



2024-25 COACH MEETING

New Jersey Youth Hockey League

August 2024



AGENDA

- New Jersey Devils
- Meet the AAHA and the NJYHL
- USA Hockey Requirements
- Rosters and Risk Management
- Rules, Regulations and Fines
- Schedules, Game Management and Scorekeeping
- Game Sheet
- NJYHL Website
- Questions



NEW JERSEY DEVILS



THE AAHA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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- President and USA Hockey Director

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- Executive Vice President

Brian Peca

- Secretary

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- Treasurer

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- Coach in Chief

Jim Doyle

- Referee in Chief

Ken Haas

- Risk Manager

Karen Fund

- Registrar

Pete Rothman

- SafeSport Coordinator

Maureen Thompson-Siegel

- Disabled Disciplines and Growth Coordinator

Katelyn Ward

- Player Safety



THE NJYHL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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- President

Tony D'Anna

- Commissioner

Al DiMauro

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- Executive Vice President

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- Secretary

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- Coach in Chief

Charlie McLaughlin

- Treasurer

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- Referee in Chief

Steve Rauch

- Statistician

Tom Steinel, Jr.

- Associate Referee in Chief

Suzanne Lilien

- Master Scheduler

Ken Anderson

- North Associations Representative

Jenny Gleghorn

- South Association Representative

Ken Lilien

Rick Sacchetti

- Competition Committee
Co-Chairmen

Kelly DiNorcia

- MAHA Coordinator



OTHER MEMBERS

- Every NJYHL organization has a representative. That is your

VOTING DELEGATE (Coaching Director or President)

- Your delegate is the only person permitted to communicate on behalf of your organization with the NJYHL. Bring any issues or concerns to your Voting Delegate and they will address it with the NJYHL.



USA HOCKEY REQUIREMENTS

Registration, Screening, SafeSport, CEP



REGISTRATION – COACHES & MANAGERS

- **Coaches**

- USA Hockey Annual Registration
 - SafeSport Training
 - Background Screening
 - Coaching Education Program (Levels 1-5)
 - Age Specific Modules including Foundation
 - Needs to be included on the USA Hockey Roster

- **Managers**

- USA Hockey Annual Registration (as a Volunteer – no fee)
 - SafeSport Training
 - Background Screening
 - Needs to be included on the USA Hockey Roster



REGISTRATION – OTHER VOLUNTEERS

- **Other Volunteers** - those with “regular contact” with minors are required to have:
 - USA Hockey Annual Registration (as a Volunteer – no fee)
 - SafeSport Training
 - Background Screening



REGISTRATION – REGULAR CONTACT

USA Hockey considers all of the following persons to have “regular contact” – those that have frequent or routine contact – with minor participants

- Members of the Affiliate Board of Directors,
- Member Program administrators, including board members, hockey directors and other program staff who have regular contact with or authority over minor Participants
- Coaches
- Team managers
- Referees
- Locker room monitors
- Travel chaperones
- Team drivers (unless professional transportation companies are used)
- Other persons whose position allows them to have frequent or routine contact with minor Participants

USA Hockey **DOES NOT** consider persons serving solely in the following roles to have “regular contact” with minor Participants:

Scorekeepers

Penalty box operators

Concession stand workers

Arena entry/ticket takers



REGISTRATION - CREDENTIALS

All coaches, managers and other volunteers with "Regular Contact" with minor Participants must have up to date certifications/registrations. Incomplete or lapsed credentials will prohibit rostering.

NOT ON THE APPROVED USA HOCKEY ROSTER

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**NOT ON THE ICE FOR GAMES OR PRACTICES
AND NO CONTACT WITH THE TEAM**



SAFESPORT PROGRAM

WWW.USAHOCKEY.COM/SAFESPORTPROGRAM

USA Hockey has **ZERO TOLERANCE** for abuse and misconduct.

- The SafeSport Handbook includes the various Policies that apply to all USA Hockey Member Programs. Those Policies address:
- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Bullying, Threats and Harassment
- Hazing

The Policies also address areas where misconduct can occur and are intended to reduce the risk of potential abuse, including:

- Locker Room Policy
- Electronic Communications Policy
- Travel Policy
- Billeting Policy



SAFESPORT KEY POINTS

- **LOCKER ROOMS** need at least one responsible screened and trained adult present at all times and 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. While it is not always possible, two locker room monitors are preferable. Enforce a zero-tolerance policy regarding inappropriate behavior in the locker room.
- **COMMUNICATIONS** with minor participants via email or text must include a parent/guardian and should be non-personal in nature. If a coach or manager utilizes social media pages as a team communication tool, it must be accessible to all participants, parents and guardians.
- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES** are not to be used to record sound, images or video in the locker room. Showing videos or images in the locker room should be limited to a coach using it for play review, etc. Best practice - no phones in the locker room.
- **TRAVEL POLICY** - Your Association is required to have one. It can be more stringent, but not less stringent, than the USA Hockey travel policy. You can also develop a team policy (same conditions apply).





ROSTERS AND RISK MANAGEMENT



TEAM REGISTRATION AND ROSTERING

- USA Hockey Rosters must be submitted to NJYHL Registrar before the first NJYHL game is played. **This team ID must also be uploaded into Game Sheet.**
- 20 players maximum; 10 players minimum (6U/8U excluded).
- Rule 25 - player movements between teams through 12/31 is permitted - approvals are required
- **A player cannot be rostered on more than one NJYHL team. They may not be rostered on another district bound team in the district either.**
- A player cannot compete in the NJYHL if he/she is also rostered on a Tier I youth team.
- 16U/18U players may roster with a Tier I or Junior team at the conclusion of the NJYHL team's season **but will be ineligible for post-season participation with their NJYHL team once released.**
- 2012 players can **NOT** play up
- Players must be rostered to participate.
- Coaches and managers **MUST** be rostered to participate.



REQUIRED FORMS

On the NJYHL website, under FORMS, you will find the following REQUIRED forms which must be submitted with 24 hours prior notice.

The screenshot shows the 'Skater (Player) Substitution Form' on the NJYHL website. The form includes the following fields:

- Association Name * (Dropdown menu)
- Name of Person Submitting Request for Approval * (Text input)
- Requestor Email * (Two text inputs: Email and Confirm Email)
- Requestor Cell Phone * (Text input with country code dropdown)
- Requestor Position with Association * (Dropdown menu)
- Information for Team Receiving Player(s) (team where substitute players will fill in)
- Team Level * (Dropdown menu)
- Team Number/Color of Team (if applicable) (Text input)
- 1st NJYHL Game Number * (Text input)
- 1st Game Date / Start Time * (Two text inputs: Date and Time)
- 1st Opposing Team Name * (Dropdown menu)

The screenshot shows the 'Goaltending Coverage Form' on the NJYHL website. The form includes the following fields:

- Association Name * (Dropdown menu)
- Name of Person Submitting Request for Approval * (Text input)
- Requestor Email * (Two text inputs: Email and Confirm Email)
- Requestor Cell Phone * (Text input with country code dropdown)
- Requestor Position with Association * (Dropdown menu)
- Information for Team Receiving Goaltender(s) (team where substitute goaltender will fill in)
- Team Level * (Dropdown menu)
- Team Number/Color of Team (if applicable) (Text input)
- 1st NJYHL Game Number * (Text input)
- 1st Game Date / Start Time * (Two text inputs: Date and Time)
- 1st Opposing Team Name * (Dropdown menu)



INJURIES AND INSURANCE

- All penalty boxes need adult supervision if the player cannot enter or exit the penalty box safely on his own. If the penalty box is immediately adjacent to the player bench, it must be supervised by a credentialed coach.
- If a major injury occurs, please notify the NJYHL Registrar and Risk Manager.
- USA Hockey Insurance provides secondary insurance coverage. Additional information can be found at www.usahockey.com/insurancemanagement





**USA HOCKEY CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT
RETURN TO PLAY FORM**

The USA Hockey Concussion Management Protocol and most state statutes require that an athlete be removed from any training, practice or game if they exhibit any signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion or are suspected of sustaining a concussion. The player should not return to physical activity until he or she has been evaluated by a qualified medical provider who has provided written clearance to return to sports.

This form is to be used after an athlete has been removed from athletic activity due to a suspected concussion and must be signed by their medical provider in order to return without restriction to training, practice or competition.

Player Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

District/Affiliate: _____ Name of Person Reporting: _____

Association and Team: _____ Date of Injury: ____/____/____

Location of Injury/Arena: _____

Injury Signs/Symptoms: _____

Print Health Care Professional Name: _____ License No: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE NAMED ATHLETE TO RETURN TO ATHLETIC ACTIVITY FOR FULL PARTICIPATION WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I AM THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PLAYER IDENTIFIED ON THIS FORM AND I CONSENT TO THEIR RETURN TO ATHLETIC ACTIVITY WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I AM THE COACH OF THE PLAYER IDENTIFIED AND I CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS CLEARANCE FORM ACKNOWLEDGING THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND PARENT HAVE APPROVED THE ATHLETE'S RETURN TO PARTICIPATION WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

Coach Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

- Any player who is diagnosed with a concussion must submit this form to Al DiMauro - registrar@njyhl.org.
- <https://www.usahockey.com/safety-concussions>



RULES, REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES

USA Hockey and New Jersey Youth Hockey League

USA Hockey rules govern except as modified in the NJYHL
Guidebook



NJYHL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2024-2025 SEASON

- We recommend you read the entire [NJYHL Guidebook](#) to familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations.
- All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey Youth 18 & Under and below, high school, girls'/women's 19 & under and below, and disabled programs must properly wear an approved ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and all Coaching Education Program clinics and/or workshops. Penalty for not wearing a helmet is a minimum thirty (30) day suspension.



IMPROPER CONDUCT

- All individuals associated with the NJYHL or one of its member Associations (coaches, players, volunteers, Association leadership and spectators) are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times.
- Improper conduct is defined as behavior deemed detrimental to the philosophy and objectives of the league, as well as any action which produces results detrimental to any team or individual players in the League.
- Repeated instances of improper conduct shall be dealt with by the Executive Board, which may include suspension of the player from the next game as a result of parental behavior.



ZERO TOLERANCE OFFICIATING ABUSE POLICY

- The Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association (AAHA) published a **revised zero-tolerance policy** that aims to eliminate abusive behavior by spectators at games directed at game officials and other participants.
- Any spectator who is removed from a game for abusive, profane, or other unacceptable conduct directed at any game official or other participant **shall be subject to discipline**, whether the removal from the game is by a game official or arena personnel, or if the alleged Abusive Conduct is investigated after the fact by the proper Disciplinary Authority (i.e. Association, League, or Affiliate) and found to be have occurred by a preponderance of proof.
- “Abusive Conduct” may include any loud, obscene, or otherwise offensive language or gesture.



ZERO TOLERANCE OFFICIATING ABUSE POLICY

- **First Offense:** Suspension from all activities involving the team for a minimum of thirty (30) days, a maximum of ninety (90) days;
- **Second Offense:** Suspension from all activities involving the team for a minimum of sixty (60) days, a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days;
- **Third Offense:** Suspension from all USA Hockey activities for a period of one (1) Year from the date of the incident or from the date of the findings of an investigation of the Abusive Conduct. The individual will be required to complete a certified anger management class and provide the AAHA with a certificate of completion to be eligible to be a spectator at USA Hockey games and practices within the AAHA.
- **Abusive Conduct in games involving minor-age officials:** Should the Abusive Conduct occur in a game where any of the assigned game officials are 18 or younger, **the stated penalties shall double, regardless of whether the abusive conduct is directed at the minor-age official.**

Suspensions include all activities, including practices (on-ice, dry land, and meetings), tournaments and all games (District or Non-District).

ARENA ENTRY EXCEPTION: A suspended parent/guardian shall be permitted to enter the rink if their child has been injured and needs the parent/guardian's assistance to assess their child's well-being and ability to return to play or assist the child in undressing to leave the arena for medical evaluation. Should the player return to the ice or player's bench, the suspended parent/guardian must exit the building immediately.



ZERO TOLERANCE OFFICIATING ABUSE POLICY

REPORTER LINK: <https://atlantic-district.sportngin.com/register/form/438191057>

- To report allegations of Abusive Conduct directed at on-ice and/or off-ice officials, please use the above link. **This link is also on the NJYHL website.**
- The identity of reporters will be kept confidential however reporters must provide their name and valid contact information.
- Anonymous reports, especially those presented without corroborating evidence such as video, are not likely to be acted upon.
- Allegations of verbal abuse by game officials shall be reported to the team's Club President, who will submit the report to the AAHA President and Referee-in-Chief.



GAME LENGTH

The home team is responsible for providing sufficient ice time and the necessary facilities for playing the game. Ice time shall be assigned as follows per division (each must include a 3-minute warm-up and 1 minute of rest between periods):

DIVISION	LENGTH OF PERIOD	OT PERIOD**	ICE TIME REQUIRED
10U	15 MINUTES	N/A	1 HOUR 15 MINUTES
12U	15 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	1 HOUR 15 MINUTES
14U	16 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	1 HOUR 30 MINUTES
16U/18U	17 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

**At the 12U level and older, if an NJYHL game is tied at the end of regulation, the teams will play one 3-minute 3v3 sudden death overtime. Teams take a one-minute rest after the end of regulation play and do not switch ends.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

A team must start a game with a minimum of six (6) players. Any time that a team has been reduced to less than four (4) players, the game shall be declared a forfeit. The forfeit may be appealed to the Commissioner in the event of extraordinary circumstances.



GAME LENGTH

- If AFTER two periods - one team takes a 8 goal lead - the game will use a running clock
- If the losing team scores to pull within 7 goals - stop time will resume
- If the winning team regains an 8 goal lead - the game will return to a running clock
- if AFTER two periods - one team has a 10 goal lead - the game will end



PENALTY LENGTH

PENALTY TYPE	10U/12U/14U	16U/18U	NOTES
Minor Penalty	1:30 minutes	2:00 minutes	
Major Penalty*	4:00 minutes	5:00 minutes	
Misconduct Penalty	8:00 minutes	10:00 minutes	Not posted on game clock
Game Misconduct	8:00 minutes	10:00 minutes	Removal from game
Match Penalty**	8:00 minutes	10:00 minutes	Removal from game

Any **head coach** whose team incurs 12 penalties is suspended from the next scheduled game. The head coach **does not leave the bench**.

A **player** who receives 4 penalties in any game will result in the player being suspended from the next scheduled game. A player who receives 4 penalties receives a Game Misconduct penalty and **must leave the bench**.

If the next scheduled game is not an NJYHL game, the coach/player will be required to sit for two games. The first non-league game played serves as the obligation to USA Hockey, and the second game played serves as the obligation to the NJYHL.

Any coach or player who is assessed a game misconduct penalty may not remain near the bench of their team, nor in any way attempt to direct the play of their team, for the balance of the game in which the game misconduct penalty has been issued.

*** For any major penalty, a game misconduct penalty assessed shall cause the player to be suspended for their team's next game. This one-game suspension is in addition to any other required suspensions incurred during the same incident. Fighting penalties receive additional discipline per NJYHL Guidebook.**

****Players/coaches receiving a Match Penalty are suspended from all USA Hockey activities for 30 days or until the appropriate authority has made a ruling.**



NEW RULES - 2024-25 Season

- New Match Penalty Suspensions – Sent to all Clubs Already
- All Players must have NECKGUARDS – New Rule

GAME ACCESS DURING SUSPENSION

- For any Team Official or Player serving a suspension for a prior game misconduct violation or disciplinary suspension, the suspension will commence 45 minutes prior to the start of each game and conclude 30 minutes following the conclusion of each game.
- The Team Official or Player serving the suspension shall be prohibited from:
 - Having any interaction, involvement or communication “in person,” electronically or otherwise with the team
 - Being present in the locker room
 - Being on or near the bench of their team
- Any violation of this Rule may result in supplementary discipline and may subject such Team Official or Player to further disciplinary proceedings.
- Game Misconducts assessed in non-league games must also be submitted to the NJYHL via website form.



REQUIRED FORMS

On the NJYHL website, under **FORMS**, you will find the following **REQUIRED** forms which must be submitted within 24 hours of occurrence.

The screenshot displays the 'Game Misconduct or Match Penalty Reporting Form' on the NJYHL website. The form includes the following fields:

- NJYHL Game Number ***: A text input field with a calendar icon.
- If non-league game, enter "non-league"
- Game Date / Start Time ***: Two input fields for Date and Time.
- Facility Where Game Was Played ***: A text input field.
- Level ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Home Team Name ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Opposing Team Name ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- 1st Penalized Player/Coach Name ***: A text input field.
- 1st Penalized Player Number (if coach, enter "coach") ***: A text input field.
- 1st Penalized Player/Coach Team ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Penalty Assessed To 1st Player/Coach Listed Above ***: A text input field.

penalty as written on the scoresheet by the official

The screenshot displays the 'Spectator Ejection Form' on the NJYHL website. The form includes the following fields:

- NJYHL Game Number ***: A text input field with a calendar icon.
- If non-league game, enter "non-league"
- Game Date / Start Time ***: Two input fields for Date and Time.
- Facility Where Game Was Played ***: A text input field.
- Level ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Home Team Name ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Opposing Team Name ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- 1st Ejected Spectator Name ***: A text input field.
- 1st Ejected Spectator Team ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Name of Player/Coach 1st Ejected Spectator is Connected With ***: A text input field.



SCHEDULES, GAME MANAGEMENT AND SCOREKEEPING

Off Ice Officials, Game Confirmations, and Communications





2024 - 2025 SEASON CALENDAR



April 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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May 2024						
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July 2024						
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August 2024						
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December 2024						
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March 2025						
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April 2025						
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Holidays						
5/27	-	Memorial Day				
7/4	-	Independence Day				
9/2	-	Labor Day				
9/11	-	Patriot's Day				
10/2	-	Rosh Hashanah				
10/11	-	Yom Kippur				
11/28	-	Thanksgiving				

Holidays						
12/25	-	Hanukkah				
12/25	-	Christmas				
1/1	-	New Year's Day				
1/20	-	MLK Day				
2/9	-	Super Bowl Sunday				
2/17	-	President's Day				
4/20	-	Easter				

- 5/1 - Team Declarations All levels and Team Self-Evals 18U-18U
- 5/25 - Team Placements Announced 10U-14U A/B Pre-season; 14AA - 16-18U Regular season
- 5/31 - Team Placements Made Final
- 6/15 - 5 pm - Scheduling Begins - Pre-season 10-14A/B and 14AA-18U regular season
- 8/1 - Team Evaluations for 6U/8U begin
- 8/1 - Deadline for games schedule grid and roster entry-14AA-18U & preseason levels
- 8/16 - Deadline for Team Evaluations at 6U/8U
- 8/23 - Season Begins 16 & 18
- 8/27 - 5 pm - Scheduling Begins - 6U/8U pre-season
- 9/6 - Pre-season begins - 14A/B, 12U, 10U, 8U & 14AA Season Begins (No Preseason)
- 9/22 - Pre-season ends
- 9/23 Team placements Announced 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U.
- 9/25 - Team Placements Issues due by 12 noon

- 9/25 - Team Placements Made Final 9/10/12/14A&B 12 noon
- 9/25 - 6/8/10/12/14A&B Scheduling Begins 6pm
- 9/27 - 6/8/10/12/14A&B Regular Season can begin, if Games are in and Scheduled
- 10/3 - Deadline for game schedule grid sent to Master Scheduler
- 11/10 - 18U/18U Season Ends
- 11/15-17 - 16/18U Make-Up/Play-in Weekend
- 11/22 -24 18AA, 18A National, 16AA National/16AA American 16A National and 16A American NJYHL Playoffs
- 2/16 - 10U/12U/13O/14U Season Ends
- 2/21-23 - 10U/12U/13P/14U Make-up/Play-in Weekend
- 2/26-3/2 - NJYHL playoffs - 12U/14U
- 3/2 - 6U/8U Season Ends
- 3/7-9 NJYHL Playoffs 10U

- 3/30-4/2 - 2023 USAH Nationals
- 4/10 - 2023-24 - 13O/14U/16U/18U Tryouts
- 9/21-22 - AAHA 6U/8U Jamboree
- 12/31 - Rosters Freeze
- 3/7-9 - AAHA Qualifier
- 3/14-16 - 14AA/16AA/18AA - AAHA Championship
- 2024-25 - 8U/10U/12U Tryouts
- 4/2-6 - 2025 USAH Nationals
- 2025-26 - 13O/14U/15O/16U/18U Tryouts

League meetings
August 20th, February 4th & April 7th

Manager Meetings August 27 & 29
12 U and under 6:30pm via Zoom
14U and older 8:30pm via Zoom

Coach Meeting August 28th
7:30pm via Zoom

EXPECTATIONS

- NJYHL games take precedence over all other commitments (other leagues, tournaments, etc.).
- NJYHL GAMES CANNOT BE UTILIZED FOR NON-NJYHL COMMITMENTS – NO DOUBLE-DIPPING PLEASE.
- Leave room in your team schedules to enable rescheduling of potentially postponed games.
- All games are scheduled (or rescheduled) by the Master Scheduler and must be entered into Game Sheet before the start of the season (rosters too).
- Approval is required for any game changes once the schedules are final.
- All games MUST be played – no FORFEITS – there are fines.
- A suspended game will resume where the game was stopped. Any ineligible player in the initial game cannot participate when game is resumed.
- **Two full periods must be played for game to be official – must be stop time – no running clock** – 10 goal mercy rule.
- It is recommended non-league games follow the same rules as NJYHL games
- **DON'T FORGET TO CONFIRM ALL GAMES – LAST MINUTE CHANGES CAN HAPPEN!**



Mid Atlantic Hockey Alliance

- Initiative to allow DVHL and NJYHL to have a schedule with other league to diversify play
- AA teams will have more crossover (labeled as EXHIBITION)
- 14, 12, & 10 A National will have 4 games 2 Home and 2 Away
- Alliance may expand in future

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- The Commissioner will determine if weather cancellations are appropriate.
- All weather cancellations must be rescheduled within seven calendar days
- Master Scheduler must be notified of the change.



GAME RESPONSIBILITIES – OFF ICE OFFICIALS

- The scorekeeper and timekeeper are considered off ice officials.
- They should know the rules of the game and also know how to operate the clock.
- They should **NOT** be coaching from the scorekeeper's box.
- They should **NOT** be cheerleading from the scorekeeper's box.
- If the scorekeeper or timekeeper are not sure of the direction received from the official, they should ask for clarification immediately.

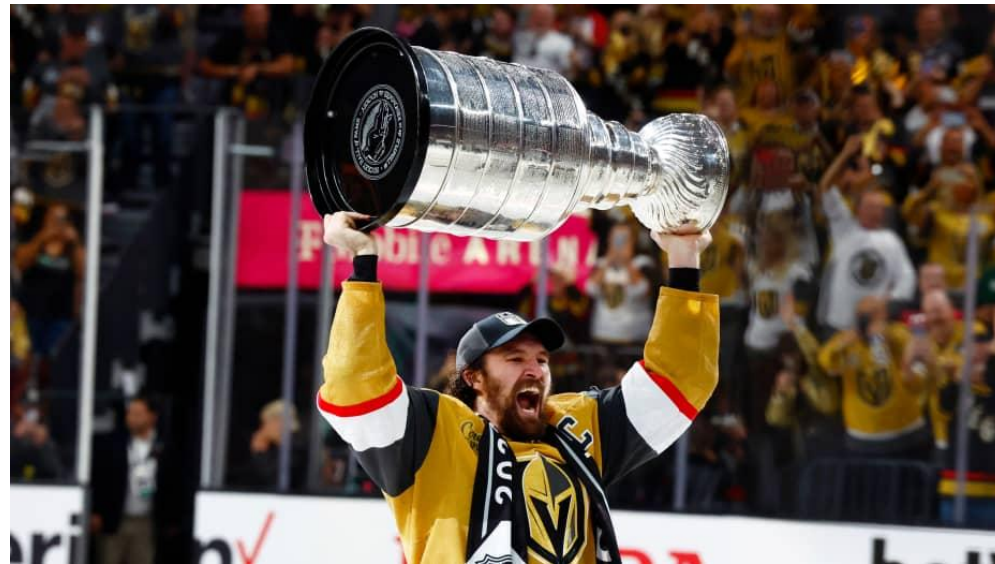


GAME RESPONSIBILITIES – OFF ICE OFFICIALS

- Prior to the start of the game, the Official Scorer shall obtain on Game Sheet the signatures of all coaches of each team, one of whom shall be designated as Head Coach
- The Official Scorer shall keep a record of each goal scored by indicating those player(s) who are credited with scoring the goal and any assists. **No request for changes to the officials scoring shall be considered unless they are made at or before the conclusion of the game.**
- Confirm player/coach roster reflects bench attendance before game with head coach– **note starting goalie name and number.**
- The coach is responsible for reviewing the score sheet at the end of the game before it is signed by the refs. Once it is signed and uploaded, changes cannot be made.
- Remind team families that website statistics will not be corrected unless it impacts the outcome of the game.
- Remind team families and managers that all contact with the NJYHL must come through your Association's NJYHL Delegate.



SEASON SCHEDULE AND EVENTS



Level	Season Start	Season End	Make-Up/Play-In Weekend
18U-AA	8/23/2024	11/10/2024	11/15– 11/17
18U-A National	8/23/2024	11/10/2024	11/15 – 11/17
16U-AA National	8/23/2024	11/10/2024	11/15 – 11/17
16U-AA American	8/23/2024	11/10/2024	11/15 – 11/17
16U-A National	8/23/2024	11/10/2024	11/15 – 11/17
14U-AA	8/23/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
14U-A National	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
14U-A American	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
14U-B	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23



Level	Pre-Season Start	Pre-Season End	Season Start	Season End	Make-up/Play-In Weekend
12U-AA	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
12U-A National	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
12U-A American	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
12U-B National	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
12U-B American	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
10U-AA*	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
10U-A National*	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
10U-A American	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
10U-B National*	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
10U-B American	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	2/16/2025	2/21-2/23
8U	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	3/2/2025	N/A
6U	8/23/2024	9/22/2024	9/27/2024	3/2/2025	N/A

6U-8U SEASON GUIDELINES

FULL ICE GAMES

- Hybrid Season ONLY

BIRTH YEARS

- **8U – 2016-2017 6U – 2018 and younger***
- 2017 and 2018 birth year players ARE NOT permitted to play at the 10U level. **NO WAIVER REQUESTS ACCEPTED.**
- 2015 birth year players ARE NOT permitted to play at the 8U level. They must play at 10U level.
- Rosters listing birth year players that are outside of the required age bracket will not be processed in accordance with the AAHA rules.
- *2018 birth year (6U) players CAN play on 8U teams, but cannot move to the 10U level until age appropriate.
- Full Guidelines may be found on the AAHA website - under ABOUT US/GUIDELINES



NJYHL PLAYOFFS AAHA CHAMPIONSHIPS



PLAY-IN GAMES

ADVANCEMENT TO NJYHL PLAYOFFS

At the 12U-18U levels, a single elimination game is played to determine advancement to NJYHL playoffs.

Detailed information will be posted on the NJYHL website

Example:

- 2nd and 3rd place in points/win pct. in each division plays a single game hosted by higher seed. Winner advances to NJYHL playoffs.



12 AA Advancement - Post Season

12-AA YOUTH AND GIRLS

LEVEL	DATE	LOCATION	FORMAT	QUALIFYING FROM	ADVANCEMENT
Youth	March 7-9, 2025	Ice Vault, Wayne, NJ	8 Team/2 Pool Round Robin with Championship	1st and 2nd Place NJYHL; 1st and 2nd Place DVHL; 1st and 2nd Place NJ At Large; 1st and 2nd Place PA/DE At Large	Winner is AAHA Champion
Girls	March 7-9, 2025	Ice Vault, Wayne, NJ	4 Team Round Robin with Championship	1st and 2nd Place MAWHA, 1st and 2nd Place At-Large	Winner is AAHA Champion

LEVEL	1 SEED	2 SEED	3 SEED	4 SEED	5 SEED	6 SEED	7 SEED	8 SEED
Youth	1st Place DVHL	1st Place NJYHL	1st Place DE/PA At-Large	1st Place NJ At-Large	2nd Place NJYHL	2nd Place DVHL	2nd Place NJ At-Large	2nd Place DE/PA At-Large
Girls	1st Place MAWHA	1st Place At-Large	2nd Place MAWHA/At-Large*	2nd Place MAWHA/At-Large*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

AAHA AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

LEVEL	DATE	LOCATION	FORMAT	QUALIFYING FROM	ADVANCEMENT
12-B	March 14-16, 2025	Hatfield Ice World, Colmar, PA	4 Team Round Robin with Championship	1st Place NJYHL; 1st Place DVHL; 1st Place NJ At Large; 1st Place DE/PA At Large	Winner is AAHA Champion
12-A	March 14-16, 2025	Hatfield Ice World, Colmar, PA	8 Team/2 Pool Round Robin with Championship	1st and 2nd Place NJYHL; 1st and 2nd Place DVHL; 1st and 2nd Place NJ At Large; 1st and 2nd Place PA/DE At Large	Winner is AAHA Champion
14-B	March 14-16, 2025	Hatfield Ice World, Colmar, PA	4 Team Round Robin with Championship	1st Place NJYHL; 1st Place DVHL; 1st Place NJ At Large; 1st Place DE/PA At Large	Winner is AAHA Champion
14-A	March 14-16, 2025	Hatfield Ice World, Colmar, PA	8 Team/2 Pool Round Robin with Championship	1st and 2nd Place NJYHL; 1st and 2nd Place DVHL; 1st and 2nd Place NJ At Large; 1st and 2nd Place PA/DE At Large	Winner is AAHA Champion
16-A	March 14-16, 2025	Hatfield Ice World, Colmar, PA	8 Team/2 Pool Round Robin with Championship	1st and 2nd Place NJYHL; 1st and 2nd Place DVHL; 1st and 2nd Place NJ At Large; 1st and 2nd Place PA/DE At Large	Winner is AAHA Champion
18-A	March 14-16, 2025	Hatfield Ice World, Colmar, PA	4 team - 1 v 4; 2 v 3; Winner v Winner	1st Place NJYHL; 1st Place DVHL; 1st Place NJ At Large; 1st Place DE/PA At Large	Winner is AAHA Champion

LEVEL	1 SEED	2 SEED	3 SEED	4 SEED	5 SEED	6 SEED	7 SEED	8 SEED
12-B	1st Place DVHL	1st Place NJYHL	1st Place DE/PA At-Large	1st Place NJ At-Large	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12-A	1st Place DVHL	1st Place NJYHL	1st Place DE/PA At-Large	1st Place NJ At-Large	2nd Place NJYHL	2nd Place DVHL	2nd Place NJ At-Large	2nd Place DE/PA At-Large
14-B	1st Place DVHL	1st Place NJYHL	1st Place DE/PA At-Large	1st Place NJ At-Large	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
14-A	1st Place DVHL	1st Place NJYHL	1st Place DE/PA At-Large	1st Place NJ At-Large	2nd Place NJYHL	2nd Place DVHL	2nd Place NJ At-Large	2nd Place DE/PA At-Large
16-A	1st Place DVHL	1st Place NJYHL	1st Place DE/PA At-Large	1st Place NJ At-Large	2nd Place NJYHL	2nd Place DVHL	2nd Place NJ At-Large	2nd Place DE/PA At-Large
18-A	1st Place DVHL	1st Place NJYHL	1st Place DE/PA At-Large	1st Place NJ At-Large	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

14 AA, 16 AA & 18 AA Qualifier Round

NATIONAL-BOUND QUALIFIER ROUND

LEVEL	DATE	LOCATION	FORMAT	QUALIFYING FROM	ADVANCEMENT
14-AA NJ	March 7-9, 2025	Hollydell Ice Arena, Sewell, NJ	4 Team Round Robin	1st and 2nd Place NJYHL, 1st and 2nd Place NJ At-Large	Top two teams in points advance to Championship Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed
16-AA NJ	March 7-9, 2025	Hollydell Ice Arena, Sewell, NJ	4 Team Round Robin	1st and 2nd Place NJYHL, 1st and 2nd Place NJ At-Large	Top two teams in points advance to Championship Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed
18-AA NJ	March 7-9, 2025	Hollydell Ice Arena, Sewell, NJ	4 Team Round Robin	1st and 2nd Place NJYHL, 1st and 2nd Place NJ At-Large	Top two teams in points advance to Championship Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed
14-AA PA	March 7-9, 2025	Hollydell Ice Arena, Sewell, NJ	4 Team Round Robin	1st and 2nd Place DVHL, 1st and 2nd Place PA At-Large	Top two teams in points advance to Championship Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed
16-AA PA	March 7-9, 2025	Hollydell Ice Arena, Sewell, NJ	4 Team Round Robin	1st and 2nd Place DVHL, 1st and 2nd Place PA At-Large	Top two teams in points advance to Championship Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed
18-AA PA	March 7-9, 2025	Hollydell Ice Arena, Sewell, NJ	4 Team Round Robin	1st and 2nd Place DVHL, 1st and 2nd Place PA At-Large	Top two teams in points advance to Championship Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed

STATE	1 SEED	2 SEED	3 SEED	4 SEED
New Jersey	1st Place NJYHL	1st Place At-Large	2nd Place NJYHL/At-Large*	2nd Place NJYHL/At-Large*

14AA, 16AA, & 18AA National Bound Championship Round & Advancement

NATIONAL-BOUND CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

LEVEL	DATE	LOCATION	FORMAT	QUALIFYING FROM	ADVANCEMENT
14-AA NJ	March 14-16, 2025	Ice House, Hackensack, NJ	Best of Three Series	1st and 2nd Place Qualifier Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed	1 Team Advances to USA Hockey Nationals in Kalamazoo, MI
14-AA PA	March 14-16, 2025	Ice House, Hackensack, NJ	Best of Three Series	1st and 2nd Place Qualifier Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed	1 Team Advances to USA Hockey Nationals in Kalamazoo, MI
16-AA NJ	March 14-16, 2025	Ice House, Hackensack, NJ	Best of Three Series	1st and 2nd Place Qualifier Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed	1 Team Advances to USA Hockey Nationals in Wayne, NJ
16-AA PA	March 14-16, 2025	Ice House, Hackensack, NJ	Best of Three Series	1st and 2nd Place Qualifier Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed	1 Team Advances to USA Hockey Nationals in Wayne, NJ
18-AA DE	March 14-16, 2025	Ice House, Hackensack, NJ	Best of Three Series	1st Place DVHL; 1st Place At-Large*	1 Team Advances to USA Hockey Nationals in Utica, NY
18-AA NJ	March 14-16, 2025	Ice House, Hackensack, NJ	Best of Three Series	1st and 2nd Place Qualifier Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed	1 Team Advances to USA Hockey Nationals in Utica, NY
18-AA PA	March 14-16, 2025	Ice House, Hackensack, NJ	Best of Three Series	1st and 2nd Place Qualifier Round - 1st Place is 1 Seed	1 Team Advances to USA Hockey Nationals in Utica, NY
14-AA DE	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	1 Team Advances to USA Hockey Nationals in Kalamazoo, MI
16-AA DE	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	1 Team Advances to USA Hockey Nationals in Utica, NY

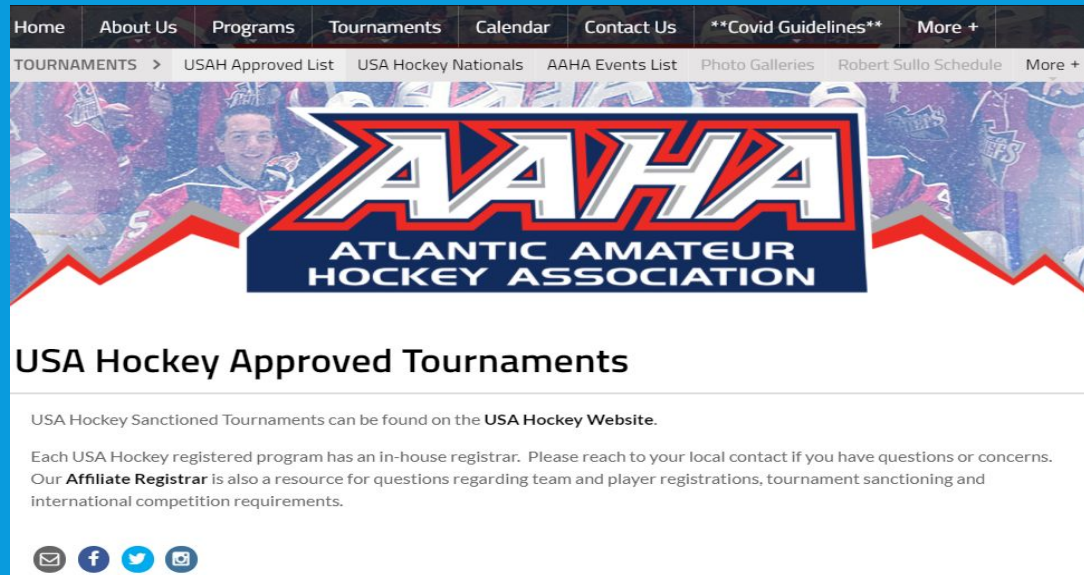
14U, 16U, 18U PLAYER PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible to participate in NJYHL Playoffs at the 14U, 16U and 18U levels, each player must participate in a minimum of 50% of the NJYHL games scheduled for the team.
- Any player rostered after the end of League play is ineligible for post-season play. In the event of an injury or other extraordinary circumstances, the Executive Board reserves the right to waive this rule.
- It is the responsibility of the individual teams to ensure that all their players are eligible.
- If a team uses an ineligible player in a playoff game, that game will be declared a forfeit and a fine of \$1,000 will be assessed.
- Once AAHA Tournament advancing teams are set, any player that leaves an advancing team to join a Tier I or Junior level team must be removed from the NJYHL roster and will be ineligible to participate in the AAHA tournament.



TOURNAMENTS

- Any tournament that your teams participate in should be a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament.
- Sanctioned tournaments provide consistent rules, penalty assessments, age categories, and insurance coverage.



GAME SHEET AND SCORE KEEPING

New System Information



GAME SHEET - COMMUNICATION

- Each organization has a point person for questions/issues. It is their:

Master Scheduler

- All questions should be directed to the NJYHL through their **Master Scheduler. NOT FROM INDIVIDUAL MANAGERS!!**



GAME SHEET

- The home team is responsible for providing an IPAD with the game loaded and completing the game online.
- It is the home team scorekeeper's responsibility to accurately record penalties as called by the officials.
- The scorekeeper must know how to record penalties on a score sheet to accurately reflect the number of penalties assessed (i.e. a double minor is listed as 2 separate minor penalties, one per line).
- Game Sheet must be uploaded within 6 hours, once uploaded an email will be sent to both managers.
- **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE FULL SEASON OF SCORE SHEETS MAY NEED TO BE PRESENTED AT THE END OF THE SEASON TO CONFIRM PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY.**
- Dates of help for managers and scorekeepers have been sent to all clubs for Zoom Meetings on Game Sheet



GAME SHEET - SCHEDULES

- All games were uploaded into GAME SHEET
- All schedules must be double- checked and errors sent to your scheduler (or person in organization that deals with this) ASAP
- **DO NOT USE GAME SHEET FOR NON-LEAGUE GAMES - YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL BE CHARGED AND THE GAME WILL BE DELETED!**

GAME SHEET – DATA ENTERED

- The information entered into Game Sheet system should exactly match what the ref reports
- The scorekeeper MUST know the difference between a MISCONDUCT and a GAME MISCONDUCT.
 - A GAME MISCONDUCT will result in a suspension for the player or coach.
 - A second misconduct in a game is an automatic GAME MISCONDUCT and should be input as such.
 - 4 penalties is also automatic GAME MISCONDUCT, please make sure to input as such.
- **I The game details must be uploaded to Game Sheet within 6 hours or before the next game for either team, whichever is sooner.** A player that is serving a suspension will be ~~SUSPENDED~~ in the system for the next game, do not play any ineligible player.
- **Any game not uploaded within 6 hours will be subject to a \$100 fine.** Any team consistently delinquent in sending in a game score sheet may receive an additional penalty at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- Only the NJYHL can rule a game as a forfeit. It cannot be done by any coach, manager or official.

The NJYHL will not revise any game statistic entered unless it has an impact on the outcome of the game (final score or player/coach suspension).



GAME SHEET - ROSTERS

- All ROSTERS must be put in using the USA Hockey Team ID, this will ensure stats follow each player year to year .
- All roster changes need to be made PRIOR to a game being played.
- All roster changes also have to be sent not less than 24 hours in advance of the game via forms on the NJYHL website (Player Substitution form or Goaltending Coverage form).



NJYHL WEBSITE

Contacts, Forms, Schedules, Scores, Events and more!

www.njyhl.org





QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your time and dedication to the kids, your club,
the NJYHL and to the great sport of hockey

