



# **KVIH Adult Leagues**

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## **Official Rules**

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*Fall Season*



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# DISCLAIMER

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The rules outlined in this guide are subject to change at any time. Any rule changes are at the discretion of the league director, USA Hockey, Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (“MAHA”), and Rink Management. Any such rule change that is to happen within the season will result in all players being notified via e-mail as well as posting to the league’s Facebook page. Any changes outside of the season will be simply made to this document and re-uploaded before the new season’s start.

The League Director holds the ability to add on to a player’s disciplinary but are not able to completely null a suspension issued by the Game Officials. Off ice as well as on ice behavior are all subject to review and disciplinary when any actions directly involve the rink facility, facility staff, game officials, and/or occur on rink property are deemed as constituting disciplinary action. Such off-ice behavior includes the use of Social Media, notably those channels provided by both the rink and facility.

Both the Rink and League Director have a 24-hour rule in which following any incidents that you wish to discuss/dispute, it is asked that you wait a minimum of 24 hours to do so. This allows for clearer heads to prevail.

# 1. PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

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## Player Registration

- All players must meet the registration requirements for their league which are provided in the registration directions documents for the respective leagues, before stepping on the ice. This includes:
  - ALL players MUST be USA Hockey registered as a player
  - ALL players MUST be registered in the rink system (Maxgalaxy) and in our leagues/on a team
  - ALL players MUST obtain a helmet sticker from the office after registration and PROPERLY wear it where directed
- All players must be age eligible for their division, must reach the minimum age by April 1st, of the season. For example, for the 2020/21 season they must meet the age requirement by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. *NO exceptions will be made.*
- It is the team manager's responsibility to make sure all players on their bench are legally registered and have a valid eligibility sticker.
- Team Managers will receive a (1) game suspension if they are knowledgeable that a non-eligible/illegal player is participating in a game. This rule will be strictly enforced this season no exceptions will be made. 2nd offences by a team manager will result in immediate suspension pending review from league management.
- Any player found to be illegal will be immediately suspended until further notice and will have to apply in writing to be reinstated by league management.

## Jerseys/Rosters

- All teams must wear matching jerseys with numbers.
- All Players must have a permanent jersey number that will be listed on their helmet sticker and roster. If your team has 2 sets of jerseys with different numbers, both numbers must be assigned to each player on your roster. If a player registers and does not know their jersey number yet the front office must be notified when the number is available.
- Jerseys without a number are not allowed (goalies are the only exception). Duplicate jersey's numbers on the same team are not allowed.

- The only way to add a player to your team roster is to complete the online registration process. Managers are responsible to manage their roster and ensure all players are registered before playing in any game. Use the Captains Page in the online system to view.
- All rosters are frozen as of February 1<sup>st</sup> of every year

## **Equipment**

- All players participating must wear protective equipment that meets USA Hockey requirements.
- All Players must wear an unaltered hockey helmet, securely fastened at all times with snapping or permanently attached straps. String or tape is not acceptable.
- Facial protection and mouth guard are strongly recommended.

## **Use of subs**

- a team is only allowed to use a sub from another team or the league registered sub list that is not on their roster if they have less than 10 players, and may only use up to 10 skaters when using a sub.
- Subs must be USA registered, and have completed the online player registration process and have a helmet sticker.
- There are (2) types of subs – One is a sub from another team within the league and (2) is a sub from the registered sub list.
- Teams can register a sub player on their team that will only play part time or when needed, they would register the same as a regular player. Registered subs/part time players on your roster are not considered using a sub and sub rules do not apply. However, these players cannot be on the registered sub list or registered on another team within the league.
- Players can only roster on 1 team within the league or they can be on a registered sub list but not both.
- Draft League– subs that are on other draft teams should be utilized first. Subs not registered on a draft team must be approved and rated by director. Subs should be of similar rating to absent player and Team Managers will communicate with opposing team about subs that outside that guideline.

## 2. SEASON/GAME FORMAT

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### Regular Season/Game Format

- The season will consist of:
  - Men's league- 26 weeks, including playoffs
  - Women's league- 24 weeks, including playoffs
  - Draft league- 26 weeks, includes 1 rate skate and 25 games that include playoffs
- Divisions may be tiered off and reseeded into 3 sessions and again at playoffs to achieve optimum parity.
- League management has the right to place teams into tiers that they feel is in the best interest of the league.
- Game officials, scorekeepers and referees, will be provided.
- Any forfeited game will be scored 1-0.
- Any team forfeiting will be charged a \$70 forfeit fee which must be paid before the next scheduled game.
- No time outs allowed.
- Games will be (3) 15-minute run time periods.
- Games that are within 2 goal in the last 1 minute of the 3rd period will then go to stop clock.
- Non-checking & Non-Fighting
- With the run clock format, 2-minute penalties will now become 3-minute penalties.
- Playoffs TBA – 2 or 3 weeks will be allotted for playoff games and will be posted week by week as seeds are available.

## Schedules & Standings

- Standings will be based on 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. League standings will be posted in the arena and on the website. Tiebreakers will be determined as follows:
  - Total Points
  - Head to Head against said team(s)
  - Goal Differential
  - Least goals allowed
  - Most goals scored
  - Least penalty minutes
  - Coin Toss
- Schedules and standings will be posted online at [kvicehouse.maxgalaxy.net](http://kvicehouse.maxgalaxy.net)

## Playoff/Championship Games

- Playoff games follow all the same rules as the regular season with the following exceptions:
  - 1 time out per team is allowed
  - Only ROSTERED players can participate, NO EXCEPTIONS
  - All players MUST Sign-in before their game at the front desk with ID
  - Overtime is allowed:
    - 1<sup>st</sup>- (5) minute sudden death STOP TIME, 5-on-5
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>- Rotating 3-man shootout
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>- Sudden death shootout

## 3. ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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### Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy

- Any player determined by the referees to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be immediately removed from the game and written for a game misconduct.
- Any second offense will result in league suspension pending review of league management.
- Absolutely NO outside alcohol is to be brought into the premises for any reason. Beer can only be ordered from the Top Shelf bar within our facilities. This violates our liquor license and liability policy and will be strictly enforced. Locker rooms are subject to random inspection.
- Teams that bring outside alcohol will be charged a \$40 violation fee which will be added to their team invoice and must be paid prior to your next scheduled game.
- **NO beer allowed on the bench** – consumption is only allowed in your locker room or in our Top Shelf Bar.

### Top Shelf Pub and Grub

- Bring your copy of the score sheet and receive a Pitcher of your favorite beer for \$3.00
- The ovens in the kitchen will be turned off 30 minutes after the last game of the night. If you would like to place an order you must do so before that time.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed to be brought in the K.V.I.H. due to the laws set forth by the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
- The K.V.I.H./Top Shelf will have cans available for locker room delivery for \$1.25 plus deposit. Please make arrangements by phone or stop up to the Top Shelf before your game for beer served on ice in your locker room Phone # (810) 494-9474
- For beer orders at H.I.H./Top Shelf, call (810) 632-7222 Ext. 4



## 4. CONDUCT & SUSPENSIONS

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**Conduct & Suspensions**-USA Hockey rules will govern play in addition to all rules that follow:

- Players should communicate through their team manager first with any issues, when possible. Team managers and league director will be in regular communication and expected to address issues of concern.
- Zero Tolerance - A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:
  - Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
  - Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
  - Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.
- The zero tolerance rule is in effect; if any coach, manager, trainer, or player exhibits unwarranted discipline or conduct problems, such as: talks back, abuses the referee, uses profane language, uses his stick or other equipment as a weapon to a referee or opposing player, or becomes the third participant in a fight started between two other players, the referee shall immediately remove him for the remainder of the game and will be reviewed by League Director for any further disciplinary action.
- Team Managers are expected to review league rules with all players on their team. Additional copies of these rules are available upon request and can also be viewed on our website @ [www.kvicehouse.com](http://www.kvicehouse.com) under the Men's League tab.
- 24 Hour Rule – any player/manager that wants to discuss any incident must wait 24 hours to contact league director.
- Player history is reviewed upon ALL suspensions and can result in further discipline upon the League Director's discretion
- All fighting penalties will result in the involved player or players automatically receiving a three-game suspension. A second fighting major will result in an immediate suspension from the league. Reinstatement will be determined based on a review with the League Director.

- Any major stick infractions as determined by the official(s) will result in the involved player or players receiving a three-game suspension. A second major stick infraction will result in an immediate suspension and a review with the League Director.
- All players within the adult program are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner and be respectful of facility and league rules. Verbal abuse of any kind toward any member of arena staff will result in a game suspension.
- NO PLAYER IS ALLOWED ON THE ICE WHEN THE ICE-RESURFACING MACHINE IS IN OPERATION. ALL PUCKS, STICKS, AND OTHER OBJECTS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE ICE BEFORE AND DURING THE TIME THE RESURFACING IS DONE.
  - Staff has been instructed to leave the ice and skip the resurface if players are in violation of this rule, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Zamboni staff has been instructed to leave the Ice and skip the resurface if players are in violation of this rule, no exceptions will be made.
- All eligibility protests can be announced at any time during the game to the referee. All players on the ice must have a valid eligibility sticker on their helmet and matching jersey. A player in question will need to leave ice and go to the front office to determine eligibility, arena staff will then signal the ref if the player will be allowed to re-enter the game.
- Any player receiving three penalties in one game will sit the remainder of that game. Any player with a second offense during the season will receive a 1 game suspension and will be reviewed by the League Director.
- Game Misconduct – players will be ejected for the remainder that game and will have to serve a 1 game suspension as well. All officials are required to file all game misconduct calls with MAHA/USA hockey.
- Game Ejection Call – Similar to a Game Misconduct Call will result in ejection of the game but will not carry an additional 1 game suspension.
- League suspensions and / or expulsions will be given to any player who intentionally tries to injure an opponent.
- Any player that illegally plays while under suspension will be removed from that team's roster. The offending team will be assessed a forfeit loss for any game with an illegal or suspended player on the ice.

- All spectators must adhere to good sportsmanship guidelines. Any spectator using foul language towards the opposing team's players, other fans, or officials will be asked to leave the facility. Refusal to leave the facility will result in a penalty towards the team with whom they are associated. Game play will not resume until the offending spectator(s) has left the facility.
- Team Managers will be notified by the arena of players' suspensions. It is the Team Managers responsibility to communicate suspensions to their players and to ensure that they are served.
- The League Director reserves the right to make any decision that is in the best interest of the League, regardless of whether it involves a written or unwritten rule. Any K.V.I.H. rules listed will supersede U.S.A. Hockey Rules.

## 5. GAME SUSPENSION/EJECTION BREAKDOWN

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All suspensions are subject to the discretion of the League Director. This is not limited to On-Ice behavior and includes how you conduct yourself off the ice and on the facility's property.

- **Game Ejections:** do NOT result in an IMMEDIATE suspension. When a player is ejected, they are to leave the ice and sit out the remainder of the game.
  - Ejected players are NOT allowed on the bench.
  - An ejection can result in Suspensions in situations including, but not limited to:
    - It is the player's **2<sup>nd</sup>** time receiving **3 penalties in a game that season**
    - Was a result of **Abuse of Officials**
    - Was a result of a **Fighting Major**
    - Was a result of and **Major Penalty**
    - The **League Director** deems that actions leading up to, during, and immediately following the ejection warrant a suspension
- **Game Misconduct:** In addition to the player leaving the ice and sitting the remainder of the game, a game misconduct DOES result in a MINIMUM of a 1 game SUSPENSION.
  - Players receiving a Game Misconduct are NOT allowed on the bench after being removed from the game
  - Players receiving a Game Misconduct are NOT allowed on the bench while serving their suspension. They may watch the game with fellow spectators.
  - All suspensions are subject to the discretion of the GAME OFFICIALS and LEAGUE DIRECTOR
    - League Director WILL NOT overturn a suspension issued by a game official but the league director does discuss the suspension with the issuing official and severity of the suspension could lessen or strengthen.
  - All game misconducts come with a minimum of a 1 game suspension but could result in more for situation including, but not limited to:

- **Fighting Majors** = automatic 3 game suspension, no exceptions
- **Intent to injure or harm** a player, rink staff, or game official
- **Major Penalties**
  - Failure to conduct oneself in accordance with league and facility rules
  - The **League Director** deems that actions leading up to, during, and immediately following the misconduct warrant a suspension
  - **Off-ice behavior** towards game officials, facility staff, and spectators
- **Match Penalties:** results in immediate removal from the game and the player or team official is immediately suspended in accordance to USA Hockey Rule 405, subsection C
  - **Rule 405(C):**
    - A player or Team Official incurring a match penalty shall be suspended from participating in any USA Hockey games and practices until his case has been dealt with by the proper authorities. A hearing by the proper authorities shall be offered to be held (including any further disciplinary action) within 30 days of the incident (“30-day period”) together with a decision in accordance with Bylaw 10D (Suspension Hearings/Domestic Competition Playing Rules). If extenuating circumstances prevent the proper authorities from conducting the hearing within the 30-day period, the player or Team Official shall be automatically reinstated after the 30-day period. The failure to offer the hearing shall not prohibit the hearing body from conducting the hearing after the 30-day period and imposing further disciplinary action.
  - If any Team Official or Player is assessed a match penalty, he may not sit near the players’ bench of his team, nor in any way attempt to direct the play of his team.
  - Receiving a Match penalty could result in being PROHIBITED to step foot on the Facility’s property
  - Receiving a Match penalty could result in permanent expulsion from all KVIH Adult Leagues

## 6. ABUSE OF OFFICIALS (USA HOCKEY RULE 601):

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Game Officials include both the referees and the Scorekeepers. Below is the exact rule from USA Hockey:

A bench minor penalty shall be assessed for actions that occur on or in the immediate vicinity of the player's bench (off the ice).

A minor penalty or misconduct penalty should be assessed for actions that occur on the playing surface or in the penalty bench area.

(a) A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be assessed to any player who commits the following actions:

- Challenges or disputes the rulings of any official.
- Taunts or incites an opponent.
- Creates a disturbance during the game.
- Shoots the puck after the whistle, if in the opinion of the Official such shot was avoidable.

A misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who persists in such conduct and any further dispute by the same player shall result in a game misconduct penalty being assessed.

(Note) If occurring after the game, the above actions shall be initially penalized as a misconduct penalty.

(b) A bench minor penalty shall be assessed to any team who's players or team officials commit the following actions while on the player's bench:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct or disputing the rulings of any official by an unidentified player or Team Official.
- Using obscene, profane or abusive language to any person.
- Using the name of any official in a loud or abusive manner.
- Throwing any object onto the playing area during the progress of the game or during a stoppage of play.

- Banging the boards with a stick or other object at anytime.
- Using threatening or abusive language or gestures directed at an opponent.
- Interfering in any non-physical manner with any game official, including off-ice officials, in the performance of their duties.

(Note) If any of the above actions are committed by a player who is on the players' bench and is readily identifiable, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty under sub-section (c) of this rule.

(c) A misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player who commits the following actions:

- Persists in any conduct where they were previously assessed a minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Using obscene, profane or abusive language to any person anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.
- Intentionally knocking or shooting the puck out of the reach of an official who is retrieving it during a stoppage of play.
- Not proceeding directly and immediately to the penalty bench or to the dressing room, after being penalized and ordered to do so by the officials (equipment shall be delivered to him by a teammate, if necessary).
- Entering or remaining in the Referee's Crease, unless invited to do so.
- Interfering in any non-physical manner with any Game Official including the Referee, Linesman, Timekeepers or Goal Judges in the performance of their duties.

(d) A misconduct or game misconduct, at the discretion of the Referee and based on severity, shall be assessed to any player who commits the following actions:

- Touches or holds any official with his hand or stick.
- Attempts to continue an altercation after been ordered to stop, or resists the linesman in stopping the altercation.
- Intentionally bangs the boards or protective glass or goal frame with his stick or any other object at anytime. If done in protest of an officials' decision, an additional minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct shall also be assessed.

(e) A game misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player or team official who is guilty of the following actions:

- Persists in any course of conduct for which he has previously been assessed a misconduct penalty (player) or bench minor penalty assessed to the team (Team Official).
- Uses an obscene gesture anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.
- Uses language that is offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.

*Effective as of October 30, 2019, any player or team official who uses language that falls under Rule 603(e)3 shall be assessed an automatic Match Penalty. The officials are required to immediately file a game report and the offending player/team official is suspended until a hearing is conducted by the Affiliate Association per the process outlined in Bylaw 10 of the Annual Guide. If the incident was reported to, but not heard by the official(s), the officials are required to notify the the coach of the offending team and submit an incident report to the Proper Authorities immediately following the game outlining what was reported to them.*

- Interferes in any physical manner with any game official, including off-ice officials, in performing their duties.
- A player who receives their second misconduct penalty (for any rule infraction) during the same game shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty in lieu of the second misconduct penalty.

(f) A match penalty shall be assessed to any player or team official who commits the following actions:

- Deliberately inflicting physical harm, or attempting to do so, to any game official, including off-ice officials.
- (Note) Any match penalty assessed under this rule must be reported via written game report by the officials to the USA Hockey District Referee-in-Chief within 48 hours.
- Deliberately injuring, or attempting to do so, any opposing player or team official.
- Behaving in any manner that is critically detrimental to the conducting of the game, including spitting at an opponent, spectator, game or team official, or verbally threatening a Game Official, opposing Team Official or opposing player with physical harm.



