sent to me after you report them in the USA Reporting System.**

Post-game reports are one of your most important duties. They provide communication to three different people; fines and suspensions are enforced from your written report. Please fill out all information clearly and correctly. Also make yourself available that evening. **(Leave a phone number where you can be contacted.)**

**The Referee shall call Gene Binda or immediate supervisor in your area following the game involving:**

-  All Majors
-  Game misconducts, disqualifications, youth Match Penalties
-  Extraordinary Incidents and all helmet removals are to on the game sheet and an email immediately after the game.

**Do not respond to length of suspension, have coach contact the league office.**



**Please refer to the USA Hockey 2017-21 and the 2014-15  
Officials Guide, USA for all Points of Emphasis**

## **UPHL PROTOCOLS**

**For Officials a Code of Conduct is listed in the Document Section  
on the Horizon Scheduling Site**

### **Game Protocol**

Game Protocol, Publish times on the horizon website are game start. Officials shall be ready to go on the ice for warm-ups 25 minutes prior to the drop of the puck start time.

#### **Warm-Ups**

Juniors – 10 minutes on dirty ice

Midget – 5 minute warm up dirty ice

#### **Start of Game Process**

Announce Starting Lineups – Like a College Game. Teams on Goal Line, officials stand at center ice facing the flag Players come to blue line.

Play/Sing National Anthem

Game Commences

#### ***MANDATORY ATTIRE -***

- ◇ A Collard shirt with tie is mandatory NO JEANS-SWEAT PANTS
- ◇ No tobacco/alcohol consumption in the building
- ◇ No earrings/nose rings, etc.
- ◇ All officials shall be properly dressed on and off the ice.

***Do not wear any other league branding logos patches  
etc. on your uniform or entering the arena!***

## **OFFICIAL'S UNIFORM**

- Clean uniform, look sharp, feel sharp, be sharp!
- USPHL patch to be worn for NCDC, Premier and Elite
- **Name Plate no exceptions!**
- **USA Patch for All Midget Games NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## ***Housekeeping***

**DRESSING ROOM-** This is your room. **No Coach or GM** is allowed in the room without your permission. If there is a problem in the game and they need to talk to you lend them an ear. If they get unruly ask them to leave and report the incident to me first and the USPHL office second.

Under NO Circumstances are you to review video with the coaches before, during or after the game. Refer the request be sent to the league office for review.

The room should not be used as a hang out for friends or family. If anyone should drop by make it brief. There could be a lot of things going on in the game and you may need the time to go over some situations during the resurface.

Any Team Personal blocking the way of the officials to the dressing room shall result in a minor penalty during game misconduct after games. All incidents shall be reported immediately to Gene Binda or immediate supervisor.

## **INJURY/ILLNESS/ACCIDENT**

In the event you are injured or become ill and are unable to perform your duties, contact Gene Binda or any supervisor immediately.

## **INSURANCE**

All officials must be properly registered with USA Hockey or NIHOA Failure to meet any datelines/ payments will result in your suspension from officiating in our league.

Secondary insurance is provided by the USPHL for the Junior Leagues.  
Information will be on the Horizon website in the document section.

### **ABSENCE OF OFFICIALS**

Every effort should be made to have 4 officials NCDC and 3 officials on the ice for all league games. Should for any unforeseen reason, any one of the assigned officials be prevented from officiating, the following shall take place.

If you are going to be late for what ever reason your are to call me first then the crew .

If I am the last to know the entire crew will lose assignments in all leagues!

This policy is not to harm any official life happens, weather happens, work happens I need to know so we as a group does not look unprofessional.

Give me enough time to let the league administrators know what is going on.

**NO EXCUSES HERE!!!!!! This it is a PROFESSIONAL POLICY! I expect you to be professional!**

- The game will start at the scheduled time, with the existing officials
- Attempt to contact a league *official* that may be available to work.
- If no league officials are available attempt to contact a registered NI-HOA or USA Hockey *Official*.
- If no replacement can be found the two-referee system will be use.
- If you find a replacement that is not a referee the senior linesman will assume the referee position.
- If no referee is available, the senior linesman shall be the lead referee for final decisions



