



# Rules and By-Laws

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## **I. MISSION**

It is the goal of this league to foster sportsmanship and provide the opportunity for central Illinois high school students to play hockey and represent their area schools.

## **II. GOVERNANCE**

A. CIPHL is an educational and charitable not for profit corporation and will operate in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and Section 501 c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. The CIPHL Board will consist of one team representative from each affiliate club and the following officers:

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Registrar
5. Referee-in-Chief
6. Coach-in-Chief

All Board Members must be registered with USA Hockey for the current season as either player/coach, manager/volunteer, or official.

C. Affiliated clubs are Decatur, East River, Pekin, Suburban, Kankakee and McLean County Youth Hockey Association (MCYHA).

D. The terms of officers will be two years and will be staggered to provide continuity. The exception is the President, who will have a three year term.

E. Team representatives or their proxies and officers will have voting rights with one vote allowed per organization.

1. A quorum requires the presence of a simple majority (3) team representatives or their proxies.

F. Reporting to the CIPHL Board will be the Rules and Ethics Committee, chaired by the President and consisting of the Coach-in-Chief, Referee-in-Chief, a Board appointed coach and a Board appointed parent.

1. Other Committees will be appointed as necessary.

- G. Coaches, players, board member and league officials are responsible for the knowledge and enforcement of UAS Hockey, AHAI, and CIPHL rules and by-laws.

### **III. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- A. A player may not be twenty years old prior to December 31st of the school year.
  - 1. Players not attending high school or in their fifth year since initially attending high school are not eligible.
- B. Players rostered or participating at the Tier I (AAA) or any level of Junior hockey are not eligible to play.
- C. Midget Major travel players, Juniors and Seniors must play Varsity unless an exception to play Junior varsity is made by the CIPHL Board. The Board will decide each case individually. Exception is a privilege granted by the Board. The play and behavior of exception players will be continually monitored. Exceptions can be revoked by the Board at any time and for any reason the Board deems appropriate.
- D. Any player that owes past monies to any team or hockey association for any reason will not be allowed to play in CIPHL until the matter is resolved. Written notification between the teams or associations involved will be required.
- E. Suspensions/Academics
  - 1. If a player is serving a school suspension, they may not participate in CIPHL events until the school suspension has been served.
  - 2. A player must be taking the required number of classes.
  - 3. As outlined in the Code of Conduct, it is the responsibility of the player and/or the player's parents/guardians to inform their affiliated club's coach/manager of school suspensions. Failure to be forthcoming will result in a review by the Rules and Ethics Committee. The committee will determine any additional suspensions.
  - 4. As outlined in the Code of Conduct, it is the responsibility of the player's parents/guardians to ensure their player is performing to the best of their ability academically. In instances where they are not, notify the coach/manager that the player will not be participating until their academics improve to an acceptable level.

#### **IV. TEAM RULES AND ASSIGNMENTS**

- A. Affiliate club teams and players must be properly registered and rostered with USA Hockey and AHAI. Team rosters must be signed and completed prior to the first scheduled league game. Players added to the team roster after the first scheduled league game must be in accordance to AHAI rules and regulations, and approved by the CIPHL Board.
- B. All coaches must be registered, rostered, and comply with current USA Hockey and AHAI certification requirements.
- C. CIPHL and affiliate clubs must practice the following team selection process:
  - 1. Absolutely “NO” cutting of players.
  - 2. Reasonable efforts are made to invite all eligible players from the assigned schools of the opportunity to play in CIPHL.
- D. Clubs with only enough players for one team must play Varsity unless given exception by CIPHL Board.
- E. A player must play for the affiliated club of the high school they attend. Exceptions from club assignments for unique circumstances must be submitted in writing by the parent/guardian to the CIPHL Board and will be ruled on an individual basis.

F. Assignments of high schools:

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<b>CIPHL Club Team</b>	<b>School Assignment</b>
<b>Decatur</b>	Macon County High Schools
<b>Pekin</b>	Pekin Community High School, Tremont High School, Dee-Mack, MW Central, Illini Bluffs
<b>Suburban</b>	Bureau, Fulton, Henry, Knox, partial Marshall (west of Illinois river), Peoria, and Stark County High Schools, Peoria Notre Dame
<b>IceHawks</b>	La Salle, partial Marshall (east of Illinois river), Mason, Putnam, Tazewell, and partial Woodford County (west of I-39) High Schools
<b>MCYHA</b>	DeWitt, Livingston, Logan, McLean, and partial Woodford County (east of I-39) High Schools
<b>Kankakee</b>	Beecher, Bishop Mac, Bradley Bourbonnais, Clifton, Donovan, Grant Park, Herscher, Kankakee, Manteno, Momence, Peotone, Reed-Custer, St Anne, Watseka and Wilmington High Schools

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G. Home school players will play for the public school they would attend based on their residency.

## **V. PARTICIPANT RULES**

- A. All players, parents/guardians, and coaches will sign and adhere to CIPHL Code of Conduct. These will be strictly enforced.
- B. CIPHL fully supports and will strictly enforce conformance by board members, coaches, players, referees and parents to USA Hockey and AHAJ policies including zero tolerance, consumption and substance abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, player safety, participant code of conduct, coaches screening, and equal opportunity.
- C. CIPHL will not tolerate any derogatory sexual or racial language, sexual harassment, physical abuse, sexual abuse or mental abuse by board members, coaches, players, referees, parents and spectators. Any such incidents at a CIPHL function requires immediate notification of the CIPHL Board and individuals involved are suspended from participation until reviewed by the Rules and Ethics Committee.
- D. Any board member, coach, player, referee or parent/guardian involved in public or private damage to property, and/or theft while involved in CIPHL function will be subject to Rules and Ethics Committee review. The committee will determine if punishment or retribution is necessary, and will send written notification. Notification of intent to appeal must be made, in writing, within seven days of issuance of the committee's decision. The appellant must present their case to the Board. Decisions rendered by the Board are final and binding.



## VI. SUSPENSIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A. Any player serving a game misconduct with additional suspensions may not play in any scheduled Varsity, Junior Varsity game until all of the suspension(s) at that level are served.
- B. Any player or coach that receives a match penalty or three game misconducts in a season is suspended until reviewed by the Rules and Ethics Committee.
- C. If a player or coach participates in a game(s) during their suspension period, their team shall forfeit that game(s).
- D. The CIPHL Board recognizes the AHAI suspension committee as Sole Authority for hearing and ruling on suspensions. However, the CIPHL Board, as provided for in these by-laws, may impose suspensions for periods longer than those imposed by AHAI. Where a suspension hearing is required before the AHAI Suspension Committee, the player or coach involved must first meet with the CIPHL Rules and Ethics Committee prior to their scheduled hearing. The player or coach involved is ineligible to play until the suspension is heard, regardless of the time involved.
- E. All parties brought before the Rules and Ethics Committee shall be given a full and fair hearing. Decisions rendered by the Rules and Ethics Committee can be appealed to the Board at the next scheduled board meeting. Notification of intent to appeal must be made, in writing, within seven days of issuance of the committee's decision. The appellant must present their case to the Board. Decisions rendered by the Board are final and binding.
- F. All Star Game
  - 1. By AHAI and USA rules - If a player is under suspension, the player cannot play in the All-Star game.
  - 2. The player still has to serve a regular scheduled game as well.

## VII. GAME RULES

- A. The Official Playing Rules of USA Hockey will dictate play as well as any AHAI approved exceptions or additions.
- B. CIPHL will utilize a two official system (2 referees) whenever possible and practical. All referees must be registered and comply with current USA Hockey and AHAI certification requirements. Referee assignment for league games are the responsibility of the Referee-in-Chief and will be coordinated through AHAI.
- C. Each game will be one hour and fifteen minutes. Period length will be fourteen (14:00) minute stop time.
- D. Penalty times shall be as follow:
  - 1. Minor: 2 minutes
  - 2. Major: 5 minutes
  - 3. Misconduct: 10 minutes
- E. A game not finished in the allotted time will be stopped or finished in running time.
- F. A five goal differential in the third period will result in running clock except to set penalties, injuries, or until the goal differential is reduced below five goals.
  - 1. Timeouts are not allowed during running time.
- G. The referees must be present on the ice before players are allowed to warm up. The referees shall start the game after warm-up period of three (3:00) minutes.
- H. Games must begin promptly to assure completion within the allotted time. It is the coach's responsibility to have the players on the ice on time.
- I. One timeout per game, in the length of one minute, will be allowed for each team. Back to back timeouts (one by each team) are not permitted. No timeouts are permitted during running time.
- J. Any fighting penalty assessed in a CIPHL game will result in automatic three game suspension at that level for the affected player(s). The player will not be allowed to participate in any CIPHL game at any level until the suspension has been served.

- K. Players and coaches will be penalized an unsportsmanlike penalty for the following:
  - 1. Openly disputing or arguing with any decision of an official.
  - 2. Use of obscene or vulgar language at any time.
  - 3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official decision.
  - 4. Any physical contact after the whistle blows.
- L. Coaches will be suspended one game if their team accumulates fifteen penalties in one game.
- M. Any parent, student or spectator who uses vulgar or obscene language, taunts players or coaches, or throws objects on the ice will be removed from the rink for two weeks. If the officials can determine the team the offender represents, that team will be given an unsportsmanlike penalty.
- N. Any player who removes their helmet on the ice will be given a one game suspension. If the helmet is removed on bench, the player will be given a warning. If problem persists, the player will be given a one game suspension. No warning will be given if a player removes their helmet while still on ice after the game is over during the handshake or while skating off the ice.

## VIII. PLAYOFFS

- A. All teams will be eligible for CIPHL playoff tournament
  - 1. No team may participate in the playoffs unless the League Fee has been paid in full.
  - 2. All player and coach penalties incurred during the regular season carry over into the playoffs, i.e. game-misconducts, suspension, etc...
  - 3. Any player receiving a Game Misconduct for fighting or abusing an official is disqualified from the remainder of playoffs for all CIPHL games at all levels (Gold and Silver).
  - 4. Any "SENIOR" who engages in fighting or abuses an official because he/she is done with High School Hockey will be immediately suspended from further CIPHL games. The player's conduct will result in a \$50 fine to the players club.
  - 5. Penalties for those players returning next year will carry over into next season.
  - 6. Players must have played a minimum of 5 regular season games in the division to be eligible to play in the playoffs.
- B. Every attempt to reschedule cancelled seeding or regular season games must be made. If additional ice must be purchased to do so the forfeiting team will be charged for the ice.
- C. Playoff pairings will be based on final season standings in each division. Highest finishing teams may receive byes in first round depending on number of teams in each division.

- D. Overtime periods will consist of a Five minute sudden-death period with a one minute rest between each overtime period.

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### PLAYOFF OVERTIME FORMAT

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**1<sup>st</sup> Overtime Period**                      4 -on- 4 (plus goaltender)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Overtime Period**                      3 -on- 3 (plus goaltender)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Overtime Period**                      Best of 3 Shootout

**Championship Games:** 5 min 5 -on- 5, 5 min 4-on- 4, 5 min 3 -on- 3 continues until winner.

*\* No penalized player at end of 2nd overtime is eligible for shootout.*

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- a. Minor and major penalties extending into or occurring in overtime periods will be served in entirety.
- b. If any time during second or third overtime period a penalized team is reduced to less than three skaters and a goaltender, the opposing team would add a player on the ice.
- c. **EXAMPLES:**
1. Second overtime playing 4 -on- 4
    - i. "Team A" incurs a penalty. Game resumes 4 -on- 3.
    - ii. "Teams A" incurs an additional penalty. "Team B" adds a skater and game resumes 5 -on- 3.
  2. Third overtime playing 3 -on- 3
    - i. "Team A" incurs a penalty. "Team B" adds a skater and game resumes 4 -on- 3.