

CINCINNATI HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE



HANDBOOK/POLICIES

**CINCINNATI HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE
(CHSHL)
2018-2019 Season**

High-School League Objectives

Procedures and Requirements

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ARTICLE I: PURPOSE and OBJECTIVES AND OF HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

The goal of the High School Teams is to provide all skaters at the appropriate age levels an opportunity to continue to participate in the sport of ice hockey. Developing player skills and enhancing the player's enjoyment of the game are the main considerations.

The High-School league provides players an opportunity to continue to develop their hockey skills in an environment which is competitive, fast-paced, challenging and exciting.

As the players get older, the game of hockey becomes more challenging. High-School hockey is physically challenging, fast-paced and requires that players think and react quickly to constantly changing situations. It also helps to teach players techniques to stay focused and 'stay cool' when faced with a highly charged, emotional and competitive environment.

The primary objectives are summarized as follows:

TEAMWORK

- A. Ice hockey is a team sport. At the High school level, the meaning of being part of a team should be emphasized.

SPORTSMANSHIP, FAIR PLAY and SELF-CONTROL

- B. Showing respect for one's teammates, coaches, opponents, the officials and the game.
- C. Playing hard and giving 100% effort while on the ice is expected and what makes the game competitive. Remembering that playing fair, as well as playing hard, is not only required, but demonstrates a player's respect for the game, him/her self and, in turn, earn them the respect of those around them.
- D. High School hockey will be more emotional and intense than players have experienced at the younger levels. Coaches should use this opportunity to help exhibit the characteristics of self-control and teach their players how best to handle emotional (and sometimes confrontational) situations.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- A. At the High School level, the players are able to acquire a deeper understanding of the game and the teamwork and strategy that are an integral part of the game. At this level, the understanding of 'systems' of play as well as basic skill development should be encouraged.

Cincinnati High School BOD

- A. The BOD will consist of 2 members of each participating organization.

ARTICLE II: TEAMS

All teams participating in the Cincinnati High School League must be registered USA Hockey teams.

Cincinnati High School Teams:

- A. The CHSHL organizes as many High school teams as recommended by the CHSHL BOD for final approval.
- B. All participating CHSHL league teams must submit all USAH approved rosters to League website prior to the start of the season
 - a. Players that are added during the season must be finalized by 12/31.

ARTICLE III: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. Player must meet the eligibility of the USA Hockey High School League.
- B. Player must be a bona fide student at an accredited high school or home school program.
- C. Players must register with USA Hockey all final roster are due by December 31st.
- D. Players must be in good financial standing with CHSHL and other hockey organizations.
- E. In some cases, Dual Rostering is allowed. See section on Dual Rostering under Article VI.
- F. A player must have played at least 5 regular season league games to be eligible to participate in the League Tournament. Injuries and other exceptions requests will be approved by the CHSHL BOD.
 - 1. Cincinnati High School League Board are responsible for ensuring that all of their players meet the eligibility requirements for the League Tournament.

ARTICLE IV: TEAM FORMATION

Cincinnati High School Hockey League:

2018-2019 Teams:

Varsity:

1. Cincinnati Swords
2. Miami Redhawks
3. Indian Hill
4. Northern Kentucky
5. Louisville

Junior Varsity:

1. Cincinnati Swords
2. Miami Redhawks
3. Indian Hill
4. Northern Kentucky
5. Lexington
6. LaSalle

ARTICLE V: PLAYER MOVEMENT and DUAL ROSTERING

Dual Rostering:

- A. Players may only roster on teams participating in the CHSHL in their own organization 9-12.
- B. Dual Rostering of players between teams participating in the CHSHL and teams NOT in the CHSHL is permitted under the following conditions:
 - 1. Players meet the eligibility requirements.
 - 2. Players are NOT rostered on Tier I / AAA teams. Tier I / AAA players are not eligible to participate in the CHSHL.
 - 3. Players on AA/A/B travel teams are eligible to be double rostered only onto CHSHL Teams grades 9-12.
 - 4. Players on independent teams that are not playing in the CHSHL and are registered as Tier II and below are eligible to be double rostered onto CHSHL Teams.
- C. Under emergency situations other members of the CHSHL may petition to the BOD to have a goalie from another CHSHL team participate in a game with written notice and majority vote by the CHSHL BOD.
- D. No more than 5 Varsity players are permitted to be rostered on any JV per game.
 - 1. If more than 5 players that are currently rostered on a CHSHL Varsity team are to be rostered JV, this must be submitted in writing to the CHSHL BOD for approval.
 - 2. Bantam High School Players
 - a. Unlimited number of players can be rostered per game.

ARTICLE VI: PLAYING RULES, JURISDICTION & Supplemental Discipline

- A. Oversight and Jurisdiction for the League rests solely with Cincinnati High School Hockey League BOD.
 - 1. Operates as a USA Hockey League/Mid AM and uses USA Hockey guidelines.
 - 2. There is no affiliation with the OHSAA or any other organization.
 - 3. Rule 410 | Supplementary Discipline
 - (a)** In addition to the suspensions imposed under these rules, the proper disciplinary authority, at its discretion and after the game has been completed, may investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game. Any incident that occurs prior to, during, or after the game is subject to review regardless of whether the action was penalized by the Referee.
 - (b)** Suspensions imposed during a USA Hockey governed playoff event (State, District or National Championships) must be served during that

same event where the suspension occurred. If the length of suspension carries beyond that event for an advancing team, the Discipline Committee of the following Championship shall be the sole authority in determining the eligibility of the individual(s).

(c) In the case of a Match penalty, the proper disciplinary authority (as defined in the Glossary) shall be required to conduct any disciplinary actions in accordance with the provisions of USA Hockey's "Resolutions of Disputes, Arbitration and Suspensions" section of the current *USA Hockey Annual Guide*.

B. The Cincinnati High School League will use USA Hockey/Mid AM Rules.

C. All participants, parents and spectators must adhere to The CHSHL Code of Conduct and Participating League Team requirements. Failure to do so will result in potential disciplinary action.

D. Fighting Penalties:

1. First fighting penalty in a season, the player is suspended for 2 league games, and subject to a discipline hearing to be scheduled by CHSHL Disciplinary committee with potential for escalation of the suspension/penalty per discipline committee's final decision, which could include up to suspension for the remainder of the season, including playoffs. The final decision is determined by the CHSHL BOD.
2. Second fighting penalty in a season the player is suspended for the remainder of the CHSHL season, including playoffs. A hearing by the CHSHL Disciplinary Committee will be required before a player can be reinstated for the next season if still eligible for CHSHL the following season. Suspensions can carry over from one year to the next if not all games have been fully missed per the discipline committee's final decision.
3. Any fights during a game, the head coach must meet with CHSHL BOD via conference call or in person.

E. Game Misconduct Penalties:

1. First Game Misconduct penalty incident, the player or coach is suspended for 1 league game.
2. Second Game Misconduct penalty incident, the player or coach is suspended for 2 league games.
3. Third Game Misconduct penalty incident, the player or coach is suspended until a hearing by CHSHL and BOD

F. Game Time

1. All CHSHL games will consist of 3 15-minute periods per USAH Rules.
2. No overtime or shootouts during the regular season.

ARTICLE VII: FEES and COMMITMENTS

CHSHL TEAMS

1. League Fee are to be determined by the Cincinnati High School BOD

- a. Current fees are based on BOD and number of teams that are currently in the CHSHL.
2. Exception to the rule is participation in the State Tournament which is offered at the end of the season. Teams from the CHSHL are selected at the end of the season to represent Cincinnati in the Ohio State Tournament. If the player's team is selected to participate in this tournament, there will be an extra cost associated with the tournament. The State Tournament rotates locations and is played alternate years in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati. Travel may also be required.

ARTICLE VIII: League Standings and TIE BREAKER

1. League Standings for Regular Season

1. Each team win will count for 2 points
2. Each team tie will result in 1 point for each team
3. Each team loss counts for 0 points

2. Tie Breaker for end of season standings and tournament seeding.

3. The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:

a. Standings — Most points.

b. Most total wins

c. Differential — Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus. The maximum goal differential in any game is Seven (7).

d. Quotient — Dividing the goals scored in these games (maximum of Seven (7) goals higher than opponent per game) by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tie breaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for."

e. Most periods won — In the games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total

2. If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, c, d or e, the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order:

3. Team with fewest penalty minutes.

Note: *If a team forfeits any of its games and becomes involved in any tie breaking formula to determine the year end standings, the team forfeits all games and are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.*

State Tournament ('Buckeye Cup')

1. League Tournament Champion will qualify as automatic bid for Buckeye Cup.

2. CHSHL League Tournament

- a. Year End tournament will be having its own set of rules and will be finalized by the Cincinnati BOD, no later than January 31st of current season.