
The intent of the Petoskey Ice Arena Night Hockey League is to provide safe, competitive hockey for players of all abilities. The following concerns will be under close scrutiny and subject to suspension:

1. Fighting or use of stick with injurious intent
 2. Intimidation of referees
 3. Alcohol prior to game - referees will remove players deemed intoxicated
 4. Excessive profanity/verbal abuse
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NIGHT HOCKEY LEAGUE **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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Game Play:

Regular Season and Playoffs - All games will be three (3) 18 minute running time periods. The clock will stop the last two minutes of the 3rd period on all referee stoppages as long as there is a 2 goal or less difference and there is time left in the scheduled time slot for that game. The team behind or who scored the last goal will run the clock. There will not be any overtime or shootouts during the regular season. Games clocks will be adjusted to end on time as deemed necessary by the referees and Petoskey Ice Arena.

Division I & II Playoffs – Petoskey Ice Arena will determine the structure of the playoffs based on the number of teams in each division and the ice time available. All playoff games, other than round robin, that end in a tie at the end of regulation will play a 5 minute, sudden-death, overtime at 5 on 5, followed by a shoot-out. The shoot-out will consist of 3 players from each team with the higher seed choosing whether they want to go first or second in the shoot-out. If there is still a tie at the end of the shoot-out, the teams will go one player at a time until a winner is determined. You must go through all players on the bench before having a player shoot for the second time. **All ties in round robin at the end of regulation result in 1 point for each team.

Substitutes/Roster Changes

Division I –

Teams may substitute an even, or worse, rated Division 1 skater up to 10 skaters. Players that are not current paying members of the Night Hockey League Division 1 are not allowed as substitutes under any circumstances. However, rostered Division 2 and Division 3 skaters may be used as substitute players at any time. The opposing teams' captains must be made aware of any substitutions, the rating of the missing and replacement player, and agree to the substitution prior to getting on the ice. Any team caught making illegal substitutions will forfeit the game in question and be banned from making substitutions for the remainder of the season. This ban would not include goalies. Substitutions are not allowed during the playoffs. Goalie substitutions should be done using Division 1 rostered goalies. If no Division 1 goalies are available, the other team's captain should be contacted regarding allowing a Division 2 or previous Division 1 goalie.

Substitution for a rostered, long-term injured or missing player (missing the remainder of the season) is acceptable as long as that player does not have a better rating than the missing player. The replacement player is required to register to play in the league and pay league fees for the remainder of the season. If the player didn't play in Division 1 in the previous season, they're required to skate with the team for

two games to allow the other captains an opportunity to see them play. There will then be a vote of the captains to rate the player, and if they rate the same or worse than the player being replaced, they're eligible. Rosters are frozen 10 days before the first playoff game for replacing players.

When players split the season, only one is allowed on the ice at a time, unless the other is a legal substitute for the game. Split season players are required to split the playoff games as evenly as possible. This includes splitting the round robin games or splitting the number of games played in double elimination rounds and splitting the semifinals and finals. If one player is unable to play, the captains must vote a majority +1 to allow the other split season player to play in more than half of the round robin, double elimination games, or both the semifinals and finals. If they split the first and second half of the season, the player playing in the second half may play in all the playoff games.

****Any player that is delinquent on their league dues from the current or any previous season or currently suspended may not be used as a substitute at any time.**

Division II –

Teams may substitute an even, or worse, rated Division 2 skater up to 10 skaters. Players that are not current paying members of the Night Hockey League Division 2 are not allowed as substitutes under any circumstances. The opposing teams' captains must be made aware of any substitutions, the rating of the missing and replacement player, and agree to the substitution prior to getting on the ice. Any team caught making illegal substitutions will forfeit the game in question and be banned from making substitutions for the remainder of the season. This ban would not include goalies. Goalie substitutions should be done using Division 2 rostered goalies. If all current division 2 goalies have been contacted and are not available, the other team's captain should be contacted regarding allowing a Division 3 or previous Division 2 goalie.

Division 2 teams are allowed to sub two ratings down, to a max of 10 skaters, during the playoffs. Substitute players must be rostered division 2 skaters and the opposing teams' captains must be made aware of the rating of the missing and replacement player, and agree to the substitution before getting on the ice.

Substitution for a rostered, long-term injured or missing player is acceptable (missing the remainder of the season) as long as that player does not have a better rating than the missing player. The replacement player is required to register to play in the league and pay league fees for the remainder of the season. If the player didn't play in Division 2 in the previous season, they're required to skate with the team for two games to allow the other captains an opportunity to see them play. There will then be a vote of the captains to rate the player, and if they rate the same or worse than the player being replaced, they're eligible. Rosters are frozen 10 days before the first playoff game for replacing players.

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League Dues

League dues will be paid as a lump sum payment at the beginning of the league season or on an installment plan created by Petoskey Ice Arena. The league fee will be set annually by Petoskey Ice Arena. Any player that has a delinquent account will not be allowed to participate in any games following the due date of their payment. If a player has delinquent dues from any previous season, they must pay the delinquent fee, plus a minimum of the 1st installment payment (amount determined by Petoskey Ice Arena), to be eligible to play. Split season skaters will be required to pay the full amount at the beginning of the season.

Drafting:

A snake style draft is used for Division 1 and Division 2. New and returning skaters will be rated by the captains and/or the league annually under the guidance of the rink. Division 1 goalies may be used as captains and are rated like skaters in order starting at 1. Division 1 will draw numbers to pick the draft order. The ratings of the teams two captains are added up to determine the evening out number, which is one more than the worst rated team. The best rated team has the first evening out pick. If two teams have the same rating, a coin flip will be used, and the winner will decide which of the tied teams chooses first. If more than two teams have the same rating, numbers will be drawn to determine the order. If a team can't even out to one above the worst rated team with the first pick (which must be the worst rated player available), they must complete the evening out in the next round. The worst rated team has the last evening pick and the first pick in the first normal round. No team can pass on picking a player at any point in the draft. If there aren't enough players for a team to draft 10 skaters in the draft, they may acquire a tenth player during the season who is rated the same, or worse, than the best rated player drafted in the final round. If players are splitting the season, the best rating of the players is used for drafting and subbing purposes.

After the skaters are drafted, the ratings of all the players on each team are added up to determine the order for picking goalies. The team with the worst overall rating of players has the first pick of goalies and the best overall rated team has the last pick. If two teams have the same rating, a coin flip will be used to determine the order. If more than two teams have the same rating, numbers will be drawn to determine the order. If a team only has 9 players, they will have the rating of the best player in the final round added to their total player rating for determining the order.

New skaters ratings will be reviewed during the winter break by the captains and/or league to ensure fare subbing for the remainder of the season. Any adjustments made have to be at least 2 ratings to be considered.

Penalties

The league will use a two-referee system as often as possible. Respect is to be shown to all players and officials. Officials will be enforcing a **zero tolerance for verbal abuse** policy which will be followed by everyone.

In an effort to reduce injuries, and to promote good sportsmanship, disciplinary action will be taken against any player who accumulates a set number of penalty minutes through the season. Accumulated penalty minutes from the regular season carry over to the playoffs. **If a player acquires a fourth penalty in one game, the player will receive an automatic game misconduct and a one game suspension from the next game. No substitutes will be permitted for suspended players.** The following disciplinary action will be taken for any player accumulating the number of penalty minutes shown:

First 30 minutes	League review and call from the league.
Next 12 minutes (42 total)	One game suspension plus discretionary Disciplinary Committee review. Disciplinary Committee has power to dismiss player for season. Player cannot resume play until he/she receives approval from league President.
Next 9 minutes (51 total)	Three game suspension plus mandatory Disciplinary Committee review. Disciplinary Committee has power to dismiss player for season. Player cannot resume play until he/she receives approval from league President.
Next 9 minutes (60 total)	Automatic dismissal from league. League officials will review eligibility for future seasons.

Game penalties will be as follows:

Minors	3 minutes
Majors	5 minutes
Misconduct	Disqualified for remainder of game (10 minute)
Game misconduct	Disqualified for remainder of game plus one game suspension (10 minute)
Checking	5 minute major penalty

FIGHTING/INTENT TO INJURE

Fighting will not be tolerated

A player's first fighting penalty will result in disqualification from the game, plus an additional one (1) game suspension and a Disciplinary Committee review. This suspension will be in addition to any other suspensions that may be imposed in accordance with league disciplinary actions.

A player's second fighting penalty will result in disqualification from the game and a mandatory Disciplinary Committee review prior to the player being allowed to play another game. This suspension will be in addition to any other suspensions that may be imposed in accordance with league disciplinary actions.

If a fighting infraction occurs at the end of the season, the penalty will carry over to the following year. **There will be no refund of a suspended player's ice fees.** There will be no fighting anywhere in Petoskey Ice Arena or on the grounds.

Disciplinary Committee will review any situations where a player is the victim of an attack and defended them self, but didn't participate, instigate, drop their gloves, or throw punches. Any player found throwing punches, or dropping their gloves with the intent to fight, will be disqualified from the game, plus given a one game suspension and will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Any player deemed by the league, Disciplinary Committee, or the rink to be playing in a dangerous manner, injuring other players, or intimidating other players or refs, may be removed from the league and/or the rink on a temporary or permanent basis without refund of fees paid.

Inappropriate Stick Work/Intent to Injure will not be tolerated

Any inappropriate use of a players stick or intent to injure will not be tolerated and will result in a game misconduct and Disciplinary Committee review. Even if no penalties are called, players or team

representatives may bring any incident to the league and/or rink for review and possible disciplinary action.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Disciplinary Committee will consist of the Petoskey Ice Arena Night Hockey League officials. If the player involved is a member of the committee, that committee member will be asked to abstain from voting. Team representatives of an affected team may be invited to participate in the review. The committee will address disciplinary matters that may arise throughout the year. The committee will have full power to discipline any player for their actions on or off the ice up to, and including, expulsion from the league. Upon request, any player subject to disciplinary action may request a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee, at which time the affected player may present witnesses or introduce evidence on their behalf. All decisions by the committee are final. When possible, reviews will be done via phone, email, and other electronic means.

VOTING

A majority vote is required for all actions involving a vote including, but not limited to, rule changes and disciplinary actions.

Hockey League Officials

Commissioner and Treasurer:	Fedor Fedorov
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