



2018-2019 PROPOSED SCAHA RULE CHANGES

SCAHA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 17 - General

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17.14 In the event that a game official or League official deems it necessary to eject a spectator, the following shall occur:

- a) The spectator will be ejected and shall leave the rink property and shall not be allowed re-entry to the property for a minimum of three (3) hours.
- b) The scoresheet shall be documented that an ejection occurred. Whenever possible, the spectator’s name should be documented on the scoresheet. The referee will file a report within 24 hours with the League.
- c) The club of the offending spectator shall be fined up to \$250 per ejection, payable to the League within 30 days.
- d) The spectator will immediately be suspended from all USA Hockey activities for 30 days.
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- d) The spectator will immediately be suspended from all USA Hockey activities for 30 days.
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17.16 Any player or coach who is given a penalty as a result of using a racial slur will be immediately suspended for 30 days pending a hearing. The racial slur must be documented on the scoresheet or in the referee's report as a Game Misconduct for a racial slur.

Proposed 17.16 Any player or coach who is given a penalty as a result of using **language that is offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game will be immediately assessed a match penalty** and suspended for 30 days pending a hearing. The **offensive, hateful or discriminatory language** must be documented on the scoresheet or in the referee's report as a **601(e3) Game Misconduct** ~~for a racial slur.~~

Section 19 - Registration Requirements for Players

19.04 No 8U aged player may play up.

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Section 23 - Team Eligibility

23.01 Block Recruitment occurs when more than the approved number of players from a final team roster in the previous season is rostered with a different club's team in the new season. The team will not be included in the SCAHA schedule and will be ineligible for post-season playoffs. The approved numbers of players that may join a team from a different club's previous season roster are as follows: 10U - 5 players; 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U - 6 players.

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Section 24 - Managers/Volunteers

24.01 It is the responsibility of all volunteers to complete the following before participating with any team or association

- a) Complete the CAHA mandated screening (every two years) and appear on the Compliance List
- b) Register with USA Hockey as a volunteer no fee.
- c) Complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training (every two years – no fee). Submit completion certificate to the club.
- d) Register on-line with SCAHA website (no fee).



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Section 25 - Coaches

25.01 It is the responsibility of all coaches to complete the following before participating with any team or association:

- a) Complete the CAHA mandated screening (every two years) and appear on the Compliance List.
- b) Register with USA Hockey as a coach.
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New 25.03 All age appropriate student coaches (refer to USA Hockey) must audit a CEP Level 1 coaching clinic prior to December 31 unless their club has an earlier completion date. In addition, a completed signed student coaching form must be submitted to the league before rostering.

Housekeeping changes: renumbering of 25.03; 25.04, 25.05 & 25.06

Section 27 - SCAHA Games

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27.10 No cancellations of games listed on the master schedule will be permitted. Any team ('A' or 'B') refusing to play a game at any time in the preseason, regular or playoff seasons, will forfeit the game, and pay forfeiture fees. Note: forfeiture fees are the cost of ice and officials, plus an additional \$500 fine will apply. Clubs must pay forfeiture fees and fines to SCAHA within 30 days of notice. SCAHA shall facilitate both the collection and reimbursement of these fines.

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27.11 Tier II teams may reschedule games as long as the following criteria are met:

- a) Both teams must agree to the new date, time, and location of the rescheduled game before notifying the League Ice Convener and CAHA Tier II Commissioner.
- b) The new date, time, location must be submitted to League Ice Convener and CAHA Tier II Commissioner no less than 10 days of the original scheduled game for approval.
- c) Must receive written approval from the CAHA Tier II Commissioner no less than 7 days of the original scheduled game.
- d) Must receive approval from the League Ice Convener no less than 7 days of the original scheduled game.
- e) The rescheduled game must be played within 30 days of the original game. Failure to play the rescheduled game within 30 days will result in a \$100 fine.
- f) Only one reschedule request may be approved per scheduled game.
- g) If the away team requested the reschedule, they shall reimburse the home team for the full cost of the ice for the game.
- h) The original scheduled home team is always responsible for the official fees.
- i) Disputes regarding the rescheduling of games shall be handled by the League whose decision will be final.
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- e) ~~d)~~ The rescheduled game must be played within 30 days of the original game. Failure to play the rescheduled game within 30 days ~~will~~ **may** result in a ~~\$100~~ **\$250** fine.
- e) **All rescheduled SCAHA Tier II games must be played by the last SCAHA Tier II League scheduled weekend.**
- f) Only one reschedule request may be approved per scheduled game.
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27.13 SCAHA will reschedule and determine the venue for games in the event of documented “loss of ice”. Loss of ice is defined as:

- a) No available ice due to rink scheduling. The rink must document such loss of ice on rink letterhead and direct in writing to the League Commissioner and Ice Convener 30 days in advance of the date of affected game(s). Usable ice slots shall accompany this letter to facilitate the rescheduling of games.
- b) “Act of God” which shall be defined as:
 - No ice due to mechanical failure
 - Natural disaster or condition preventing access to the rink or a natural condition exists that creates such a safety concern that the League deems it necessary to reschedule a game. Such natural disaster or condition must be documented by State/Local authorities.

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c) Unsafe ice

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27.21 For A/B teams, the home club is responsible for the distribution of the scoresheets. The home club must enter all game statistics and upload a legible scanned copy of the scoresheet on the SCAHA website by 10pm of the following Monday after the game date. Clubs failing to complete the scoresheet procedures will be warned by the League Statistician. Upon second notification, the club will be assessed a \$50 fine per late scoresheet.



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Proposed 27.21 For ~~A/B~~ all teams (**A/B, Tier II and Girls**), the home club is responsible for the distribution of the scoresheets. The home club must enter all game statistics and upload a legible scanned copy of the scoresheet on the SCAHA website by 10pm of the following Monday after the game date. Clubs failing to complete the scoresheet procedures will be warned by the League Statistician. Upon second notification, the club will be assessed a \$50 fine per late scoresheet.

27.25 All noisemakers are prohibited. If any on-ice official deems a noisemaker to be disruptive, they can direct the spectator to desist or leave the arena. Club personnel with League approval are also empowered to determine if the noisemaker is disruptive. All spectators are expected to cooperate fully with the officials.

Proposed 27.25 All noisemakers are prohibited **during all league games. A noisemaker is defined as any object/device or action intended to produce a loud noise.** If any on-ice official **or league official** deems a **spectator's** noisemaker to be disruptive, they can direct the spectator to desist or leave the arena. Club personnel with League approval are also empowered to determine if the noisemaker is disruptive. All spectators are expected to cooperate fully with the officials.

Section 29 - Player Movement

29.01 Only rostered players are eligible to participate in SCAHA games. Players may not try out in SCAHA Preseason or Regular Season games. Prior to October 31st, players may move to a lower skill level. Movement down becomes permanent for that season. Prior to December 31st, players may move to a higher skill level. Movement after these deadlines will render a player post-season ineligible. No player may be cut or dropped after December 1. (See CAHA Rule 6.17)

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Proposed 29.02 Player Movement Chart (see next page)



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PLAYER MOVEMENT	REMOVED:	ADDED:	POST SEASON ELIGIBLE
TIER I TO TIER I	DROP BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER I TO TIER II	DROP BY 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	YES
	DROP 12/31	11/1 - 12/31	NO
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER I TO 'A'	DROP BY 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	YES
	DROP 12/31	BY 12/31	NO
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER I TO 'B'	PLAYER MOVEMENT NOT ALLOWED		
TIER II TO TIER I	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
TIER II TO TIER II	DROP BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER II TO 'A'	DROP BY 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	YES
	DROP 12/31	11/1 - 12/31	NO
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
TIER II TO 'B'	DROP BY 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	YES
	DROP 12/31	11/1 - 12/31	NO
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
'A' TO TIER I	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES



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'A' TO TIER II	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
'A' TO 'A'	DROP BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
'A' TO 'B'	DROP BY 10/31	11/1 - 12/31	YES
	DROP 12/31	11/1 - 12/31	NO
	CUT BY 12/1	BY 12/31	YES
'B' TO TIER I	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
'B' TO TIER II	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
'B' TO 'A'	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES
'B' TO 'B'	BY 12/31	BY 12/31	YES

Section 30 - Permanent Player Releases

30.03 All requests for Personal Preference and Competitive Advancement releases must be in writing. The club has seven (7) days to acknowledge the request and 14 days to respond with an official determination or the matter will be referred to the League for resolution.

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Eliminate Rules 30.05 & 30.06

Housekeeping ~ re-number remaining rules in section

Section 32 - Tournament & Exhibition Games

32.05 All SCAHA teams participating in tournaments or exhibition games must submit an online scoresheet to the SCAHA Statistician for all games in which the team participated within five (5) days of the last game played.

Proposed 32.05 All SCAHA teams participating in tournaments **and/or** exhibition games must submit an online scoresheet **and complete an online game summary form on the SCAHA website** to the SCAHA Statistician for all games in which the team participated within ~~five (5)~~ **two (2)** days of the last game played.



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Section 35 - Accountability, Discipline, Suspension & Expulsion

35.07 Any player or coach who leaves the game bench or penalty box during an altercation shall result in the team's Head Coach (or designated Head Coach) being suspended for 30 days or until a hearing is held. Players involved will be subject to supplementary disciplinary action as allowed under USA Hockey Rule 4.10(a).

Proposed 35.07 Any player or coach who leaves the game bench or penalty box during an altercation shall result in the team's Head Coach (or designated Head Coach) **will be immediately assessed a Match penalty and** suspended for 30 days or until a hearing is held. Players **and coaches** involved will be subject to supplementary disciplinary action as allowed under USA Hockey Rule 4.10(a).

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35.27 SCAHA clubs must appoint a Discipline Committee that consists of a chairperson and at least two (2) members. No suspension of a club member shall be imposed without providing the member the right to a hearing. Any request to a club for a hearing must be submitted to the club in writing within ~~seven (7)~~ **fourteen (14) days** of the suspension. Failure to provide a hearing within thirty (30) days of the suspension shall void the suspension by the club.