

Burlington Twp. Roller Hockey League Rules Spring 2013

Introduction

- The Burlington Twp Hockey League playing rules have been designed to include both administrative and conduct rules.
- Administrative rules are generally those dealing with the setup and preparation of the game. Length of halves, size of the arena, officiating systems and overtime regulations are examples of administrative rules.
- Conduct rules have to do with the actual playing of the game. Rules regarding the scoring of goals, prescribed penalties for infractions, improper misconduct and mandatory equipment are examples of conduct rules.
- The playing rules contained in this publication are modified versions of the official playing rules as per USA Inline Hockey.

Age Classifications – Grade level

- Squirts K thru 5th Grades
- Pee Wees 6th thru 8th Grades
- Bantams 9th thru 12th Grades

Note (1): Girls shall generally conform to the boy's age restriction, however, they may be allowed in the younger divisions to have one additional year of eligibility.

Note (2): Players shall have the option to play up one division, provided such player's skill level and physical ability and maturity is of similarity to other participants in the age division.

Rule	Description
1. General	USA Hockey Rules in effect unless modified here in.
2. Teams	4 players on playing surface plus 1 goalkeeper.
3. Rosters	Team rosters will consist of a minimum of 4 floor players and 1 goalkeeper. Rosters shall contain a maximum of 14 floor players and 2 goalkeepers (16 players total).

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- 4. Required Equipment**

 - **Helmet designed for hockey and HECC or comparable certification**
 - **Full face mask designed for hockey**
 - **Elbow pads**
 - **Gloves designed for hockey**
 - **Knee and shin protection**
 - **Internal mouth guard**
 - **Team uniform jersey**
 - **Stick butt**

- 5. Puck / Ball** **Ball shall be used.**

- 6. Minor Penalties** **A team cannot be reduced to less than 2 players plus a goalkeeper. For a minor penalty, the offending player, other than the goalkeeper, shall be ruled off the playing surface for 2 minutes, during which time no substitute shall be permitted.**

- 7. Major penalties** **For the first major penalty in any one game, the offending player other than the goalkeeper shall be ruled off the playing surface for 5 minutes, during which time no substitute shall be permitted.**

- 8. Game Ejection** **A player shall be ruled off the floor for the remainder of the game. Player cannot sit on player's bench...they are instructed to leave the rink area.**

- 9. Game Misconduct** **Carries an automatic 1 game suspension. Repeat violations may result in more extreme sanctions subject to review by the league's executive board a case-by-case basis.**

- 10. Player Penalties** **Players can have a maximum of three (3) 2-minute penalties. 4th penalty will result in ejection. Team can have a substitute at this point but player must finish out the 2-minute penalty before entering game. A Double minor counts as two 2-minute penalties.**

- 11. Referees**

 - **Pee Wee and Bantam Divisions - Two man referee system.**
 - **Mite and Squirt Divisions - One man referee system.**

- 12. Body Checking** **No intentional body checking allowed at any level (incl. use of hip, shoulder or forearm)**

- 13. Face-offs** **Take place along an imaginary line parallel to the sideboards connecting the end zone face-off spots, only.**

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| 14. Fighting | Fighting will not be tolerated. A major plus a game misconduct penalty will be assessed which carries an automatic 1 game suspension. All incidents may be subject to a review by the league's executive board to assess the severity of the infraction and/or increase the penalty or suspension, if necessary. |
| 15. Hand Pass to Teammate | Permitted in the defending zone. |
| 16. Slap shots | Legal in all age groups. No penalty for stick above the shoulders while taking a slap shot. |
| 17. Illegal Clearing (Icing) | No such rule. |
| 18. Off-Sides | No such rule. Passes may be made to any teammate on the rink surface. |
| 19. Length of Game | 2 periods 22 minutes in duration each (running time or stop time). Running clock: Stoppage of play in the last 2 minutes when the score is within 2 goals or tied. Clock stops on injuries and penalties. |
| 20. Start of Game | All games shall start at scheduled time. Ten minute rule: 10-minute start time rule or forfeit. |
| 21. Tied Games | Games shall end in a tie if no winner must be determined. If a winner must be determined, a 5-minute sudden death overtime period, if still a tie, then a shootout will decide the game. OT and shootouts reserved for playoff games only. |
| 22. Time-outs | Each team is permitted one time-out per game, one minute in length. The game clock shall stop during a time-out. |
| 23. Mercy Rule | 6 goal differentials - losing team will be permitted to add one player from approved team roster until differential is reduced. |
| 24. Substitutions | Permitted as needed (a.k.a. – on the fly). |
| 25. Goalie | Complete goalie equipment must be worn. Wearing skates is optional. |

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- 26. Rosters** Only rostered players are permitted to play in games and during the playoffs. Official team jerseys must be worn. A team roster must be turned in to the scorekeeper with the player's name and correct number before each game. 40% of games played is required for playoff eligibility
- 27. Coaches/
Spectators** Only rostered coaches are permitted on the bench with players during the games and the playoffs. Assistants or helpers not rostered are considered fans and must sit in the spectator section at the hockey facility. Spectators are not permitted behind the goals or in any areas that may distract the players.
- 28. Miscellaneous** The league's executive board will decide any condition(s) not covered by these rules. All decisions made by the executive board are final.

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BTRHL CODE OF CONDUCT

The BTRHL has adopted the following code of conduct as a result of the spirit of the game and its concerns with competitive sportsmanship. Youth sports and activities should be used as an opportunity to learn how to engage in competition while maintaining respect for their opponents. All parties to athletic competitions should adhere to the highest standards of positive support for the contestants. All coaches, players and parents must abide by this "code of conduct". Serious violations must be reported to the BTRHL and respective town's Recreation Commission.

I. Expectations of Coaches

- a) Always set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- b) Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the NUMBER ONE priority.
- c) Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the event and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- d) Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect. Shake hands with officials, opposing coaches in public.
- e) Develop and enforce penalties for participants who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

II. Expectations of Participants

- a) Treat opponents with respect: shake hands prior to and after contests.
- b) Respect the judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the contest and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- c) Cooperate with officials, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
- d) Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing team and community: display positive public action at all times.
- e) Live up to high standards of sportsmanship established by coach.

III. Expectations of Parents and Other Fans

- a) Realize that the purpose of your attendance is to observe a contest and support recreation activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- b) Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- c) Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
- d) Respect Fans, Coaches and participants.

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Please show respect for game officials. They are critical. You can play a game with fewer players than the rules state, without a coach, certainly without fans - but consider what happens when the umpire or referee doesn't show! No doubt officials make mistakes, some are more qualified than others, all have varying degrees of experience - in Parks and Recreation, officiating often involves many young people who themselves are getting their first exposure to this activity. Arguing, threatening or berating an official is unlikely to help and sets a poor example for the youngster to whom we are trying to teach sportsmanship.

If, at any time, a participant, coach, parent, grandparent or guardian is not conforming to this Code of Conduct or acts in such a way as to create an unsafe or uncomfortable environment for the league participants, that participant, coach, parent, grandparent or guardian will be asked to leave the hockey rink area for the remainder of the game and/or will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game and/or their child may be suspended from play.

BTRHL Zero Tolerance Policy - game officials will stop the game in the event a participant, coach, parent, grandparent or guardian displays inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify the violator(s) to the on-site league representative for the purpose of removing the participant, coach, parent, grandparent or guardian from the area. Once removed, the guilty party will not be permitted to return and play will resume. Violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the BTRHL. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include, but is not limited to:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence.
- Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard or to celebrate a player's performance.

Remember, it's a game so, "LET'S PLAY" and "HAVE FUN!!!!"

BE A FAN.....NOT A FANATIC!!!!!

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