

APPENDIX VI

# SUMMARY OF RULE DIFFERENCES





The following chart is a comparison of the differences in rules between the NCRHA Official Rules of College Roller Hockey and the Official Rules of USA Hockey InLine. This summary was designed to give users of the USAHIL rule book a basic understanding of the rules used by the NCRHA.

This document should not be used as a substitute for a working knowledge of the rules, but rather as a reference tool that highlights key differences between two rule books. While the major differences are cited here, this section is not all inclusive and changes may have been implemented by either organization since the printing of this chart. Therefore the ultimate authority can only be the complete official rulebooks of the NCRHA and USA Hockey InLine.

**SECTION 1 - RINK**

**Goal Posts and Nets**

- USAHIL** Allows play to continue if referee can replace displaced goal post without interfering with play.
- NCRHA** Immediate whistle.

**Use of alcohol or controlled substances**

- USAHIL** Game misconduct.
- NCRHA** Disqualification (referees eject and report players who smell like alcohol).

**Use of tobacco**

- USAHIL** First offense – minor penalty.  
Subsequent offenses – game misconduct.
- NCRHA** Disqualification.

**SECTION 2 - COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

**Required number of players to begin game**

- USAHIL** 4 players and one goalkeeper or 5 players with no goalkeeper.
- NCRHA** 4 players and one goalkeeper.

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### **Team unable to place required number of players to begin game**

<b>USAHIL</b>	Bench minor penalty. If after five minutes game still cannot begin, game is suspended and reported to league authorities.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Bench minor penalty. If after 15 minutes game still cannot begin, game is forfeited and reported to league authorities.

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### **Maximum players in uniform**

<b>USAHIL</b>	15 players plus no more than two (2) goalkeepers.
<b>NCRHA</b>	No more than 16 players, including no more than 14 skaters.

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### **Maximum number of team officials allowed on players' bench**

<b>USAHIL</b>	Four (4).
<b>NCRHA</b>	Three (3).

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### **Change of players**

<b>USAHIL</b>	Awards a penalty shot instead of a minor penalty for deliberately placing too many players on the floor with less than two minutes remaining in a game, or anytime in overtime.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Minor penalty is assessed for too many players.

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## SECTION 3 - EQUIPMENT

### **H.E.C.C. approved helmets and full face mask**

<b>USAHIL</b>	Required for youth, not required for players 18 and over.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Required for all players.

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### **Padded pants and shoulder pads**

<b>USAHIL</b>	No rule.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Prohibited. May be approved by league authorities for medical need with a physician's release.

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### **All protective equipment, except gloves, headgear and goalkeeper leg pads must be worn entirely under the uniform**

<b>USAHIL</b>	Required for indoor rinks and recommended for outdoor rinks.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Required for all rinks.

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**The use of solvents, waxes or oils on goalkeeper pads to enhance sliding capability**

<b>USAHIL</b>	No rule.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Minor penalty plus disqualification.

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**Use in any manner of U.S. Postal Service tape**

<b>USAHIL</b>	No rule.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Prohibited.

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**Teams must have two sets of uniforms**

<b>USAHIL</b>	Not required.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Required.

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**Home team must wear light colored jerseys, visiting team must wear dark colored jerseys**

<b>USAHIL</b>	No rule, but visiting team must change jerseys at the discretion of the referees if colors conflict with home team.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Required.

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**SECTION 4 - PENALTIES****Second major penalty in a game**

<b>USAHIL</b>	No rule.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Game ejection.

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**Game misconduct**

<b>USAHIL</b>	Removed for balance of the game and suspended for the next scheduled game for that team.
<b>NCRHA</b>	No rule.

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**Game ejection**

<b>USAHIL</b>	No rule.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Removed for the balance of the game. No additional suspension.

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**Disqualification**

<b>USAHIL</b>	No rule.
<b>NCRHA</b>	Assessed a 5-minute major penalty, removed for the balance of the game plus a one game suspension.

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### SECTION 5 - OFFICIALS

#### Officiating System

USAHIL	2-referee system.
NCRHA	2-referee system or 1-referee/2-assistant referee (AR) system.

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#### Appointment of Officials

USAHIL	Referees are not required to wear elbow pads or shin and knee protection, it is only recommended that they do. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that referees wear a half-shield.
NCRHA	Referees are required to wear elbow pads and shin and knee protection.

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### SECTION 6 - PLAYING RULES

#### Team official enters referee's dressing room at any time without permission

USAHIL	No rule.
NCRHA	Match penalty.

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#### Team Official steps onto playing surface while game is in progress

USAHIL	Game misconduct.
NCRHA	Game ejection or disqualification.

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#### Goalkeeper may continue to play with a broken stick until the next stoppage of play

USAHIL	Prohibited. Minor penalty.
NCRHA	Allowed.

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#### Pucks used during intermission between halves or periods

USAHIL	No rule.
NCRHA	Prohibited.

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**Attacking player in goalkeepers' crease**

- USAHIL** Goal should be disallowed if the puck enters the net while an attacking player is in the crease. Play should be stopped if attacking team is in possession of the puck with a scoring opportunity. Face-off at high zone spot.
- NCRHA** Goal should be disallowed if the attacking player initiates contact with the goalkeeper or impairs the goalkeeper's ability to move freely or defend the goal. After a warning, play should be stopped for an attacking player in the crease.
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**Removing gloves (fighting situation)**

- USAHIL** No rule.
- NCRHA** Minor penalty.
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**High sticking**

- USAHIL** Minor or major penalty. Major plus game misconduct for injury. In adult divisions that do not require a facemask an additional misconduct penalty is assessed with the minor penalty.
- NCRHA** Minor, major or disqualification.
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**High sticking the puck**

- USAHIL** For high sticking the puck to occur, the puck/stick must be above the normal height of the shoulders.
- NCRHA** For high sticking the puck to occur, the puck/stick must be above four feet.
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**Kicking Puck**

- USAHIL** For a goal to be disallowed for kicking the puck, intent to redirect the puck must be present.
- NCRHA** A goal shall not be allowed if the puck has been kicked, thrown, or otherwise deliberately directed by an attacking player into the goal by any means other than a stick.
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**Butt-end**

- USAHIL** Minor penalty for attempted butt-end (no contact) or major penalty plus game misconduct (contact).
- NCRHA** Major plus game ejection or disqualification.
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### Delay of Game

- USAHIL** Any goalkeeper or player, while in the defending zone that shoots the puck outside of the playing area (non-deflected) shall be assessed a minor penalty. It does not matter if it was intentional or accidental. However, if the puck leaves an area that is not protected by screen or glass (i.e. players' bench), no penalty shall be assessed.
- NCRHA** Leaves discretion up to the referee to determine if a player's action was deliberate when shooting or batting the puck out of the rink.
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### Equipment left in front of the net

- USAHIL** If the puck hits a piece of equipment in front of the goal while the goalkeeper is off the surface, a goal shall be awarded in lieu of the penalty shot.
- NCRHA** No rule.
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### Interference by spectators

- USAHIL** Any player that physically interferes with a spectator after the game, the game misconduct penalty assessed to that player shall also include a one game suspension.
- NCRHA** Disqualification.
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### Kicking player

- USAHIL** Minor, major plus game misconduct or match penalty. If unintentional or in an attempt to free the puck, no penalty.
- NCRHA** Match penalty. If unintentional or in an attempt to free the puck, no penalty.
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### Refusing to start play

- USAHIL** If a team refuses to start play and after the initial warning and bench minor penalty has been assessed, the team continues to refuse to start play, if the team has no coach, the captain of that team shall be assessed the match penalty.
- NCRHA** Only the head coach may be assessed the match penalty for refusing to start play. The game is still suspended and the incident is reported to league authorities, but no match penalty is assessed if the team does not have a head coach.
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**Tripping/Fouled from behind**

- USAHIL** For a penalty shot for “fouled from behind” to be assessed, the player must be fouled from behind or diagonally from behind.
- NCRHA** For a penalty shot for “fouled from behind” to be assessed, the player must be fouled from behind. No penalty shot is assessed for being fouled diagonally from behind.

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**SIGNALS**

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**Body checking**

- USAHIL** Hand across the opposite shoulder
- NCRHA** Fist extended outward from shoulder (same as roughing)

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The National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (NCRHA) is the recognized organizing body for collegiate roller hockey in the United States. NCRHA's origins are at times recognized to have evolved from the Collegiate Roller Hockey League (CRHL). This group has posted the only college roller hockey national championship tournament since the league's inception. The seven Member Organizations or the NCRHA are:

- Eastern Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (ECRHA)
- Great Plains Collegiate Inline Hockey League (GPIHL)
- Midwest Collegiate Roller Hockey League (MCRHL)
- Rocky Mountain Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (RMCRHA)
- Southeastern Collegiate Roller Hockey League (SECRHL)
- Southwest Collegiate Hockey League (SCHL)
- Western Collegiate Roller Hockey League (WCRHL)

Additional information about the NCRHA and the complete NCRHA rulebook can be found on [NCRHA.org](http://NCRHA.org), the official NCRHA Web site.

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