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Article 4 - Membership

Moved from 4.12 to 4.11

Member Clubs shall have one (1) name and one (1) jersey style. Tier teams may be excluded from this requirement.

Modified 4.12

Existing Member Clubs who wish to change jersey style, color or logo must ~~seek~~ receive

Executive Committee approval prior to ~~April 1~~st tryouts. Approved changes will go into effect the ~~following~~ upcoming season. Clubs wishing to use a third jersey or special jersey must have Executive Committee approval prior to the jersey being worn

Article 8 – Meetings of the Board of Directors

Modified 8.01

There shall be one (1) meeting which shall be called the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors each year held in May at a time and place fixed by the Executive Committee.

Article 9 – Executive Committee

Modified 9.03

The Executive Committee has the power to impose monetary or other sanctions for violations of the League's Bylaws or Rules, or the policies, procedures, practices and guidelines established by the Executive Committee or the SCAHA Board of Directors.

Article 15 - Bylaws

Modified 15.03

Proposed Bylaw changes may only be made at the Annual meeting at any time during the year. Such proposals must be made to the Executive Committee for review at least 15 days prior to the Annual ~~a Board of Directors~~ Meeting

Section 17 - General

Modified 17.12

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.

Modified 17.13

Players who have previously played for another USA Hockey or Hockey Canada ~~CAHA~~ ~~Canadian~~ club must have a release from the prior club or association, which demonstrates the player is financially "free and clear", before he/she can be registered by a SCAHA club.

Section 18 – Tryouts

Modified 18.01(c)

A & B tryouts (youth) are permitted to begin the ~~second~~ third Friday in June.

Modified 18.04

Player-up teams (more than 25% player-up ~~100% eligible~~ birth year teams) must try-out as follows:

Deleted 18.04(b)

~~Team tryout must be at the appropriate division.~~



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Modified 18.04(c)

The LOI must be signed at the intended level with player-up acknowledgement. Players may not return to their age appropriate level for the remainder of the season.

Deleted 18.04(d)

~~Parents must sign club agreement acknowledging the birth year team is playing up and individual players may not return to their age appropriate level.~~

Deleted 18.04(e)

~~Team can only add players with the same birth year.~~

Modified 18.04(f)

The Executive Committee will review all games played prior to September 15 and reserves the right to decide the level of play ~~Final determination will be made by the League by September 20.~~

Modified 18.06

The LOI is in force from the date of signing until the end of the USA Hockey regular season, which is April 30th of each year.

Section 21 – Registration Requirements for Teams

21.01 - No team can participate in any SCAHA-organized activities without being properly rostered with ~~proper registration with~~ SCAHA, CAHA and USA Hockey.

21.02 — ~~For all SCAHA rostered teams, registration runs from August 1st to April 30th.~~

21.03 - Teams will be registered at the USA Hockey-recognized age division based on the oldest player listed on the roster. Girls' exhibition teams must seek ~~executive board~~ Executive Committee approval to play in the League at the appropriate level of play (without regards to age).

21.07 - ~~Clubs may not roster a team in which 25% of the roster is playing up a division without first receiving Executive Committee approval with the exception of the Mite division which can have 50% or less player ups for the 2014/15 season.~~

22.03 - If a team drops a level of play, the League will immediately void all LOI's upon notification from the club ~~a player must re-establish his/her status with the team:~~

- a) Player has no further financial obligations; player is a free agent, or
- b) Player can sign Sign an LOI at the new level. ~~Void LOI, no further financial obligations, player is a free agent.~~

Section 23 – Manager/Volunteers

Modified 23.01

a) Complete the CAHA mandated screening (every two years) and appear on the Compliance List ~~compliance list.~~

b) Register with USA Hockey as a volunteer (free of charge no fee)

c) Complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training (every two years - no fee ~~renewing every~~). and Submit completion certificate to the association club. ~~(free of charge)~~

d) Register on-line with SCAHA website (free of charge no fee).



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23.02 - Locker Room Attendants: It is the policy of USA Hockey that all Affiliates, Districts, Leagues and local hockey programs have at least one responsible, screened and SafeSport certified adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room.

Section 25 – Coaches/Managers

Modified 25.01

- a) Complete the CAHA mandated screening (every two years) and appear on the compliance list Compliance List.
- b) Register with USA Hockey as a coach.
- c) Complete the USA Hockey SafeSport training (every 2 two years) and submit completion certificate to the association Club (no fee).
- d) Register on-line with SCAHA website (no fee).
- e) Coaching agreement on file with SCAHA Complete LOI with Club

25.02 - All coaches must have proper coaching certification and age-specific modules completed prior to December 4³¹ unless their club has a different completion date.

Section 27 – SCAHA Games

27.01 - In all SCAHA games teams must wear their SCAHA approved jerseys; home teams wear their light jerseys and the away teams wear dark jerseys.

27.02 - A club removing a team(s) after any portion of the schedule is established, ~~for the regular season or preseason,~~ shall be fined \$250 per game scheduled, subject to review by the Executive Committee. Fines will be payable to the League within thirty (30) days. A club owing fines to the League will not be eligible for playoffs until the fine(s) have been paid. All statistics involving games played with teams removed from the schedule will be eliminated from the records of the remaining teams in the division.

27.10 - ~~Once a game has begun, running time may be used to maintain the rink schedule. Games may go to running time only to complete the game in the allocated game slot. The use of running time must be noted on the scoresheet.~~

27.18 All rostered coaches who are present are required to sign the scoresheet and provide their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) number as well as level and date of ~~certification~~ expiration. Non-rostered coaches who sign a scoresheet shall be suspended for one (1) game per offense with additional fines or sanctions to the coach or club as deemed appropriate by the League. Exceptions to this rule will be made at the sole discretion of the League and only when prior approval has been granted.

27.19 - 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.

27.23 - ~~The home team is required to submit an online game scoresheet summary entry using the SCAHA website following each game no later than 10:00 pm on Monday.~~



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27.24 - A notation must be made on the scoresheet for all injuries.

27.26 - Injured or suspended players or goalkeeper may not be on the players' bench.

Section 30 – Permanent Player Releases

30.05 - A Personal Preference Release is defined as a release requested by a player or family for reasons other than competitive advancement.

- a) The player is in good financial standing with the home club.
- b) The release does not reduce the size of the affected team to below the minimum roster requirement. The player is not the team's only goalie.
- c) The club and team that the player is moving to are indicated on the release.

Section 31 – Temporary Releases

31.02 - During the season, temporary releases will be granted at the discretion of the club and can be denied.

Section 32 – Tournament & Exhibition Games

32.05 - Canadian penalties shall be recognized and enforced ~~as provided by CAHA Rule 6.12.~~

Section 33 – Post Season Eligibility

No changes.

Section 34 – Playoffs

Copied USA Hockey Tournament Tie Breaking Rules

Section 35 – Accountability, Discipline, Suspension & Expulsion

35.13(c) - For the second misconduct penalty assessed to the same player during the same game, a game misconduct penalty shall be assessed to that player in lieu of the second misconduct penalty.

35.13(h) Moved from (d) to (h)

- Any team incurring fifteen (15) penalties in one (1) game shall have an automatic Game Misconduct assessed to the Head Coach signing the scoresheet for the affected game. When the Head Coach is not in attendance, the designated Head Coach shall be assessed the Game Misconduct. If no designation is made, all coaches in attendance on the scoresheet shall be assessed the Game Misconduct.

35.19 - Use of tobacco in any form on the game bench or locker room is specifically prohibited. The first offense will result in a one game suspension. The second offense will result in a match penalty.

35.21 - A coach or player serving a suspension may, but is not required to, attend the game for which they are suspended. Suspended players and coaches ~~and team officials~~ may not sit on or near the bench. Coaches/players serving a Game Misconduct are not allowed to be in the locker room with his or her players one (1) hour prior to or one (1) hour after the game. Coaches/players serving Game Misconducts may not be positioned in such a way as to be in close proximity of the game bench. Coaches/players serving Game Misconducts may not communicate with the game bench before, during or after the game in any manner. Violations



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by a coach/player for any of these restrictions will result in immediate suspension pending review by the SCAHA Discipline Committee.

35.23 - There shall be no discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, gender, religion or national origin in any event or program conducted under the auspices of the Southern California Amateur Hockey Association. Alleged violations of this policy are to be immediately brought to the attention of the Commissioner by any member of SCAHA or Member Club. The Executive Committee or Discipline Committee shall review any alleged violations. It should be noted that age and gender would continue to be a factor in determining League programs and policies. In accordance with USA Hockey Rules, any use of racial, religious, ethnic or gender slurs is an automatic Game Misconduct with a 30-day suspension pending a hearing.