

# **SOUTH JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE**

## **OPERATING POLICY**

### **I. GENERAL**

- A. All rosters shall be locked by December 31<sup>st</sup> for play-off purposes. Any player starting after December 31<sup>st</sup> is not eligible for play-offs.  
To be eligible for playoffs, players must:
1. Play at least one game prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  2. Play a minimum of five (5) regular season games (league games)
- B. All Clubs must be paid in full by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. If payments are not received by deadline, all teams for said club will be ineligible for playoffs.  
Refer to timeline for payments.
1. Initial Payment due in July- \$1000.00 per team that each club declares for the upcoming season.
  2. 40% of the league fee is due in September
  3. 60% of the league fee is due in October
  4. 80% of the league fee is due in November
  5. 100% of the league fee is due in December
  6. Penalty: A surcharge of \$100.00 will be added for each missed payment.
- C. In the event of an altercation which may or may not result in personal injury or property damage, the league will take appropriate action, including possible expulsion from the league, should such incident occur before, during or after any league sanctioned game or activity.
- D. The USA Hockey Rule Book will govern in all cases.
- E. It is the intention of the League to follow rules as dictated by USA Hockey in all circumstances. However, the League reserves the right to review any situation and take action upon any situation, which develops during the course of the year through the recognized team representative. The Person listed on the South Jersey High School Hockey League Representative Contact List for the listed season, will be recognized. No club will have more than three (3) persons on this list.
1. It is the home team's responsibility to be sure that the score sheet is placed at rink 30 to 45 minutes prior to the start of the game.
  2. It is the responsibility of the coaches/managers of each team to have players sign in prior to the start of each game. Make sure roster stickers are on the score sheet before players sign in. **For Suspended players refer to Article VI-G.**
  3. At the end of each game, the scorekeeper will give a copy of score sheet to the home and away team coaches as well as the league statistician.

- F. Should a game be protested, it should be noted on the original copy of the scoresheet.
  - 1. An explanation should be written on the scoresheet.
  - 2. League President should be notified immediately after the game.
  - 3.
- G. Home team is the team that appears first on the schedule.
- H. Mercy Rule:
  - 1. When a seven (7) goal differential exists at or after the beginning of the third period, the game will operate with a running clock. If the differential drops below seven (7) goals, then stop clock will resume.
  - 2. If the difference is 10 goals at or after the beginning of the third period, the game will be ended.
  - 3. Third Period Time: There must be thirty minutes (30) minutes ice time available at the start of the third period to have a fifteen (15) minute period. Whatever the amount of time remains (if less than thirty (30) minutes) should be divided in half, and that amount of time put on the clock. It is the responsibility of the referee to see that this is accomplished.
- I. Each club must have a representative at each monthly meeting. If a club has no representation at two consecutive meetings, a \$50.00 fine will be assessed to said club.
- J. Forfeiting Games: the team that forfeits a game must pay all costs such as referee fees for both teams, scorekeeper fee and ice cost at the discretion of the opposing team.

## II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. **Tier I:** All teams must be pure (players must be enrolled in the high school which the club represents: A pure team is defined as one High School.
- B. **Other Tiers:** The League will determine additional tier levels which will allow for evaluation of skill level and the equalization of play at the level.
  - 1. The league will determine the Tier level assignment.
  - 2. The League will determine and establish residential boundaries for each club beyond Tier I.
  - 3. Teams composed of multiple high schools are strongly encouraged to develop a plan to become pure.
    - a. An impure club may declare two varsity teams with one being pure (from one high school) and another being impure (from the remaining high schools.)
    - b. The club may oversee an impure and pure varsity teams during the period it is moving towards purity.
    - c. A club with multiple varsity teams (pure and impure) may still field one or more impure teams at the junior varsity level.
    - d. During the move towards purity, a club should attempt to create a second club to handle the impure components of the club.

- e. Club Definition: A club is defined as an approved member in the SJHSHL that has been voted into the league and fields a varsity team at a minimum.
4. Vocational and Home-schooled players are eligible to play provided they live in the schools' sending district.
  5. Students attending a small private or parochial school are eligible to play provided they live in the schools sending district, provided their High School does not have an NJSIAA sanctioned team.
- C. Requirements of New Clubs: All new clubs entering the SJHSHL will enter as a pure team.
1. All new clubs must request entry to the league by the May league meeting prior to the season in which the club will be competing. (For example; May 2019 League Meeting- 2019-2020 Hockey season.)
  2. All new clubs must enter the league as a "Pure" club (see II-A.)
  3. A new club may petition the league to play their initial year at **JVA** if club management believes the collective membership's skillset cannot be competitive at the Varsity Level.
  4. During the club's second year in the league, the club is required to field a minimum of one Varsity Tier I team. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of the club's membership to the league.
- D. Students will not be permitted to play for a varsity team until he/she achieves the ninth grade.
- E. All students are eligible to play provided they are with their original graduating class. No student may have more than four (4) years of high school eligibility (NJSIAA Rule.)
- F. Players turning 19 years of age prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> are not permitted to play (NJSIAA Rule.)
- G. All players must meet the proof of eligibility provisions as outlined under registration.
- H. Player Release:
1. All clubs looking to release a player to another team must have approval from the SJHSHL prior to releasing a player.
  2. This request must be done during a monthly meeting and voted upon by all in attendance.
  3. Written notification must be given to both the SJHSHL executive committee as well as the team the player has been released to.
  4. The request for releasing a player is done in special circumstances only. The league will not force the release of a player from a club.
- I. Grandfathering Players: Impure Clubs Moving Toward Purity
1. Clubs that are moving toward Purity may Grandfather a maximum of 3 skaters and one goalie that are Junior or Seniors. Once your club becomes pure (two years) your club must be pure.
  2. Clubs moving toward purity after the grandfather players have graduated must be

totally pure.

3. During the club's second year in the league, the club is required to field a minimum of one Varsity Tier I team. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of the club's membership to the league.

J. Clubs are NOT required to grant a release. Only clubs may provide a release for a player. The league will not force, coerce or cajole a team to release a player to another club.

1. In July all clubs must submit player registration amounts to the league.
2. If club grants a release, the club that picks up the released player must pay the granting club half of the receiving club's registration amount the club charges to the player. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. In the event a club provides a scholarship or waives the registration fee, the receiving club must still pay to the granting club half of the player's waived registration fee.
4. All funds will be handled through each team's league registration fees.

### III. COACHES

#### A. USA HOCKEY CERTIFICATION:

All coaches must enter USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program at Level 1, and must continue their education with a coaching clinic each year until, at a minimum, they achieve Level 3. A coach may attend only one (1) certification clinic per year (not including age-specific requirements). Coaches who do not coach in continuous years must re-enter the program at the next level when they resume coaching responsibilities. Once Level 3 is achieved, periodic renewal [as outlined below] is required for coaches who have not achieved Level 4. Coaches who attain Level 4 certification are not required to attend any further certification clinics but must adhere to the age-specific requirement as outlined below.

In addition to the training above, coaches must also complete online age-specific training modules specific to the level of play they are coaching, if they have not already taken that module. This requirement applies to all coaches at all levels, 1 through 5. Coaches may complete more than one age-specific module in any given season.

Coaching certification at Level 3 is valid for two (2) seasons, as indicated by the expiration date. Coaches must complete the online recertification program in order to recertify their Level 3 certifications. Attending a clinic or workshop is no longer valid for recertifying any certification level. For further information on USA Hockey Coaching regulations refer to [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)  
**Coaching Education Program Rules and Requirements**

- B. The Head Coach of each team must be identified at the start of the season. Each club must submit a copy of each coach's USA coaching certification card. In order to be head coach of a Varsity team, the coach must possess a minimum of USA Hockey Level 4, and JV team, the coach must possess a minimum of USA Hockey Level 3. Assistant Coaches must be working toward a level 4.
- C. Every Coach must advance each year to the next level of coaching status (Varsity Coach- Level 4 and JV Coach Level 3.)
- D. Coaching Modules: All coaches must complete age (High School) modules. **(USA Hockey Rule)**

- E. Each Club is responsible for completing Background Checks on **ALL** coaches and managers. Evidence of completion must be turned into league.
- F. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players before, during and after all games. This includes the locker rooms and the parking lot of the rink.
- G. All coaches and managers are responsible for ensuring that the player's bench is kept clear of individuals not associated with the team during games. This includes friends and /or parents of players. Coaches are also responsible for ensuring that players are not on the ice while it is being cleaned.
- H. If a post-game situation is bad, coaches should keep all players on the bench and talk to them while the situation clears. Forego the usual handshake if necessary.
- I. It is the responsibility of each coach to read the score sheet after each game and to ensure that suspended players are advised of their suspension and not be permitted to play in the next game.
- J. Game misconducts to coaches will normally be assessed in a progressive manner for similar circumstances. Game misconducts caused by the 15-penalty rule do not apply. Supplemental discipline is not a game misconduct.
- K. If a team should incur 15 penalties in a game, the Head coach (identified by the club to the league) will be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty. If the Head coach is not coaching in a game at which the 15 penalties have been assessed, that the Assistant Coach responsible for signing the score sheet will be assessed the Game Misconduct penalty. Game misconduct penalties to a coach whose team incurs 15 penalties will remain at one game for the first and second offences. If a coach incurs a third game misconduct penalty for his team accumulating 15 penalties in a game, the coach will be suspended for one game and the team will have one (1) point deducted from their point total in the standings. If a fourth, 15 penalties Game Misconduct is issued to a head coach, two (2) additional points will be deducted from the point standings of that team and the coach will be suspended until a Coaches Review Committee can determine if that coach should continue coaching in this League. The Coaches Review Committee will be selected from the Board of Directors of the SJHSHL and must meet and arrive at a determination within ten (10) days from the date of the infraction.
- L. All coaches, including assistant coaches must attend at least one of the mandatory coaches' meetings that are held by SJHSHL. If a coach does NOT attend a meeting, he/she will have to serve a one (1) game suspension.
- M. Coaches that are suspended are permitted to view the game from the stands only

#### **IV. PARENTS – GUARDIANS**

- A. By signing the application form, the parent/guardian agrees to abide by the operating rules and procedures of the League.
- B. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the rink area during games or practices.
- C. Parents/Guardians are requested to support the coaches and managers by:
  - 1. Encouraging their child at all times
  - 2. Providing an example of calm and restraint at all games and practices.
  - 3. Follow the Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct (USA Hockey Rules/Regulations)
    - a. The game will be stopped by game officials when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/ spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body.
    - b. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:
      - i. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
      - ii. Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
      - iii. Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.
      - iv. Playing of music during the course of a game is not permitted.
- D. No Parents/Guardians are allowed on the players' bench, penalty box or in the players' area.

## V. **PLAYERS**

- A. Abusive language and actions by players will not be tolerated
- B. Any damage, to person or property, will not be tolerated. Anyone found in violation is subjected to immediate expulsion and is responsible for all payments for damage.
- C. Equipment: All players must wear their full equipment when on the ice. All players must wear a USA Hockey approved helmet and facemask; an internal colored mouthpiece is still required. All players on the bench, whether playing or not, must wear a helmet during games.
- D. Goalie Rule
  - a. If a club only has one goalie per team, each team must designate a primary goalie. At the JV levels, the primary goalie must be the goalie used for all games (regular season and playoffs). The only time a goalie from a higher level may be used is when the primary goalie is absent or injured.
  - b. A locked varsity goalie may participate on the club's JV team as a skater. If a club has multiple JV teams, the player must skate with the highest JV team.

- E. The Commissioner, for the following causes of serious misconduct, shall discipline players:
  - 1. Deliberate injury to another person.
  - 2. Deliberate attempt to injure another person, including butt—ending, spearing, kicking, high slashing or vicious charging and/or boarding.
  - 3. Fighting
  - 4. Attempting to fight, including dropping or removing gloves
  - 5. Leaving bench or goaltender leaving crease to join an altercation.
  - 6. Incurable behavior, including but not limited to refusal to comply with a referee's decision, using force on an official or coach, or attempting to use force on an official or coach, or serious verbal intimidation.
  - 7. Any other act of serious misbehavior which in the opinion of the coach or the commissioner may lead to the imposition of a special penalty. Coaches/Clubs may discipline their players; however the final decision of discipline with the commissioner. Discipline issued by the commissioner may be increased by the coach/club. A coach/club may not lower discipline issued by the league through the commissioner.
- F. The application of serious penalties during a game, such as a match penalty or gross misconduct, will generally result in league or USA Hockey action including long-term suspension for participation. Club action may also result from these types of penalties.
- G. Any player receiving five (5) penalties in any game will be ejected from the game upon receipt of the fifth penalty. Another player will take his/her place in the penalty box. A double minor is considered two (2) penalties.
- H. Any player, coach or team official that receives a suspension as a result of that individual's actions during a SJHJHL game, must serve that suspension during a SJHSHL game.
- I. The League reserves the right to institute discipline upon a player, coach, or club administrator for their conduct before, during or after a game or league function.

## **VI. PLAYER SUSPENSION**

- A. Any suspension issued by the league or during a league game including all approved exhibition games, is to be served at the level of the game for which the suspension was issued. Example - If a player gets a suspension during a league JVA game, and the player also plays Varsity, the suspension is served at the next JVA game. If the club has two JV teams, an A and a C, and the player gets the suspension at the JVA level, the suspension is served at JVA.

There are two exceptions to the rule: they are when a player receives a fighting major, see Operating Policy VI, B, and the second is when a match penalty is called, and then the player is not able to participate in any USA Hockey event, including team practices and meetings. This applies to all USA Hockey recognized teams.

- B. The penalty for **FIGHTING** will be administered as follows:
  - 1. Fighting Suspensions at the Varsity Level will always carry a five (5) game suspension.



2. First Offence-Equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the of the season not to exceed the 25% mark
    - a. Example: an 18-game schedule, the penalty will be four (4) games (25% of 18 is 4.5 = 4 games.)
    - b. The penalty will not exceed a five (5) game suspension for a first offence.
    - c. The second offense will result in a five (5) game suspension and the player will not be permitted to participate in playoffs at any level.
    - d. The third offense will result in the suspension of the offending player for the remainder of the season and playoffs.
  - 3 . All suspensions must be served with the team on which the player or coach received the suspension.
- C. A player receiving a fighting suspension will not be permitted to participate in any games at another level, until the "X" number of games is served. However, the total number of games assessed at the second level shall not exceed five (5). Hence the total number of games a player must serve will not exceed ten (10).
  - D. If the player has not served all of his/her suspension by the end of the season, the remainder of the suspension will carry over to the following season. **All Major Penalties carry over.**
  - E. The following **MAJOR PENALITIES** always carry an additional game suspension and are cumulative: Un-Sportsman-like game misconduct, ejection, butt-end, check from behind, fighting, head-butt, grabbing face mask, leaving the bench to join an altercation, stick swinging, spearing, obscene gestures, roughing, racial or ethnic slurs, and kicking.
  - F. Game misconduct penalties are added to the list of major penalties and will figure in the cumulative major penalty total. Any combination of game misconduct penalty and other major penalties, as listed in but not limited to those specified above, that total four (4), will result in the suspension of that player from League play for the remainder of the season and playoffs.
  - G. Suspended players must sign the scoresheet **in designated area** while in front of the game referee or league official prior to the start of the game.
  - H. If a player cannot make a game to sign the scoresheet due to unforeseen circumstances, he/she must contact the league's president prior to the start of the game and must provide proof for consideration. Supporting documentation has to be accepted by the league for approval.
  - I. Suspended players are not permitted on the bench, in the penalty box, or in the stands. A suspended player is permitted to view the game along the boards to the side of the bench in the area restricted for that team's manager only.
  - J. If a player receives three (3) ten (10) minute misconducts, the player will receive a one game suspension. Any player receiving five (5) 10 ten misconducts will receive a two (2) game suspension and must appear before the SJHSHL Commissioner.
  - K. If a player receives two (2) ten (10) minute misconducts in a game, the player will receive a game misconduct as per USA Hockey rule 601. Therefore, the two (2) ten (10) minute



misconducts do not count toward the three/ten-minute misconduct until a player reaches fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) 10-minute misconducts in a season.

- L. Failure to serve a suspension for any reason will result in a minimum of one additional game suspension. The coach will also receive a one game suspension and the team will lose two (2) points in the standings.
- M. Any player who receives a fighting major or match penalty during the Playoffs and is unable to serve the full penalty during the remainder of his/her playing time with the League (Seniors), then the team (club) is subjected to a \$250.00 fine to be paid to the League.
- N. Carry over Suspensions: suspensions that carry over from year to year are:
  - 1. Fighting Majors
  - 2. All other Major Penalties that are incurred. This also includes suspensions that a player has not served/or signed by the end of the season.
- O. The commissioner of the SJHSHL makes final decision on suspensions.

## **VII. LEAGUE COMMISSIONER**

The duties of League Commissioner are:

- Enforce disciplinary action.
- Act as a liaison between USA Hockey and the League.
- Counsel the League on rules in accordance with USA Hockey regulations.

## **VIII. APPEAL PROCESS**

**All appeals including match or gross penalties will be handled in the following manner:**

- A. The Club wishing to Appeal a penalty must have their recognized team representative contact the President of SJHSHL in writing within seven (7) days of incident/game.
- B. The President will notify the League Commissioner. The commissioner will return a determination within a fifteen (15) day period. If additional time is required by the commissioner, he will notify the president and the clubs involved.
- C. All panel decisions must conform to USA Hockey regulations.
- D. There will be a cost of \$100.00 for any appeals.
- E. If your club wins the appeal \$50.00 will be returned to the club within 90 days.

## **IX. STATISTICIAN**

- A. The League Statistician is to maintain a list of individuals that are assessed Major penalties, misconduct penalties and game misconduct penalties. The purpose is to track repeat

offenders for potential review by the league. The information is then forwarded to the Vice President and the League Commissioner.

- B. Maintain and monitor Sportsengine after each game is played; verify game information from score sheet and Point Streak.
- C. Assign scorekeepers for different rinks.
- D. Educate scorekeepers on how to use the Sportsengine and filling out score sheets.

## **X. REGISTRATION**

- A. The following forms must be complete for each team member and returned to the Registrar by the September league meeting or by designated deadline.
  - a. USA IMR waiver or liability (individual clubs must do this)
  - b. Medical history form (individual teams hold these forms)
  - c. Consent-to-treat form (individual teams hold these forms)
  - d. Verification that the player attends the school(s) that the team represents.
- B. Verification can be in the form of one or all of the following
  - a. Current School Year Class Schedule (copy)
  - b. Letter of verification on School letterhead listing students/players with a roster attached. This letter should be mailed directly to the Registrar from the School's Athletic Director.
- C. The registrar will approve and notify each team of each player's eligibility. If a team uses an ineligible player, the team will forfeit the games in which that player participated.

## **XI. ROSTERING**

- A. Team rosters (copy of the original, signed, USA Hockey Team Roster (T-1) are due into the SJHSHL Registrar and the USA Hockey Atlantic District Registrar prior to that team's first game.
- B. Each team must identify all coaches and players that will be associated with and/or play for that team on the roster. For example: if a player is to play for both a varsity and a JV team, that player must be listed on both team rosters. No player may be rostered on more than two (2) SJHSHL teams within a club (exemption to rule are goalies.) If players are playing on two teams they must appear on the T-1 for each team along with the coaches.  
For Example:
  - 1. If a club has two teams an unlocked Varsity player is permitted to play on both teams.
  - 2. If a club has the following three teams (Varsity Tier I, JVA and JVB) an unlocked Varsity player is only permitted to be rostered on the Varsity and JVA teams.
  - 3. If a club has the following three teams (Varsity Tier II, JVA and JVB) an unlocked Varsity player is only permitted to be rostered on the Varsity and JVA teams. An unlocked JVA player is only permitted to be rostered on the JVA and JVB teams.
  - 4. If a club has the following three teams (Varsity Tier I, Varsity Tier II, and JVA) an unlocked Varsity Tier I player is only permitted to be rostered on Varsity Tier I and Varsity Tier II. An unlocked Varsity Tier II player is only permitted to be rostered on the Varsity Tier II and JVA teams.

5. If a club has the following three teams (Varsity Tier I, Varsity Tier II, and JVB) an unlocked Varsity Tier I player is only permitted to be rostered on Varsity Tier I and Varsity Tier II. An unlocked Varsity Tier II player is only permitted to be rostered on the Varsity Tier II and JVB teams.

6. If a club has the following four teams (Varsity Tier I, Varsity Tier II, JVA and JVB) an unlock Varsity Tier I player is only permitted to be rostered on the Varsity Tier I and Varsity Tier II teams, an unlocked Varsity Tier II player is only permitted to be rostered on the Varsity Tier II and JVA teams and an unlocked JVA player is only permitted to be rostered on the JVA and JVB teams.

C. Any club that skates a JV team in addition to its Varsity team, must abide by the following formula to determine the number of players to be locked on the Varsity team:

<b>Total number of players in Club Plus one (1) designated goal per team</b>	<b>Number of locked Varsity Players and a goalie at Varsity</b>
<b>30 and above</b>	<b>12 skaters</b>
<b>28-29</b>	<b>11 skaters</b>
<b>26-27</b>	<b>10 skaters</b>
<b>24-25</b>	<b>9 skaters</b>
<b>22-23</b>	<b>8 skaters</b>
<b>20-21</b>	<b>7 skaters</b>
<b>18-19</b>	<b>6 skaters</b>
<b>16-17</b>	<b>5 skaters</b>
<b>14-15</b>	<b>4 skaters</b>

For example, if a club has 26 skaters and 5 goalies and intends to register a Varsity and a JV team, that club is expected to lock 10 skaters and a goalie.

D .Any club that skates a JVB team in addition to its JVA team, must lock a total of eight (8) skaters on its JVA roster.

E. Designated players to be locked will be identified on the team roster.

F. Team Ranking/Declaration

1. Club Assessment Spreadsheet: All clubs will be required to complete the league's Club Assessment Spreadsheet Deadline: August Meeting
2. All teams will receive an overall rating. This rating will be used to position each team in an appropriate division.
3. The spreadsheet will also be utilized for each club's lock list.

G. Lock List

1. A club's lock list will be determined by the club assessment spreadsheet.
2. The top x number of players will be locked on varsity. (i.e. if a club is required to lock 12 players and a goalie, the top 12 players on the assessment must be locked by the club).
3. A club will be granted two (2) challenges to contest players locked.
4. A re-evaluation of the locked list will be performed by the league's executive board by the December meeting.

5. The league will determine if changes are required for each club's lock list based on performance during October & November.
- H. The roster will be considered as "On File" once it is received by the League.
    1. Any changes to the locked player list are not finalized until they are received by the League and approved by the President.
    2. The club will be notified of the approval or denial to the locked player list.
    3. If approved by the President, the roster will then be considered as the one "On File."
  - I. Additional players may be added to a team's roster up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, if all required paperwork has been submitted to the League Registrar and the player has been deemed eligible by the registrar.
    1. To be eligible for playoffs, a player must play in five (5) league games for the respective team before the start of playoffs.
    2. Each player added must be identified either as a locked or non-locked player and a Supplemental USA Hockey team roster must be submitted to the League Registrar or the USA Hockey Atlantic District Registrar before the player will be permitted to play in a league game.
    3. **IF A TEAM FAILS TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK AND/OR FAILS TO FILE THE SUPPLEMENTAL ROSTER, THE TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE GAME IN WHICH THAT PLAYER PARTICIPATED.**
    4. Clubs with two (2) Varsity teams must lock their entire rosters prior to the start of playoffs.
  - J. Since USA Hockey Insurance expires as of August 31<sup>st</sup> each year, no player may step on the ice unless IMR forms have been filed with the Atlantic District Sub-Registrar.

## **XII. Tie-Breakers for Final Standings**

- A. Most Wins
- B. Head to Head

<b>For Two Teams Only</b>	<b>For Three or More Teams</b>
Division Record	Most Wins
Goals Against Head to Head	Divisional Record
Goals Against Overall	Goals Against Head to Head
Fewest Penalties Head to Head	Goals Against Overall
Fewest Penalties Overall	Fewest Penalties Head to Head
	Fewest Penalties Overall

## **XIII. Playoffs**

- A. Double Elimination Playoff Tournament -Varsity
  1. All varsity teams will qualify for playoffs
  2. Playoffs follow standard double elimination pattern
    - a. Teams are eliminated once they've lost their 2nd game

- b. Reseeding will occur after each round - if at all possible, rematches between the same 2 teams will be avoided.
  - c. Generally, teams dropping into the losing bracket deeper in the tournament will get to pick a game slot (slot #) to play in.
- B. Single elimination playoff tournament- Junior Varsity
- 1. JVA: top 4 teams qualify for playoffs
  - 2. JVB: top 4 teams qualify for playoffs
  - 3. Playoffs follow standard single elimination pattern.
    - 1. Teams are eliminated once they've lost.
- C. Dates, times and locations are firm.
- D. Game slots will vary. If teams move on, they will play on specific nights but not necessarily in specific slots.
- E. Posters will be at all participating rinks.
- F. Check the South Jersey High School Ice Hockey website for up to date changes and results [www.sjhshl.com](http://www.sjhshl.com).
- G. Overtime Rules
- 1. Penalties carry over into Overtime. Penalties are standard 2:00, 5:00, and 10:00 min.
  - 2. Teams are given 1 timeout overall in Overtime. The original game timeout cannot be used in *Overtime*.
  - 3. Sudden Death Overtime: One (1) 15 minute period first team to score wins. If no one scores in the overtime period, then game goes immediately into a Shootout
  - 4. A player who has received a penalty that has not expired in the overtime period, is not eligible for the shootout.

#### XIV. **Exhibition and Tournament Games**

- A. Any team that plays in a tournament or exhibition needs to have league approval and a separate T-1 must be made with additional players.
- B. Teams playing in the SJHSHL are sanctioned to play as part of the SJHSHL. You are not an independent team as part of this league.

- C. Any exhibition/non-league games including tournament games need to be authorized by the league. If you play an opening game against another club or if you participate in a holiday tournament, it must be approved by the league.
1. This can be done by simply e-mailing the league President and notifying him of your participation in the game or the tournament.
  2. Any issues that occur on the part of your club will be addressed by the league.
  3. The District may be notified, and in some cases, must be notified of the outcome. In addition, the District may impose further sanctions on players, teams, and clubs.
  4. Any additions to your roster for these games must be authorized by the league. Failure to do so may lead to sanctions by the District for tampering with a roster.

## **South Jersey High School Ice Hockey League**

**I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them. Fill in the information below and return to league secretary.**

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**Club Name**

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**Date of Meeting/ Date of Coaches Meeting**

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**Print Your Name Here**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

**What position do you hold with your club? (Circle One)**

**Head Coach**

**Assistant Coach**

**Manager**

**Club Representative**

**What level will you be coaching this year?**

**Varsity**

**JVA**

**JVB**