



April 9, 2024 Captains Meeting Notes

- 15 Game season (14 Regular season games + Single elimination playoff)
- Start Date: **APRIL 15, 2024** and runs for 14 regular season games + Single Elimination Playoff.
- Roster Freeze: June 30, 2024

Player Check IN

- All players must check in and present a photo ID. Player ID checks will be done from the start of the season until the roster freeze date of June 30, 2024, as well as during playoffs.
- Failure to provide a photo ID could result in not being permitted to play in the game.
- Jersey Numbers- All players need to have their own unique numbers.
 1. Most teams have done a good job with managing rosters, we also are aware that some teams have new jerseys ordered. Please work on ensuring all your players have their own unique number and no players share the same number.
- Captains Are responsible for reviewing and signing the scoresheet after every game. Signing the scoresheet is verifying that the attendance is correct. We will not make any changes to attendance unless what was on the paper scoresheet was incorrectly entered in Pointstreak. This past season we had too many captains email us after the scoresheet was reviewed and signed trying to “add” a player to the attendance, this is not okay. The time to verify the attendance is immediately after the game ends when all players are still present.

1. This may seem strict , but we have minimum game requirements for playoffs we need to ensure that all players are correctly checked in, the time to do that is immediately when the game ends
 2. Captains could also check their players in before the game starts and then review the score sheet after the game to verify everything is correct.
 3. If captain is going to absent, they should have an assistant captain opr team representative designated to review and verify the attendance.
 4. It is imperative that all captains are on top of their teams attendance
- You only have 48 hours after the game is complete to email us if anything was entered incorrectly in Pointstreak.

Divisions:

- We asked all teams to register in the divisions that they were in this past fall/winter unless you had approval from the league to move. Everyone is starting out in their approved division.
- We are doing seeding rounds and will reevaluate team placement after the seeding rounds, based on the teams performance.

Schedule:

- Hope to have the first part out to captains by Thursday
- Games will start April 15.
- We are doing the best we can to accommodate as many requests as possible but we can not guarantee all requests can be met.
- There are a lot of weekend slots, and slots are more condensed over the summer so expect that there could be 2-3 days in between games.
 1. Requesting no late games or weekends is just not feasible.

Use Of Homophobic/Hateful/ Detogatory Language

- There is been an increase in Match Penalty for use of Homophonic/hateful/ Derogatory Language.
 1. We are not sure hoe you as captain want to address this with your team, some teams have a code of conduct . The league Follows USA Hockey and PVAHA Policy, if it gets reported to use that someone used a slur we have to report that to the PVAHA .

If a player receives a Match Penalty.....

Match Penalty Hearing- (as of Fall 2023-2024)

- If a player receives a Match penalty and avoids or fails to respond to the PVAHA'S request for a hearing in an attempt to avoid suspension, the league will not allow the player to return to game play and the player will remain as suspended indefinitely until a hearing has been held.

- If the PVAHA fails to contact the player within 30 days of the Match Penalty , the league will allow the player to return to game play after the 30 days has expired until such time a hearing has been held and a suspension has been determined, at which time the player will be suspended to serve the suspension. As USA Hockey Rule States
- **“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.”
- Avoiding or Failing to respond to PVAHA’s Request for hearing is not considered an Extenuating Circumstance .

Appealing Penalties- A lot of Captains or Players have emailed in an attempt to Argue/Appeal suspensions

- There is no appeal for calls made on the ice, the referees judgments are final
- You are welcome to reach out to the league to ask questions, but that will not change the calls that were made or the suspensions that are earned from those penalties.
- Open Door Policy- Always willing to discuss questions or concerns you may have,
 1. Captains and players do not have to download live barn clips and send long emails. The rink has live barn .
 2. The league does also send things to SHOA to review, as a learning experience for referees.
 3. However the calls made during the games can not be appealed, they are final.
 4. When serious incidents occur the league determines require additional penalization, the league may apply supplemental discipline
- Referee Clarification
 1. Captains have felt that Referees haven’t provided sufficient clarification when a penalty has been called
 2. Officials **DO NOT** have to provide clarity on a call that was made in the moment. The best time to ask a referee about a call is in between periods or when the game is over. You should Politely ask, not rudely or argumentatively.

Questions from Captains and Misc.

1. Can the Time to Change game stats be extended to the next game?
 - a. Attendance has to be verified immediately when the game is over
 - b. Each team has a different amount of time in between games, so to say until the next game is just not feasible.
 - c. League management can discuss reasonable timing for adjustments to be made on pointstreak.

2. Can have the teams have more time for warmups?The scorekeepers start the clock when the players step onto the ice and ice isn't always set up yet.
 - a. 3 minute warn up is standard for all games and is supposed to start when when the game slot time starts. Pushing that back to 5 minutes adds a ripple to the entire schedule, I don't think anyone wants to play at 11:50pm
 - b. We will work with the shift supervisors to ensure the appropriate amount of water is put down. It also can depend on the previous group and how hard they were on the ice.
3. PDF Online States League Starts early May? Why starting April 15
 - a. Last year we were not able to start the season until May, this [ast season ended earlier than expected so wer were able to start the season early
4. Lines on Resor
 - a. Every year we try to do redo each of the ice sheets.
 - b. Over Memorial day weekend that will happen on Resor, Take ice down to paint and redo the line.
5. ODD Team Divisions
 - a. Every season we get a team that grips about this so wanted to make this clear to you now, For teams in an odd division, one team will have an extra game. This extra game will not count towards the teams standings, it is a designated game that does not count.
 - b. The 1st game after the July 4th break , that game does not count in the standings if the team wins.
 - c. So please no complaints if this happens to be your team, you guys get to play an extra game, but to keep the standings fair that extra games does not count.
6. Team Divisional Adjustments should be made before rosters freeze
 - a. When a team is moved after the roster freeze date there is no way to add any players to make team more competitive.
7. Locker Room Maintenance
 - a. Doors on Locker-room bathroom stalls are missing?
 - i. There never have been any doors on the locker room bathroom stalls
 - b. Soap Dispensers in the locker room Bathrooms are either Missing or Broken
 - i. The rink will work on addressing this issue, fixing or replacing the dispensers