



2/15/2023 -Captains Meeting Notes

1. Team Costs and season info.

- \$6623 per team
- \$375 deposit required
- \$6423 if the team captain pays the full fee (one lump payment or utilize installment plan)

- Season will consist of 14 regular season games + 1 playoff.
- We anticipate a start date of May 1 and an end date of August 31. The current Fall/Winter season playoffs are currently set for April 13-30

2. Teams need to be registered by Apr 1, 2023

2A. Schedule Requests- We need all schedule requests as soon as possible, so we can get the schedule completed. Having them up front allows us to complete the schedule sooner. We can not guarantee 100% of requests will be accommodated.

2B. Blackout Dates:

- Mothers Day- May 14, 2023
- July 3 and 4, 2023

2C. Game Reschedules At least 4 days advance notice, emailing the day of or the day before is too late to reschedule

2D- Game Forfeit Reminders- When games are forfeited in advance the ice is NOT available for practice.

- The ice goes back to the rink for maintenance or other league use.
- The reason the ice is no longer available for use is because when it is no longer a game it is no longer a USA Hockey sanctioned slot, and it's a liability.

- Team are welcome to rent the ice

3.Roster Composition and Roster Freeze: Jun 30, 2023

- Rosters cut off at 30 players, if you have more than 30 players the additional players can register through a 30+ registration link and will be charged a \$50 administrative fee.
- All players even subs have to be registered by this date Roster Freeze date
- USA Hockey permits 18 skaters and 2 goalies per game, we have gotten reports of 19 or 20 skaters. If you're a team with 30 players rostered, that is great but please be mindful that only 18 skaters and 2 goalies are allowed each game per usa hockey rule.

4.ID Check Reminders- ID Checks are done for every player for every game from the start of the season through June 30 and again for every single playoff game. Please remind your players

4A. Review and Sign Scoresheet

- Captains are required to review and sign the scoresheet, verifying the attendance is correct for the game. The most successful captains are the ones who check the players in with the scorekeepers before the game starts and then review after the game.
- Teams only have 48 hours to submit changes to the pointstreak posting.
- No changes will be made to attendance unless what was on the signed scoresheet got missed in pointstreak. Attendance really needs to be verified with the scorekeeper.

4B- Players are all supposed to have their own unique number. Players should not share numbers. If a player's number changes the scorekeeper needs to be notified before the game starts.

5.New Rule- Captains Ringer Suspension Rule

- This falls onto the captain. We have asked for the captain's input when it comes to players not belonging in their divisions. However there are still some captains who add players to their rosters knowing they do not belong
- There have been questions about existing players, you should be resubmitting your request for approval every year
- Anyone previously banned from a division, that stands.
- If you self report a player who you think doesn't belong, we will work with you to re-verify and find a new team for the player
- We recommend that you Vet any player that you are thinking of adding to your team.

Rule Reference Provided Below

***New Rule: * Captain Ringer Suspension**

The League will be implementing a Captains Suspension of two (2) games for any Bronze captain who has been caught with a " Ringer Player" on their teams roster that requires the league to remove the player.

- Player will be removed by the league, any fees paid by the player will be up to the teams captain to reimburse the player
- Captain will be suspended for 2 games. Same number of games as being caught allowing an illegal player.

What Constitutes a Player who does not belong-

Bronze 2- (will be assessed on a case by case basis)

1. Player who is currently playing Gold, Silver Upper or Middle or who has played silver within the last 2 years and/or does not have league approval.
2. Player who is listed on Elite Prospect and played College Division II hockey or higher

Bronze 3-

1. Any player who is listed on Elite Prospect and or played any college hockey
2. Any player who has played Junior, Midget AA, prep school or Varsity Highschool Hockey
3. Any Player currently playing Gold, Silver Upper or Silver Middle Hockey or who has played within the last 2 years and/or does not have league approval.

Questions and other miscellaneous

1. A Lot of people take vacations mid-late August, that you thought of ending the season by the end of July?
 - a. This is a tough one to do, in an ideal world we would be able to submit all teams requests and travel plans and accommodate however we lose one surface in the summer, and it would depend on the number of teams registered. Its no likely that we could fit all games in before July 31
2. Lets Recognize Hector Rosario
 - a. Hector has two teams in the league and he schedules all our adult hockey referees. There has ben a shortage of referees for various reasons but he has been great about getting us two referees, not everyone has been as lucky as we have. A Lot of other leagues have had to cancel games due to no available referees
 - b. If you know any players interested in becoming a referee, SHOA is looking for new referees
 - c. Please be patient if you see a new referee. It will probably be like this for a few years, the referee shortage is real. One of the reasons we think we have had such good luck with our referees is because the teams have been respectful of the referees.
3. Bronze 3 Suggestions
 - a. If someone is permitted an exemption, then maybe they should only be allowed to play for one team?
 - i. The league is not against this idea, it is something that we could consider implementing
 - b. Perhaps Limit the number of exemptions per team?

- i. The league has never had a cap before, but we are not against having a cap per team of 2-3 players
4. If there is ever a doubt about something reach out to the league and ask before.
5. Is there an exemption requirement for Bronze 1?
 - a. No, there is no exemption requirement for silver players in Bronze 1. However, this season for example Silver Upper is the highest division that we have, some of these players are players who play in the gold division. Be mindful that players who play are true Gold players should not be playing in Bronze 1.
6. Would it be possible to the make the player watch list more public? Let the teams in the division know who is on the watch list and not just the team captain.
7. Have you thought about consistent ice slots ?
 - a. Due to the number of teams and other programs this is nearly impossible. We would definitely consider it if it was possible to do.