

BILLINGS ADULT HOCKEY RULES

2004-05 SEASON

- This is a "RECREATIONAL" league.
- All USA Hockey rules apply for league play.
- Each team will be ranked for the playoffs according to season point totals. Each team will receive 2pts for win, 1pt for a tie, and 0pts for a loss. In a result of a tie in the standings the following tiebreakers will take effect: 1) Head to Head 2) Team with the most Wins, and 3) GF – GA.
- The BAHA Board of Directors is the final authority in all matters and reserves the right to remove any player or team from the league at anytime, for any reason with no refund.
- Abusive conduct of any type towards any official will not be tolerated.
- ***First fight, one game suspension + \$30 - second fight, three game suspension + \$50 - third fight, you will be ejected from the league one calendar year + \$200. Fine and Suspension must be served before returning to league play***
- Any player accumulating 3 penalties during a game will receive an automatic game misconduct and one game suspension.
- All teams must have jerseys. All players, excluding goalies, MUST have the same color and same style jerseys with permanent numbers. If a player violates this rule, they will be sent off the ice by the referees.
- Although some protective equipment is not mandatory in all age classifications, USA Hockey strongly recommends that all players and goalkeepers properly wear an internal mouthpiece, an HECC approved helmet and full face mask for all games. Each participant is personally responsible to wear protective equipment for all games. Such equipment **should include** gloves, shin pads, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hip pads or padded hockey pants, protective cup, tendon pads plus all head protective equipment as required by USA Hockey rules. No player may play for any team without prior registration with the BAHA. **A player is considered registered with BAHA once a board member has the appropriate forms and money for the full season.** Failure to adhere to this rule will result in a one game suspension for team captain.
- Team captains, or whomever the captain chooses, and referees are to sign the score sheet after the end of every game.
- Team captains are responsible for players serving game misconducts. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in a one game suspension for team captain.
- **Team captains are the only ones allowed to discuss any part of the game with a referee during the course of a game.** No player may argue ANY call by the referee and may be subject to a 2-minute unsportsmanlike penalty for any inappropriate behavior. Team captains, alone, may request an explanation from a referee. **Referees may refuse an explanation or defer it to the end of the game.**
- The Blood Rule: Any player or goaltender that is obviously bleeding will be ruled off the ice during a stoppage of play. Player or goaltender will not be allowed to return to play until the bleeding has stopped and the cut or abrasion has been covered. Any affected equipment must be properly decontaminated or exchanged.
- All games will have a 1-hour time limit. There will be 3-17 minute run time periods with a 5-minute warm-up and 2 minute breaks between periods. No game will be allowed to exceed the 1-hour time limit. If the game is within 2 goals the last 2 minutes will be played stop time.
- Game need to start on time. Forfeits will be left up to the discretion of the referees.
- A \$30 protest fee will be charged to any team wishing to protest a game. Protest must be delivered in writing to the League Registrar within 24 hours after that game.
- If any players are injured or need to relocate during the regular season we will do our best to replace the player who is leaving.
- If a situation develops and escalates to a point that, in the referees opinion endangers the safety of the players or disrupts the normal course of play. The referees will, at their discretion, stop play, issue referees' timeout, stop the clock (regardless of the period) and send all players to their respective benches. Both team captains will be brought into the referees' crease and issued a warning that things are "getting out of hand". It is the sole responsibility of the team captains to take whatever steps are necessary to bring their players under control. There will be NO other warnings! If the situation continues, the referees will, at their discretion, stop play and issue a game forfeit to one or both teams. NO further protest is allowed.
- There will be NO refunds!

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