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SCAHA Bylaws:

- 16.02 Appeals - Any party disputing the decision of a person or committee established by the Executive Committee under the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of SCAHA may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors of SCAHA. **Pursuant to USA Hockey Bylaw 10.E, a written Statement of Appeal must be submitted, received and accompanied with a certified check of \$250 payable to SCAHA within fourteen (14) days from receipt of the decision.** The Board of Directors shall consider the appeal at a special meeting or the next regularly scheduled meeting (except the Annual meeting or Rules and Elections meeting), whichever is sooner. The Board of Directors or the SCAHA Commissioner may require a fourteen (14) period to review the material prior to any dispute meeting. Any party disputing the decision of the Executive Committee may, after a review by the Board of Directors, appeal the decision to CAHA following the procedures set out in the CAHA Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. CAHA decisions may be appealed to USA Hockey subject to the procedures in the USA Hockey Bylaws and other applicable USA Hockey Rules and Regulations.

SCAHA Rules and Regulation:

- 17.08 During the regular playing season, the Club shall have the right to suspend any player who has become financially delinquent. Clubs must have a policy regarding delinquencies **in place**. ~~that gives a 14 day notice to the player and parents to clear the delinquency. Upon notification by a club, the League shall place the player on the league wide delinquency list and the player will not be removed until the club has notified the League that the player is financially clear.~~
- 17.14 In the event that a game official or League official deems it necessary to eject a spectator, the following shall occur:
- 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.
 - If and when possible**, 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 **ideally** within 24 hours with the League.
 - The club of the offending spectator shall be fined up to \$500 per ejection, payable to the League within 30 days. Each offending spectator shall pay the \$500 fine to the club.
 - The spectator will immediately be suspended from all USA Hockey activities for 30 days.
 - The team Manager is responsible for facilitating compliance with this rule including assisting with identification of the offending party for the scoresheet.
- 17.15 Zero Tolerance: **Spectators**, Coaches, **team managers**, players, **and** parents, ~~or any other spectator~~ are **prohibited from discussing any part of the game with** **approaching** the officials as the officials are coming off the ice and are walking to their lockerroom. Any abusive language towards an official will result in a spectator ejection. **Any complaints regarding officiating should be directed to the team's club president. (refer to CAHA Rule 6.13-1)**

New 17.16 Multiple Spectator Ejections: (mirrors CAHA proposed rule change – pending ratification by CAHA Board)

- Persons receiving a second spectator ejection at any time in the same ~~or subsequent~~ playing seasons, shall be permanently banned from attending any SCAHA sanctioned games in the State of California. (refer to CAHA Rule 6.13-2.6)**
- Teams that have incurred multiple spectator ejections at any time in the same season may be subject to a ban on parent/spectator attendance of the team's games for all future games of said team for the remainder of the ~~team's~~ season at SCAHA's discretion. (refer to CAHA Rule 6.13-2.7)**



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- 18.03 A player whose name is on the delinquency list, and is permitted to tryout, and/or sign an LOI will be fined a sum of \$500 payable to the League. Clubs are responsible in verifying the league wide delinquency list prior to players participating in tryouts and/or rostering. The club allowing the tryout may also be sanctioned. **Furthermore, clubs with multiple instances of rostering their own players that are still on the Delinquency Lists are automatically may be precluded from using the league wide delinquency lists in the future seasons. \$500 per instance. (refer to CAHA Rule 6.3-4)**
- 21.02 **All team must have a head coach and team manager rostered (refer to CAHA Section 2).** Each team shall be entitled to register 20 active players. In order to compete in the SCAHA regular season, 10U and 12U teams must have 10 players; 14U, 16U and 18U teams must have 12 players. (Refer to CAHA Guidebook for Tier teams.)
- 24.01 It is the responsibility of all managers/volunteers to use their legal name when completing the following before participating with any team or association (refer to CAHA Rule 2.1-3).
- a) Register with USA Hockey as a manager/volunteer and must use legal name when registering.
 - ~~b) Complete the CAHA USA Hockey mandated screening (every two years). and appear on the Compliance List.~~
 - c) Complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training (every year). Submit completion certificate to the club.
 - d) Register on-line with SCAHA website.
 - e) Managers must complete LOI with Club.
- 25.01 It is the responsibility of all coaches to use their legal name when completing the following before participating with any team or association: (refer to CAHA Rule 2.1-2).
- f) Register with USA Hockey as a coach and must use legal name when registering.
 - g) Complete the **CAHA USA Hockey** mandated screening (every two years). ~~and appear on the Compliance List.~~
 - h) Complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training (every year) and submit completion certificate to the Club.
 - i) Register on-line with SCAHA website.
 - j) Must complete USA Hockey age specific modules before rostering
 - k) Complete LOI with Club.
 - l) Head Coaches are not allowed to be managers
- 27.01 In all SCAHA games teams must wear their SCAHA approved jerseys; home teams wear their dark jerseys and the away teams wear light jerseys. Players' names on jerseys must match players' names on the official 1-T USA Hockey roster. **Each Player on the game roster must wear visibly unique, identifying numbers and all players shall be dressed uniformly.**



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- 27.16 All teams will provide scoresheet rosters in a League-provided format (using legal name on official USA Hockey roster) for use on all copies of the official scoresheet. Players will be listed in alphabetical order to facilitate proper statistical tracking. ~~All teams will cross off players not in attendance or who are not able to participate on all copies of the scoresheet. Players and/or coaches that have been crossed off the scoresheet arriving after the start of the game will incur a bench minor penalty.~~ Prior to the start of the game eligible Players not in attendance or not able to participate in any game shall be crossed off from the list of players on all copies of the game score sheet. Once the game has started, an eligible player may be added to the scoresheet during a stoppage of play provided no players are crossed off from the game score sheet. For each crossed off player added however, a bench minor penalty for illegal substitution shall be assessed. For all non-SCAHA league games, games must be recorded on a hard copy scoresheet (refer to CAHA Rule 6.17-5).
- 27.19 No parent, coach or spectator is allowed in the penalty box. **No parent, sibling, spectator or fan is allowed on the ice at ANY time for any reason. Any violators may be subject to a \$500 fine and/or supplementary discipline. (refer to CAHA Rule 16.3-10)**
- 31.04 The Temporary Release form must be used for:
- Tournament team participation
 - League special teams
 - Exhibition games
 - Special team tryouts
 - End of Season free and clear**
- 32.04 Any SCAHA team wishing to play in tournaments or exhibition games must notify the SCAHA Statistician in advance of proposed games. The SCAHA Statistician must give permission for these games to be played. These games must not interfere with SCAHA preseason, regular season and or League playoff games. Requests to play are automatically denied if the tournament games conflict with league scheduled games. **Failure to notify the SCAHA League Statistician will result in a \$100 fine per incident.**
- 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 for all games in which the team participated within two (2) days of the last game played. If they are not added in a timely manner, they will not count towards credentialing. **In addition, failure to submit the completed game scoresheets will result in a \$50 fine per game late scoresheet.**
- 32.06 An exhibition game is defined as a contest played against another USA Hockey registered team or member organization of the IIHF. Games include exhibition, sanctioned league play, invitational tournament and sanctioned events. All games played between two member associations must use a minimum two-man officiating system and must be recorded on a scoresheet. Scoresheets must be submitted to the League. Teams that do not comply with this requirement may be fined \$50 per scoresheet and the head coach from each team will be assessed a one (1) game suspension.
- All games played between two member associations must be recorded on a scoresheet and must use a minimum two-man officiating system in order to count towards a team's USA Hockey playing rule requirement; (10/20; 10/14; or 5/10).
 - Scrimmage games are defined as controlled practices between two teams of the same member association. No scoresheet or officials are required to be scheduled. However, whenever two teams from separate member associations are playing, the



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scheduling of a two-man officiating system and the use of a scoresheet is mandatory. (refer to CAHA Rule 6.8)

c) 8U teams are not permitted to play any type of full ice games per affiliate rules; this includes all games as defined above as well as scrimmage games. Teams that do not comply with this requirement may result in the head coach being assessed supplemental discipline and the team assessed fines as determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

d) Youth teams are not permitted to play USA Hockey sanctioned games versus College or Junior teams. Failure to comply is a SafeSport Violation. Coaches will be reported to CAHA and/or the Center for Safesport for possible disciplinary action.

e) USA Hockey sanctioned games between non-checking and checking division teams defaults to the playing rules of the non-checking division team.

34.09 The playing and tournament scoring rules for the SCAHA Post-Season Playoff Tournament will be the same as apply during the regular season except as follows:

- a) All games will be stop-time.
- b) One (1) time-out of 60 seconds is allowed for each team.
- c) If at any time after the start of the 3rd period a seven (7) goal differential exists, the game shall go to running time and shall not revert back.
- d) **Round Robin standings will be determined by points; three (3) points for a win, two (2) points for a win in overtime or shootout, one (1) point for a loss in overtime or shootout and zero (0) points for a loss in regulation.**
- e) In regular playoff games, if at the end of three (3) periods of regulation play the game is tied, the game will continue with one (1) 5-minute "sudden-death" overtime period followed by a 5-man shootout, followed by a 1-man shootout. No player may shoot a second time until the team with the least number of players on its bench has used all its players. In "sudden-death" the winner will be awarded two (2) points for the win and the loser will be awarded one (1) point for the loss.
- f) In Semi-Final and Championship games, the game will continue with regulation-length sudden-death 4 on 4 overtime periods until a winner is determined.

35.02 Any team that participates in a **SCAHA** game with an ineligible player shall forfeit the game. The game shall be recorded as a 1-0 victory for the opposing team. The coach shall also be suspended for minimum of one (1) game while the League investigates the matter. Additional fines/sanctions may also be levied against the coach, parents, player or club.

35.03 Any team, official or player who knowingly allows false information to appear on a player's birth certificate or who makes a false representation to SCAHA shall be suspended for a period to be determined by the **Review Disciplinary** Committee.