



## Spring/Summer 2022 AHL Captains Meeting Notes:

April 5, 2022

Thank you all for your continued support of the league

### Season Includes:

- 14 regular season games + single elimination playoff

### Estimated Season Dates:

- May 31- August 17 then Playoffs August 18- Labor Day , this is dependent upon the number of teams that register and could potentially be extended back.
- We anticipate a game every 5 days, Based off of 90 teams

### Season Cost:

- \$6493 per team
- \$6293 per team if the captain pays the full fee.
- \$375 Non refundable deposit due upon registration

### Deadlines:

- Teams need to register by April 29, 2022
  - This can be extended out if needed but we are hoping not due to scheduling.
- Players need to register by Roster Freeze: June 30, 2022
- ID Checks through Roster Freeze.

### Playoff Eligibility:

- 5 game minimum. Must play in 5 regular season games to be eligible for playoffs.
  - Applies to every division except Gold- Gold has a 3 games minimum.

### **Scheduling Requests:**

- Need in writing submitted to Billy and Nikki any scheduling conflicts that would prevent your team from playing.
- Ideally you should get your schedule requests to us now, two ( 2) days before the schedule comes out doesn't work.
- We can not guarantee that all requests submitted will be accommodated.

### **Black Out Dates where no AHL Games will be played:**

- June 22-26 Chesapeake Open Figure Skating Competition
- July 3-4
- August 26-28
- \* These are the confirmed blackout dates as of today. List of blackout dates are subject to change as ice time gets sold.

### **Game Reschedules:**

- This season we had an abundance of requests for game reschedules, covid 19 didn't help with the situation.
- We ask that moving forward if you need to request a game reschedule you follow the guidelines as set in the league rules, four( 4) days prior notice and work with your opponents.
- There will be a set ice slot for game reschedules on Mondays at 6:30pm , the other option would be to add a 10:50pm game.

### **Forfeits :**

- We recently had an issue where a team forfeited a game with no notification to the league or opposing team
- Current rule stats 3 times and a team is out
- We are looking to avoid situations like this where a team forfeits with no notification
  - We are considering captain suspensions or team fines to pay for the officials and scorekeepers
  - We would like your input on this if you feel strongly one way or the other.

### **Updated Rules and Procedures:**

- We updated the rules and procedures page on the website
- We made a few adjustments as well as added the Captains Best Practices. They have always been in place, the implied obligations that the captains take on when becoming a captain. This is the first season that we have actually put them in writing, so it is clear what the captains duties are.
- Please read through the rules and procedures page.

### Division Parity:

- We rely heavily on you captains to notify us about which teams or players should not be in the division. Specifically when it comes to the Bronze 2-4 Divisions. Yes we watch the games but we are not on the ice, you are and you play against these teams and players .
- Please notify us of any team or individual that you believe does not belong. And not just because they may have beat you, but because they are truly not at the correct playing level.
- Notifying the league does not mean a team or player will be immediately removed from the division, but it gives the league an idea.
- Having teams and players in the correct division is more important than winning a championship t-shirt.
- All Divisions will be open for registration, so you can register where you want.
  - We will notify you between now and the start of the season of any team or player who doesn't belong, if we haven't already.

### Player Recruitment:

- The league is offering two ( 2) wait list tryouts for the players on the waiting list
  - April 10 @ 1:00pm
  - May 1 @ 7:00pm - Tentatively scheduled pending coaches confirmation
- Captains are invited to come and watch or watch via live barn

### Questions Asked:

- 1. What is the Latest Time slot?**
  - a. 10:40pm is the current time that we use.
- 2. Please Clarify the rule regarding Bronze 2 and 3 players, playing in Bronze 4**
  - a. The correct rule is anyone in Bronze 3 can play in Bronze 4 without approval
  - b. Any rostered player who plays on a Bronze 3 team may play on a Bronze 4 team without approval from the league.
  - c. A Bronze 2 players must get approval if they wish to play in Bronze 4. There is one spot on the rules page that we missed when updating, but that will be updated tomorrow.
- 3. Is it possible to get the schedule out in a more timely manner?**
  - a. We are currently considering two options : release the schedule in two (2) chunks or release the schedule all at one time
  - b. This will depend on how many teams that register and the scheduling requests.
- 4. Summer schedule is expected to be a game every 5 days, can a team request to have a 2 week break?**
  - a. NO. If you take a two week break you will miss two (2) games.
- 5. In the Fall we mentioned Team Building Events, will we still be doing those?**
  - a. We are always looking for opportunities, if you have ideas let us know
  - b. We had talked about doing an event at Chill-Axes

- c. The PLPA Tournament in May and the Daft Experience in September are good opportunities
  - d. Teams are also welcome to rent ice and set something up on their own.
  - e. What about the All Star Game? The person spear heading this has left the organization, but it is not off the table.
- 6. Are there any weekends , where events will be held and there will be no adult league games?**
- a. Yes , the weekend of the Chesapeake Open Figure skating event
  - b. We will provide you with a list of dates where there be no adult hockey league games scheduled.
- 7. Are we ever going to get rid of Pointstreak Locker room?**
- a. Pointstreak is not perfect but over all it is the best that is currently around.
  - b. Stat monsters is good for small tournament or 3 on 3 but its not capable of handling a league as big as our.
  - c. If you have any suggestions for other programs please feel free to let us know.
- 8. Will there be roller hockey?**
- a. Yes we will have Inline hockey. It will be starting a week later in June.
  - b. Inline Hockey will be in the Logsdon rink.

**One final note regarding the Flags in the building.**

Everyone is aware of the war going on Russia invading Ukraine, and it has been mentioned about the Russian flag hanging in the rink. So we want to provide you some context about the flags. The Flags hanging in the rinks represent the 8 teams that competed in the 1996 World Cup Of Hockey, the flags are hung in the order of the standings that the teams were in. After our opening ceremony many of the Capitals Alumni and 1980 USA Olympic Gold Medal team watched the final game together here. To us these flags represent that special moment. The bond of hockey bringing together all these teams.

We are not asking for you to agree to it, we just wanted to provide context.

We stand with Ukraine.

**We appreciate all you guys do.**

**If you have any additional questions please reach out to Billy or Nikki**

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