

**LIAHL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
2024 – 2025 SEASON**

**A. League Structure**

Age Classifications:

**Youth:**

U6; U8	Birth year 2016 or younger
U10:	Birth year 2014-2015
U12:	Birth year 2012-2013
U14:	Birth year 2010-2011
U15:	Birth year 2009 (Tier I only)
U16:	Birth year 2008-2009
U18:	Birth year 2006-2007

<b>Girls: 10 &amp; Under:</b>	Birth year 2014-2015
12 & Under:	Birth year 2012-2013
14 & Under:	Birth year 2010-2011
15 & Under:	Birth year 2009
19 & Under:	Birth year 2005 or younger

NOTE: All participants must be currently enrolled in an accredited elementary, intermediary, high school, college, or certified home school program to be eligible for participation in any activities of the Long Island Amateur Hockey League, Inc.

**B. Player Registration and Code of Conduct**

1. All players shall be rostered in accordance with USA Hockey and NYSAHA provisions for tournament bound teams.
2. Parents/Guardians of all LIAHL players must read, review and sign the Code of Conduct form to be collected and held by their respective associations prior to a team's first game.

**C. Team Rosters**

1. All team rosters must be submitted to the NYSAHA Eastern Zone Associate Registrar and to appropriate LIAHL statisticians prior to the first league game being played for league games to count toward state play down/tournament qualification. Failure to do so will result in a \$300.00 fine per team. All teams playing in the LIAHL shall enter their rosters on Horizon Web Ref no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. A final roster shall be submitted to the appropriate League Statistician and USA Hockey Registrar no later than December 31st. This becomes the official final roster of all LIAHL teams. Members failing to comply with this regulation shall incur an automatic fine of \$300.00 per team.
3. Provided he/she is not over age for either classification, a player may participate in up to five games in any Age Classification, except for Mites going up to Squirt, as defined in Article A above, prior to November 30 and still be eligible for competition in another Age Classification. Only eligible rostered players can dress for a game. Each time a player is moved up or down the appropriate statistician and the League Commissioner shall be notified in advance so a record can be maintained. Any violation of this

rule will result in a \$500.00 fine. If a goaltender is injured during a game, he must be replaced within a reasonable period of time (as per USA Hockey rules).

4. No LIAHL member team will be permitted to roster player (s) in another league that do not appear on the roster submitted to the LIAHL. For example, any team playing in the EJ/AYHL/MEHL/USPHL/etc./ must submit the same roster to the LIAHL.
5. No Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Trainer shall be permitted on the bench nor participate in any LIAHL sponsored activity for more than one member organization. This shall not apply to coaches coaching a girl's tournament bound team from coaching a youth hockey team.

#### **D. Teams – Level of Play**

1. All Tier I organizations may roster a major team and a second/minor team consisting of purely first year eligible players which will play in the Tier I minor division, if a third team is requested by a Tier I organization, that team will compete in the Tier III level and will be subject to the majority vote, with the exception of the midget division.
2.
  - a. All Tier I organizations may roster a major and minor team at each level (except 15U per USAH). Each organization has the option of placing a third team in the newly formed "Milner" NON-TOURNAMENT bound division.
  - b. All Tier II and Tier III organizations have the opportunity to place its second teams (if any) in the NTB "Milner" Division in lieu of placing this team at Tier III..
  - c. Each organization is only permitted to place one team at each age classification in the NTB Milner division.
3. If a league member elects not to play its FIRST picked team in its appropriately designated division and age classification, it shall not be permitted to substitute its SECOND picked team.
4. No organization will be given a schedule out of classification unless the organizational level is non-tournament bound and the organization agrees in writing to be non-tournament bound at that level and as approved by a vote of the Board of Directors. (Governors)
5. All Organizations with second teams will pay an additional flat fee of \$500.00 for League fees.
6. The USAH/ NYSAHA ADM Program applies to all associations with tournament bound teams designated by NYSAHA as part of their good standing. All USA Hockey registered house/recreational programs are to participate in the ADM model as well.

Starting with the 2014-2015 season, all associations are required to play 6U cross ice.

Starting with the 2014-2015 season, all associations are required to play 8U cross ice.

#### 6 & Under Cross Ice Division

- a. Mandatory use of bumpers/dividers to section the ice off
- b. Cross Ice practices and games
- c. In House competition schedule
- d. Neighboring facilities can invite and set their own schedule
- e. Mini net with rotating goalies/Blue puck
- f. Season length: 25 weeks as determined by facility

- g. One official will be assigned to all cross- ice games.
- h. One jamboree to be hosted by association or facility

8 & Under Major Full/Half Ice Division (2011-2012only)

- a. Mandatory use of bumpers/dividers to section the ice off
- b. Half /Cross ice practices all season.  
Recommended:
  - 30 - 40 practices
  - 16 - 20 games
  - One “off-ice” training session per week
- c. All associations are required to play cross-ice at 6U and 8U **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- d. An association and/or facility may host one jamboree per season and invite other associations/facilities and set their own schedule.
- e. It is mandatory that 3x4 nets and blue pucks be used.
- f. The rules/regulations found in the NYSAHA Annual Guide Book and the USA Hockey National Guide Book (pp.135,VIII) shall govern all 6U, 8U games.
- g. See GLOSSARY for games format.

- E.** Every association registered with the NYSAHA and the LIAHL must nominate a “SAFE SPORT” representative. This representative is required to complete the USAH On-Line Training Program for “SAFE-SPORT”. Completion of the Safe Sport Module Program is mandatory for all coaches and governors. All governors are required to provide copies of their own and their coaches completion certificates no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> to the LIAHL Safe Sport Coordinator. Certificates of Completion obtained during the 2021-2022 season are valid for the 2022-2023 season.

All Officers, Directors, Administrators, penalty time keepers, score keepers and penalty box attendants are encouraged to complete the USAH On-Line Training Program for “SAFE SPORT”.

**F Ineligible Players**

A team, which knowingly plays an ineligible player, in a game will be investigated by the Commissioner’s office and may result in the forfeit of the game for the offending team and other potential disciplinary actions at the discretion of the Commissioner. Per NYSAHA rules and regulations, if it is determined that a team used an illegal player that game(s) will not count toward the 20/10 rule.

**G. Equipment**

1. LIAHL players must wear all protective equipment required by USA Hockey in its approved and unaltered form. These equipment requirements may vary by Age Classification. In addition, all LIAHL players must wear commercially available neck protection at all times. This includes all interlocking league games and exhibition games. The first violation of this rule will result in referee issuing a warning to both benches. A second violation by any player will result in a misconduct to that player. A third violation by any player will result in a minor penalty and misconduct to that player.
2. Goaltenders - must wear all approved goaltender’s equipment. This shall include: neck guard, goalie pads, goalie glove, goalie waffle/blocker glove, goalie chest protector and neck protector hanging from helmet. No player will be allowed to assume the goaltender position or have goaltender privileges without any of the above equipment. If it becomes necessary to use a temporary goalkeeper as defined by USA

Hockey Rule (203)d and glossary he/she is also required to wear a goalkeeper's chest protector.

3. All players must wear a jersey with team name on front, and number on the back. If a player forgets his/her jersey, he/she may wear the substitute goalkeeper's jersey. If that jersey is not available, the player must PIN or VELCRO his/her number to a jersey of the same color. TAPE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

## **H. Playing Rules**

The official LIAHL season commences on or about September. 1<sup>st</sup> and concludes at the conclusion of the USA Hockey National Tournament.

The LIAHL playing rules shall be periodically amended to conform to those prescribed by USA Hockey. The LIAHL has exercised its rights as a proud member of USA Hockey to make the following exceptions and/or additions to USA Hockey playing rules:

### **1) Playing Times**

6U, 8U:	Two (2) 28 minute, running time periods
10U:	Three (3) 15 minute stop time periods
12U,14U,16U,18U: "AA", "A":	Three (3) 15 minute stop time periods
15U "AAA":	Three (3) 15 minute stop time periods
16U,18U "AAA":	Three (3) 17 minute stop time periods with an ice cut following the second period, when possible

### **2) Penalty Times & Assessments**

- a) 10U, AA, A: Minor – 2 min., Major-5 min, Misconduct 10 min.
- b) 10U AAA: Minor - 2 min., Major-5 min, Misconduct 10 min.
- c) 12U,14U,15U,16U,18U: – Minor - 2 min, Major - 5 min, Misconduct 10 min
- d) Fighting: See 4(d)(1)(a-e) infraction
- e) All Major and/or Match penalties carry an automatic Game Misconduct as per USA Hockey
- f) Third Man In: Minor plus a Game Misconduct
- g) Dropping of gloves as if to Fight: Minor plus Misconduct – 10 minutes
- h) Penalty assessed after the game clock expires: Game Misconduct and a minimum two (2) game suspension regardless of the infraction.
- i) Checking from Behind, Boarding, Charging and Head Contact Minor plus misconduct or Major plus Game Misconduct per USA Hockey<sup>7</sup>

j) Fourth Infraction by a single player within one game: Note: It shall be the responsibility of the Home Scorekeeper to notify the Referee when the fourth infraction is assessed to the same player within a game. A player assessed four penalties in the same game shall be assessed a Game Misconduct per USA Hockey and receive an immediate game ejection. Failure to do so by the scorekeeper or intentional misrepresentation of a penalty may result in a forfeit of the game if the home team wins or ties or a fine of \$50.00 to the home association if the home team loses. The visiting team may at all times place an observer in the scorer's booth and is expressly encouraged to do so. This rule shall not supersede nor conflict with USA Hockey Rules.

k) Zero Tolerance – For foul language, obscene gestures, spitting or any other action unbecoming a player committed by any player on or off the ice, whether directed to officials or not, the offending player shall be assessed a game misconduct plus suspension from all practices and games pending a league hearing and determination.

l) For ethnic or racial slurs the offending player shall be assessed a match penalty requiring a hearing.

m) Any infraction penalized under Rule 601 resulting in a Game, or Match Penalty being levied, requires a game report to be written by the game referee and sent to the Referee-in-Chief in addition to any Match Penalty which may be required by the NYSAHA.

### **3) Official Game**

a) For the purposes of statistics and league standings, two complete periods plus six (6) minutes stop time into the third period shall constitute an official game. Appeals to this rule must be submitted within 24 hours to the Commissioner by the Organization's governor.

In the event that a game is called for any reason prior to this, the game shall be replayed or continued to its completion, at the discretion of the Commissioner.

In either case, the Referee shall inform both benches of any problems and/or constraints that may result in the game being called before the end of the third period.

b) The score shall not be posted on the scoreboard beyond a seven-goal differential. Repeated violations may result in a fine to be levied by the Commissioner.

c) There will be no overtime period, shootout or any other tiebreaker activity authorized in regular season games.

### **4) Player Suspensions**

All player suspensions are governed by USAH and NYSAHA rules at all times. A player assessed a game misconduct shall serve a minimum one (1) game suspension. All score sheets evidencing that a suspended player or coach has served his/her penalty/suspension must be sent into the LIAHL statistician within ten (10) days of the penalty/suspension. Failure to do so will result in a 25.00 fine for each week that the scoresheet is late.

a) The Commissioner may conduct a hearing at any time on any team or player that amasses excessive penalty statistics; and take appropriate action as necessary.

- b) All game suspensions which occur in games between LIAHL teams or other teams shall be for the next scheduled games of the LIAHL team including exhibitions, playoffs and regular season games the following season.
- c) Any player who receives an indefinite suspension during any portion of the season shall not participate further in any games (exhibition or league) until a hearing is conducted by the LIAHL
- d) Game Misconducts:
  - 1. Fighting:
    - a) The first fight for a player shall result in a game misconduct and a one game suspension per USA Hockey.
    - b) A 2<sup>nd</sup> fighting penalty for a player within the same official season shall result in a three (3) game suspension plus review by the Commissioner's office to determine if a hearing and determination are required to impose additional games are warranted.
    - c) A 3<sup>rd</sup> fighting penalty for a player within the same season shall result in an immediate suspension pending a hearing schedules by the Commissioner and Executive Board Members to determine if additional penalties are warranted..
    - d. First player to Intervene in a Fight (3<sup>rd</sup> Man in); Game Misconduct, one game suspension per LIAHL and any additional suspensions deemed appropriate by the Commissioner.
    - e. Fighting related rules and suspensions apply to exhibition games, league games and playoff games.
  - 2. Two Game Misconducts for a player in the same game:
    - An Automatic three game suspension. The Commissioner reserves the right to assess additional penalties pending a hearing and determination if warranted.
  - 3. Multiple Game Misconduct's for a player in the same season:
    - a. A second Game Misconduct with the same season shall result in an additional one game suspension over and above the number of games assessed based on the specific infraction.
    - b. A third Game Misconduct within the same season shall result in an indefinite suspension pending a hearing and determination by the Commissioner and the Executive Board to determine if additional penalty/suspensions are warranted.
    - c. Any Game Misconduct or Match penalty incurred by a player in exhibitions, tournaments, or other non-league games and any other penalties counting toward cumulative penalty rules incurred in such contests, must be reported to the Commissioner and the Referee in Chief immediately. Failure to do so may result in the offending player's team forfeiture of the next league game, in addition to any other penalties/disciplinary actions incurred, at the discretion of the Commissioner. Copies of all score sheets reflecting suspensions received or served in non-LIAHL games must be sent to the league statistician.
  - 4. On Ice Penalty After Game Clock Expired:

A minimum 2 game suspension, regardless of the penalty.

## **5) Miscellaneous Infractions – Player Related**

### **a) Handshake Procedure**

At the end of each game, all players from each team shall line up at center ice for handshaking, which is to be considered a display of good sportsmanship.

After handshaking, the home team shall return to the bench and remain there until the visiting team leaves the ice, and take the path of least resistance when exiting the ice to return to the dressing room.

The handshake may be dispensed with at the discretion of the Game Referee, or at the request of the Game Supervisor, the Commissioner, any Governor or the Referee-in-Chief attending the game, if the situation warrants this action. The Game Referee shall notify each Coach and the Game Supervisor prior to the end of the game when practical if the handshaking is to be dispensed with.

If fighting results during the handshake, each player involved shall automatically be assessed a fighting penalty and the suspension is doubled. The suspension is subject to review of the game report. The game officials shall observe the post-game handshake.

If the Game Referee, Governor or Referee-in-Chief elects to dispense with the handshake, or if any penalties result from an incident which occurs during the handshake, a game report shall be filed with the Referee-in-Chief within 48 hours.

### **b) Off-Ice Incidents**

A player who is involved in an off-ice altercation before or after a game shall be given a game misconduct or stricter penalty, which shall result in a minimum 2 game suspension. A hearing may be conducted to determine what if any additional suspensions/disciplinary actions should be imposed.

The game supervisor, rink manager, or LIAHL governor must report the off-ice altercation to the Commissioner.

### **c) Abuse or Harassment of League Officials**

Abuse or harassment of league officials (i.e. Commissioner, Officers and Directors, Governors, Referees, Linesmen, etc.), on or off the ice, committed by a player shall result in a minimum 4 game suspension. At the Commissioner's discretion, a hearing may be conducted to determine if any change (more or less) in the number of games suspended is warranted.

### **d) Hazing**

Any incident that is committed by a player or players involved in hazing, of any kind, must be reported to the Commissioner by the organizations Governor or Board Member within 24 hours of notification to that Governor or Board Member. Hazing shall be defined as "subjecting any player or players, member of a team or organization to abusive, harassing or humiliating tricks or excessive

ridicule.” At the Commissioner’s discretion, an investigation and or hearing may be conducted to determine if any action should be taken. Based on the outcome of an investigation and or hearing a player, players, coaches, trainers, administrators or any member of an organization involved may be suspended, fined or removed from the LIAHL.

## **6) Misconduct’s – Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, and Trainers**

- a) For foul language, obscene gestures or spitting committed by a Team Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Trainer, whether directed to officials or not, the offending team shall be assessed a bench minor penalty and the offender shall receive a game misconduct penalty and be suspended for the next 3 games. Further, said Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Trainer shall not participate in any other hockey activity, including practices during the period of his suspension. A second infraction in the same season shall result in the offender being suspended pending a hearing to determine what if any additional penalties/disciplinary actions should be imposed.
- b) Before or during a game, if a Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Trainer leaves the bench and comes upon the ice for any reason, except when signaled by an on-ice official, including case of player injury, the offender shall be assessed a bench minor against the team, a game misconduct against the individual or both.
- c) A Coach receiving a game misconduct (for other than 12 penalties per game) shall be suspended for three games for the first offense and five games for the second offense. For a third offense, the offender will be suspended pending a hearing to determine what if any additional penalties should be imposed.
- d) Abuse or harassment of league officials (i.e. Commissioner, Officers and Directors, Governors, Referees, Linesmen, etc.), on or off the ice, committed by a Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Trainer shall result in a minimum 4 game suspension. At the Commissioner’s discretion, a hearing may be conducted to determine if any change (more or less) in the number of games suspended is warranted
- e) Any coach pulling his team off the ice and refusing to continue play will be assessed a Match Penalty per USA Hockey rules. A hearing will be held to determine what if any additional penalties should be imposed including cost of the ice time, referee fees and if a make up game is required the penalized association will pay for all costs associated with the make up game and his/her association may be fined a minimum of \$1000.00.
- f) Any Coach found guilty of sending his player or players off the bench to enter an altercation-taking place on the ice surface will be suspended for one year from the time of the incident. Further, said Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Trainer shall not participate in any other LIAHL sponsored activities during the period of his suspension.
- g) A coach receiving a his/her first game misconduct for 12 penalties in a game shall be suspended for one game, two games for the second occurrence, indefinitely pending a hearing for the third occurrence. Additional suspension time and/or a hearing could be determined on any occurrence at the discretion of the Commissioner based upon a game report and other circumstances.

## **7) Additional Rules Regarding Player and Coach Suspensions**



- a) Any game misconduct or match penalties incurred by coaches, assistant coaches, managers or trainers in exhibitions, tournaments or other non-league games, and any other penalties counting toward cumulative penalty rules incurred in such contests, must be reported to the Commissioner and the Referee-in-Chief immediately. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of the offender's team's next league game, in addition to any other penalties/disciplinary actions incurred, at the discretion of the Commissioner. Copies of all score sheets reflecting suspensions received or served in non-LIAHL games must be sent to the League statistician.
- b) All game suspensions which occur in games between LIAHL teams or other teams shall be for the next scheduled games of the LIAHL team including exhibitions, playoffs and regular season games the following season.
- c) Since playing rules and regulations in various leagues other than the LIAHL vary, the District within which the offending player is registered shall have the responsibility to determine what penalties if any, shall be imposed.
- d) If a duly registered LIAHL player is assessed a game misconduct in a multi-district league game (e.g. a game counts for both the LIAHL and the AYHL/EJ, etc) and that player's next scheduled game is also a multi-district game, then that player serves a one game suspension, provided the other league does not impose any additional suspensions as a result of the player receiving a game misconduct.
  - i. However, if that player's next game is an LIAHL scheduled game, that player will be suspended for that game in addition to the suspension assessed in multi-district game.
- e) Any suspensions that are not completely served within the official season in which they are obtained will carry over into the following season even if the player changes organizations from one season to the next.

### **8) Misconduct - Spectators**

Abuse or harassment of league officials committed by spectators shall be reported to the Commissioner, by the organization's Governor.

## **H. Misconduct by Game Officials**

- a) For foul language, obscene gestures or any other action unbecoming an official committed by an official on or off the ice, the offending official may be assessed a fine or suspension or both based upon a hearing.
- b) Abuse or harassment of Member Associations, their players, coaches or officials, by an official may result in a hearing by the Referee-in-Chief upon receipt of a written complaint. This hearing may result in a fine, suspension or both.
- c) The above paragraphs notwithstanding, the Referee-in-Chief or the Commissioner may review statistics relating to an official and take appropriate action without receiving a written complaint from a Member Association.

## **I. Game Officials**

### **1. On Ice Officials**

- a) Only official League Assignors shall assign on ice officials (referees and linesmen) for all exhibition games, league games and playoff games in all age classifications. All on ice officials shall be

assigned from an approved list. Failure to schedule on ice officials through the league shall result in a fine of \$50.00.

- b) On ice officials shall be paid from the treasury in accordance with a fee schedule established by the Board at the Annual Meeting. Failure to appear for a scheduled game shall result in the levy of a fine in the amount equivalent to two game fees and the circumstances of the failure brought to the attention of the Board. If an official is late or not on the ice at game time, he/she shall be assessed a fine equivalent to one-third the game fee.
- c) On ice officials who appear for a scheduled game, which is postponed or canceled, shall be paid the regular fee for the game.
- d) If an assigned Referee arrives late (while the game is in progress), he shall immediately assume the duty as Referee. In this instance, the assigned Referee shall be paid only if he completes at least two full periods.
- e) A coach or player in the League may, with the approval of the Referee-in-Chief, be assigned as a referee in League games, providing the games do not involve his Home Association or the division in which he coaches or plays.
- f) An on ice official can work any game, home or away, regardless of member affiliation.
- g) An on ice official cannot work a game if a relative is playing in the game.
- h) A Referee may not swap, assign or otherwise change an assignment without the express permission of the Referee Scheduler. Violation of this rule shall result in a fine to the Referee equal to one-half the fee for the game.
- i) The League Assignor for that area shall provide:
  - One referee for 8U cross ice game
  - Two Referees for 10U and 12U games
  - One Referee and two linesmen for 14U games
  - Two Referees and two linesmen for 15U, 16U and 18U games
- j) If two referees are required for a game and only one appears, the referee shall be paid a double fee. However, the Home Association shall be billed for a single referee, and the balance shall be paid from the fine assessed to the referee who does not appear.
- k) If linesmen are required for a game and none is provided, the referee shall be paid a double fee, with the entire fee borne by fines from the assigned linesman. If two linesmen are required and only one is provided, the referee shall be paid one and one-half the standard fee, with the entire fee borne by-fines from the assigned linesmen.
- l) At the request of a League Official, Commissioner or Referee-in-Chief, the two-man system may be instituted for a league game.
- m) If no referee or linesmen appear for a game, the game shall be cancelled. The Governor or Game Supervisor shall notify the Commissioner and the appropriate on-ice official's scheduler immediately.

o) All On-Ice Officials must read, review and sign the USA Hockey On-Ice Officials Code of Conduct form to be collected and held by the Referee-in-Chief prior to working any LIAHL games.

2) Off-Ice Officials

Off Ice or Minor Officials (Penalty Timekeepers, Timekeepers and Scorekeepers shall be furnished by the Home Association for each game. At least one of the minor officials shall be a responsible adult. Violation of this rule shall be noted on the score sheet by the Game Referee and the Home Association shall be fined \$250.00.

**I. Score sheet Review, Signature, and Reporting Procedure**

- 1) All Coaches, Game Supervisors, and Scorekeepers are required to review and sign game score sheets after the game. Signature on a score sheet does not necessarily indicate approval on the part of the coach. Refusal of a coach to sign a score sheet shall cause a fine of \$100.00 to be levied against the coach's organization, and, for a second or greater offense, may cause a suspension of the coach following a league hearing on the incident. The on-ice officials are required to submit a LIAHL game report to the Referee in Chief and USA Hockey within 48 hours.
- 2) The Game Referee must submit a report in writing (email is acceptable) to the Referee-in-Chief on all Major penalties for spearing, butt ending, head butting or kicking or Match penalties, or any penalty requiring a suspension under USA Hockey rule 601 within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Failure to do so shall result in the Game Referee forfeiting his game fee and possible suspension of the referee by the Referee in Chief or the NYSAHA Referee in Chief for the Eastern Zone.
- 3) Coaches, Game Supervisors and Governors shall not write upon the score sheet, except to sign their names, nor shall any referee write a game report on the front or back of a score sheet. Referees shall submit game reports on special forms provided by the League. Coaches, Game Supervisors and Governors may also submit game reports but shall not write these upon the score sheets.
- 4) The Scorekeeper for each game shall be responsible to scan the scoresheet using "Genius Scan" (a free cell phone app) and to email the scanned score sheet to "liahlcoresheets@gmail.com within 48 hours. The Home team retains the score sheets. Failure to mail the score sheet will result in a \$25.00 fine per sheet within 7 days of completion of the game.

## J. Referee Fees

Games are assigned by the LIAHL designated referee association

Fees are as follows plus an additional 5% for the assignors fee plus \$4.00 for statistician

<b>18U T1</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18U T2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
Referee	\$104.50	\$5.23	\$109.73	Referee	\$96.40	\$4.82	\$101.22
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Linesman	\$69.67	\$3.48	\$73.15	Linesman	\$64.13	\$3.21	\$67.34
Linesman	\$69.67	\$3.48	\$73.15	Linesman	\$64.13	\$3.21	\$67.34
			<b>\$365.76</b>				<b>\$327.48</b>
<b>16U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
Referee	\$92.04	\$4.60	\$96.64	Referee	\$90.28	\$4.30	\$94.58
Referee	\$92.04	\$4.60	\$96.64	Linesman	\$59.17	\$2.96	\$62.13
Linesman	\$61.35	\$3.07	\$64.42	Linesman	\$59.17	\$2.96	\$62.13
Linesman	\$61.35	\$3.07	\$64.42				<b>\$218.84</b>
			<b>\$322.12</b>				
<b>12U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
Referee	\$70.85	\$3.54	\$74.39	Referee	\$54.29	\$2.71	\$57.00
Referee	\$70.85	\$3.54	\$74.39	Referee	\$54.29	\$2.71	\$57.00
			<b>\$148.78</b>				<b>\$114.00</b>
<b>8U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Girls 10U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
Referee	\$37.40	\$1.87	\$39.27	Referee	\$54.70	\$2.73	\$57.44
			<b>\$39.27</b>	Referee	\$54.70	\$2.73	\$57.44
							<b>\$114.88</b>
<b>Girls 12U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Girls 14U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
Referee	\$64.20	\$3.21	\$67.41	Referee	\$78.58	\$3.93	\$82.81
Referee	\$64.20	\$3.21	\$67.41	Referee	\$78.58	\$3.93	\$82.81
			<b>\$134.82</b>				<b>\$165.62</b>
<b>Girls 16U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Girls 19U</b>	<b>Assign</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
Referee	\$82.50	\$4.33	\$86.83	Referee	\$86.62	\$4.33	\$90.96
Referee	\$82.50	\$4.33	\$86.83	Referee	\$86.62	\$4.33	\$90.96
			<b>\$173.66</b>				<b>\$181.92</b>

## K. Scheduling and Standings

### 1) Game Cancellations or Changes to the League Schedule

- a) Cancellation of league games shall not be permitted after the season ending date announced at the schedulers meeting, except in the case of emergency, or if approved by the LIAHL commissioner.
- b) Any unauthorized postponement or cancellation of a scheduled game shall result in a forfeit of the

game. In addition, the canceling team will be required to reimburse the host team for the cost of the ice, referees fees and will be required to supply replacement ice, if requested by the offending team. If the member refuses to pay the fine, all games with that member shall be suspended.

## 2) Start of Game

- a) A team that does not appear on the ice for the start of a scheduled game shall be required to pay for the ice time, referee and linesmen fees. The offending Team shall also be required to supply replacement ice, if requested by the offended Team. No team shall forfeit a League game intentionally or otherwise except by the express determination of the Commissioner. All no shows shall be reported to the Commissioner.
- b) If a team refuses to start a game when directed to do so by the referee, the referee shall assess a bench minor penalty to the offending team.

## 3) Rest Period

One minute of rest shall be permitted between periods for all games. The rules of Delay of Game shall be enforced.

## 4) League Schedule

- a) League games shall be completed by a designated/declared date announced at the beginning of each season. Except when exempted by the Commissioner. This date may vary between “AAA”, “AA” and “A” division. Any member refusing to complete the league schedule shall be fined \$1000.00 for each game involved. The Commissioner shall review all un-played games and determine if and how to count the missing games in the standings on a game by game basis.
- b) No league member shall be required as part of the league schedule, to play more than one team from another association within any given age and tier classification.

## 5) Standings

- a) The standard point system (two (2) points for a win, one (1) for a tie and none for a loss), applied to all league games played amongst divisional teams will determine the official division standings. These division standings will be used to determine the LIAHL season champions, determine the LIAHL playoff contestants only, to determine the NYS Tournament Qualification participant. The official league standings will be produced by the league statistician.
- b) At seasons' end, ties to determine LIAHL season champions and LIAHL playoff contestants shall be broken per the NYSAHA tie-breaking rules.
- c) If two or more New York State tournament bound teams are tied at the end of the regular season, the NYSAHA tie-breaking rules will be used to determine which team(s) participate in the State Tournament.

## 6) Scheduling Games

a) When scheduling games on Marathon Sunday, the league schedulers take into consideration the commuting of teams into and exiting the five boroughs of New York City. No team should have a scheduled league game which would require a team to commute to or from the five boroughs of NYC. Nassau and Suffolk County teams can schedule games against other Nassau and Suffolk teams, but no game should be scheduled by Nassau and Suffolk West teams against NYC teams. NYC teams should refrain from scheduling games against each other on Marathon Sunday.

b) Whereas on the day of Super Bowl Sunday, no team have a scheduled game past the time of 3:00 PM league wide.

## L. League Playoffs

1) The playoff format shall be determined by the Board. The 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher at each age classification shall host the semi final playoff game at the host team's expense. Date for the semi-finals will be determined at the scheduler's meeting. All championship games will be played at a site to be determined by the Board.

2) If a division has 6 or less teams, no semi-finals will be played. The first place team will play the second place team for the championship.

3) Entries in State Tournaments will be filled in order of regular season finish according to the official League standings. Ties will be broken per NYSAHA tie-breaker rules. Dates, time and location to be determined by the East Zone President.

4) If a playoff game (semi-final or final) is tied following regulation play, the two teams shall play "Sudden Death" overtime periods, ten (10) minutes stop time followed by a 3 man shoot out and entire different set of shooters until a winner is determined.

5) The Referee-in-Chief or the Assistant Referee-in-Chief shall be in attendance at all playoff games. In the event that the playoff schedule does not permit either the Referee-in-Chief or the Assistant Referee-in-Chief to attend a playoff game due to games being scheduled simultaneously or close together in time but at different rinks, the Referee-in-Chief shall appoint an acting Supervisor of Officials for that game.

## M. Player and Coach Movement Rules and Regulations

1) Releases shall be granted to any individual on any level AAA, AA, A that has submitted a formal letter of Request of Release to the President or Governor of the organization he or she wishes to leave, within the time frame specified, provided that player has met his/her financial obligations. This timeframe shall commence at the conclusion of the NYSAHA Pee Wee Tournament for 8U, 10U 12U age levels. This timeframe will commence at the conclusion of the National tournaments for 14U, 15U, 16U and 18IU age levels.

2) An approved release allows the individual to tryout for only one team at a time during its tryout period. The release form shall be kept by the organization and not returned unless that player is cut from the team.

- 3) No player shall be allowed on ANY tryout ice unless he or she has the original copy of the release given to him or her by their former organization and has the seal of the organization granting the release..
- 4) Players with a valid release form shall be allowed to try out for ONLY ONE organization at a time. An acknowledgement form must be completed and signed by the player and parent/guardian requesting the release attesting that they are aware of and have read all rules contained in Section M herein. If a player is found to be trying out for more than one team at the same time, the players/parents will be required to attend a hearing before the LIAHL Disciplinary Committee, The acknowledgement form can be found in the Glossary.
- 5) The purpose of the player movement rule is not to stop the free transfer of players between members by personal choice of players and/or parents. However, it is intended to prohibit raiding by one member of another's personnel and the enticing of individual players or group of players for the express purpose of depleting other member(s) of personnel and the formation of a super team.
- 6) No member of the LIAHL shall accept a player into their program who was rostered by another member of the LIAHL in the previous season without the express permission of the member with whom the player was rostered. This rule shall apply to all players Mite moving to Squirt and older. Recreation League players and players moving up to Junior are specifically excluded.
- 7) Any player, parent or coach who attempts to circumvent the player movement rules, including recruitment violation(s), as defined by the LIAHL is automatically suspended for at least the remainder of the season, or for any period of time as determined by the LIAHL Disciplinary Panel.
- 8) After a player/parent and association signs the NYSAHA Player Association Commitment Form. said player will not be permitted to move to another association until the conclusion of the season as defined herein, absent extenuating circumstances. This rule applies to pre-season brush- and clinics. Any player wishing to attend a pre-season brush-up clinic for an association other than the one he/she was last registered with must present a fully executed release (signed by player, parent and former association) and "Acknowledgement of Player Movement Rules" form referenced to in (4) above. Any association which permits a player to participate in a pre-season brush-up, clinic and/or tryout without requesting both a Release and Acknowledge Form is subject to discipline pursuant to the LIAHL recruiting rule violations.
- 9) This release policy is for all players regardless of what organization they play for. No Organization that fields multi-level teams can protect players within its organization.
- 10) No team shall sign more than one Mite level player from another organization without waiver from the original organization.
- 11) Player Acceptance:
  - a) Any organization with a component team that wishes to accept two (2) or more players from other associations, shall immediately notify, in writing, the League Commissioner that such movement has occurred. Upon notification the League Commissioner will take those measures necessary to ensure that the best interests of amateur hockey are served.
  - b) No organization shall accept more than (2) released players per USA Hockey Age Classifications, from any one organization, with the exception of item 15c.

- c) The League Commissioner will make the final decision on movement of mite players.
- d) These rules shall include final year 8U through 18U.

12) No LIAHL organization shall contact a coach from another LIAHL organization or a currently registered LIAHL coach shall contact another LIAHL organization until the end of the LIAHL league play which is defined as the last day/date a league game is played. Any violation of this rule will disqualify the coach for the following season and/or the LIAHL organization will be brought before the Board for charges of recruitment.

## **N. Try-out Scheduling/Sequencing/Coordination**

- 1) Regardless of Tier or age classification, tryouts must be scheduled within the following parameters:
  - a) Tier I (AAA) Associations may start tryouts for 8U, 10U, 12U age classifications on the first day following the completion of the NYSAHA 12U tournament. Tryouts must be completed no later than 7 days from the end of NYSAHA 12U tournament
  - b) Tier I (AAA) associations may start tryouts for 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U on the first day following the completion of the USAH National Championships for the aforementioned age classifications. Tryouts must be completed no later than 7 days from the end of the USAH National Tournament.
  - c) Tier II (AA) organizations may begin tryouts for 8U, 10U, 12U age classifications no earlier than 7 days from the end of the NYSAHA 12U tournament.
  - d) Tier II (AA) may start tryouts for 14U, 16U, 18U no earlier than 7 days following the completion of the USAH National Championships for the aforementioned age classifications.
  - e) Tier III (A) Associations may start tryouts for 8U, 10U, 12U no earlier than 14 days following the completion of the NYSAHA 12U Tournament.
  - f) Tier III (A) Associations may start tryouts for 14U, 16U, 18U no earlier than 14 days following the completion of the USAH National Championships for the aforementioned classifications.
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  - a) The foregoing sequence will ensure that every player has the opportunity to seek the highest level of play he/she wishes to compete at without forfeiting the opportunity to try out for a lower level of competition should he/she not make a team at the higher level.
  - b) Any association seeking a waiver to the above tryout timeframes must make a written request to the LIAHL Commissioner not later than 15 days prior to the NYSAHA 12U tournament for the 8U, 10U, 12U age levels; and no later than 15 days prior to the start of the USAH National Championships at the 14U, 15U, 16U 18U age levels.
  - c) The request for the waiver must specify the reason(s) why the waiver is requested. The LIAHL Commissioner will issue a decision in writing (e-mail) within 14 days of his receipt of the request.
- 3) All organizations must forward via e-mail their tryout dates and times and LIAHL designated playing level to the Commissioner for publication (e.g., NYSAHA tournament-bound AAA, NYSAHA non-tournament bound ) on the LIAHL web-site at least 2 weeks prior to their occurrence.



**O. Game Supervisors, Safety and Spectator Control**

- 1) Spectators at LIAHL games are expected to conduct themselves with decorum at all times, and in accordance with the LIAHL Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct and USA Hockey's Zero Tolerance Policy.
- 2) The Game Supervisor shall have ultimate responsibility for safety, game conditions and spectator control.
- 3) Prior to the start of the game, the Game Supervisor shall identify himself or herself to the Game Officials and to the Visiting Coach or Manager. Prior to the game, the Game Supervisor shall print his or her name in the space provided on the score sheet. During the game, the Game Supervisor shall place himself or herself in such a position as to be accessible to the Game Officials in case of a problem or question.
- 4) Abuse or harassment of league officials by spectators shall be reported to the Commissioner by the organization's governor.
- 5) In the event that any or all spectators become unruly or otherwise disrupt the progress of a game, the Game Supervisor shall warn the spectators involved to discontinue behavior or the spectators involved will be dismissed from the rink.
- 6) Prior to clearing the rink of any spectators, the Game Referee shall first consult with the Game Supervisor, Referee-in-Chief, or any Governor, if in attendance at the game. If the Referee-in-Chief is present, his decision shall be final. If a Governor or Game Supervisor is present, his decision shall supersede that of the Game Referee or Referee-in-Chief. Failure of the Home Organization to rectify crowd control problems may result in a fine of \$250.00 with the approval of the Board of Governors.
- 7) In the absence of the Referee-in-Chief, any Governor or a Game Supervisor, the Game Referee shall have the authority to clear the rink of any and all spectators if he deems necessary.
- 8) The Game Supervisor may suspend or discontinue the game at his/her sole discretion under the following conditions:
  - a) Failure or breakage of rink equipment making it impossible to continue or endangering the safety of players, Game Officials or spectators.
  - b) Insufficient number of players remaining to continue the game.
  - c) At his or her own discretion and/or at the request of the Game Referee, Coach or Manager for reasons of safety.
  - d) Notification by rink officials that time has run out.

**P. Suspensions and Resolutions of Disputes**

- 1) All players, coaches, team representatives, on/off ice and league officials have the right to a hearing regarding suspensions imposed upon them by the league. The process is as follows:

- a) The party requesting a hearing must do so through his home association(s) league Governor. If it concerns a league official, (Governor or Board Member), it can be made directly.
  - b) The Governor will contact the Commissioner with the request.
  - c) Upon receipt of the request, the Commissioner will first conduct an informal hearing. He will gather all relevant information pertaining to the suspension in question. He will attempt to speak with all involved parties, including the athlete or person to whom the suspension applies. He will review the incident with the Referee-In-Chief, Deputy Commissioner and/or other members of the league Disciplinary Committee. The suspension may be modified; increased, decreased or negated entirely as a result of this informal hearing.
  - d) The results of the informal hearing will be reviewed with the home association league Governor. The Governor will contact the suspended party. If the suspended party agrees to accept the results of the informal hearing, the matter is considered resolved. If the suspended party is not satisfied, a date will be established for a formal hearing. The date of the formal hearing must transpire within fifteen days from the date of first appeal.
  - e) A formal hearing will be conducted by no less than three people; the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Referee-In-Chief (acting only as liaison or advisor), or a Board of Director member who is assigned as a member of the Disciplinary Committee. The suspended party and as many witnesses as required to the incident will be asked to attend. If the suspended party is a minor, his parents will be asked to attend. The referee or league official imposing the actual suspension will be asked to attend. If the official is unavailable, a written statement will be accepted on their behalf. All decisions of the hearing committee will be final. The player has the right to appeal the league decision to the New York State Affiliate of USA Hockey if he/she is still unhappy with the suspension.
- 2) USA Hockey By-Laws #10, B, I, refer to a summary suspension. Although there is no valid interpretation by USA Hockey of a summary suspension, the following is based on an opinion rendered by Peter Lindberg, VP Legal Council, USA Hockey. A summary suspension is an interim measure to allow the suspending authority the means necessary to conduct a thorough investigation of the charges before conducting a hearing. A summary suspension would normally be directed at coaches or other adult persons who are charged with the supervision of minor age players and are accused of sexual or physical abuse.
  - 3) All complaints submitted to the Commissioner of the LIAHL shall be passed on to the LIAHL Disciplinary Committee and/or Zone Vice President by the Commissioner within twenty (20) days of receipt. The LIAHL Disciplinary Committee of the LIAHL must hear all non-player hearings within forty-five (45) days of the submission of a complaint by a Governor or the President of an Organization.

#### Q Mandatory Coaches Meetings

- 1) All New coaches and any coach who has not coached in the LIAHL for the last two regular seasons are/is required to attend a mandatory coaches meeting to be scheduled by the Executive Board. Failure to attend a meeting will result in the coach's immediate suspension following the last scheduled meeting.
- 2) Starting with the 2019-20 season, LIAHL coaches cards will be valid for the period of time between date of issue and the new rule change year for USAH.

- 3) All returning coaches who are not required to attend a meeting will be required to sign a “Coaches Certification Form” acknowledging he/she is/will be duly certified at the USAH for the level at which he/she is coaching for the upcoming season and that he/she is coaching has printed a copy and read the LIAHL “Rules and Regulations” for the upcoming season (The requisite form can be found in the glossary).
- 4) It is the responsibility of each Governor to ensure their coaching staffs have complied with the above and each governor must submit their Coaches Certifications no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) Any request for a waiver of number 1, 2 and or 3 above must be made and approved by the Commissioner of the LIAHL.

## **R. Scholarship Eligibility and Awards**

- 1) The LIAHL, Inc. intends to provide up to three (3), One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000.00) scholarships to participants in league activities who will be entering an accredited institution of higher learning (College, University or Community College where students may earn an Associates or Bachelor’s degree, and the institution is accredited by the appropriate Department of Education in the state where it is located) within one (1) year of graduation from high school. The scholarships will be awarded based on the recommendations of teachers and guidance counselors at their high school and based on the quality of an essay which will be judged and graded by an accredited high school or college instructor.
- 2) Applicants must be participants in the youth hockey programs of the League or member organizations and must be graduating high school seniors to apply. Recipients must enter an accredited institution during the fall or winter semester following high school graduation.
- 3) Scholarship recipients are required to show proof of attending an institute of higher learning through the submission of a letter on the institution’s letterhead indicating their acceptance and attendance at the institution and signed by an appropriate official of that institution. Scholarships will be distributed directly to the recipients upon receipt of evidence of attendance and enrollment.
- 4) All applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the following:
  - Referee in Chief
  - Director of Public Relations
  - Independent Accredited High School or College Instructor
- 5) The determination of how to award the available scholarships is based upon the following:
  - The grade applied to the essay as determined by the independent instructor.
  - The recommendations of teachers and guidance counselors.
  - Participation in League activities.
  - Public Service participation of the applicant.
- 6) Upon review of the application and documents submitted by each applicant, the review committee will bring the names of the proposed recipients before the Governors of the League. The Governors will vote on the acceptance of the committee’s recommendations and approve their selection by a simple majority vote. Governors may not vote to confirm any scholarship for themselves or any relative.