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CPIHL

Playing

Rules and

Policies

SECTION I – GOVERNANCE & JURISDICTION

CPIHL playing rules will be governed by the CPIHL, USA Hockey, the AAHA and PIAA rules (as they apply). Where CPIHL Rules and Policies conflict with USA Hockey or PIAA rules, these CPIHL Rules and Policies will take precedence. In the event that USA Hockey and PIAA rules conflict, USA Hockey rules shall take precedence. These CPIHL Rules and Policies shall supersede all previous Rules and Policies upon adoption by the CPIHL Board of Directors. These Rules and Policies apply to all member clubs, players, coaches, the Board of Directors and the league Executive Committee. Any future revisions made to these rules shall have the date of adoption noted in a log kept by the Rules Committee and appended to this document.

**** NOTE: The Procedure for all requests for exceptions to any of these Rules and Policies shall be that they must be submitted in writing to the CPIHL 1stVP for subsequent consideration by the League’s Executive Committee, I.A.W. Article IV, Section F, #4, of the CPIHL Bylaws.**

Any game played by a **CPIHL (and USA Hockey) rostered** team/player in an outside tournament, scrimmage, CPIHL-scheduled exhibition or non-league game, shall be governed by USA Hockey and CPIHL rules. Any suspensions received in these types of games, will be served in the Team’s first current or **next scheduled** League season game(s) as needed.

Any mention of player or players that appears in these Rules and Policies refers to 5th to 12th grade students.

SECTION II – VARSITY

A. PHILOSOPHY

1. CPIHL varsity teams in the Bears and Viola Divisions are comprised of players who are enrolled and attend the same high school located within the boundaries of PIAA District III. In cases where a school district is home to two high schools, those two schools will play as one varsity team.
2. It is the intention of the CPIHL to foster PURE TEAMS at the Varsity level. Teams that are comprised of players that attend the same school or a team that is comprised of players, who attend the same parochial high school, would be considered pure.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. Age Eligibility

Any player, who is 19 years of age prior to July 1 of the upcoming winter season, is ineligible for league competition. Players shall be in the 9th to 12th grades. No player may participate if he/she has attended school eight semesters beyond the 8th grade in high school.

2. Residential Eligibility

All players must compete for the team representing the high school that they attend. Home schooled players will be eligible only if a specific school district allows home schooled players to play on their other scholastic sports teams. A player who attends a private school (not including homeschool or cyber school) will play for the club that said private school is combined with.

3. JV to Varsity Eligibility

Senior players, who are given an exception to play JV, are permitted to play on varsity teams at the conclusion of the JV season as long as they are properly rostered by 12/1.

4. Varsity to Varsity Eligibility- Each varsity team must have at least one rostered goaltender. The goaltender for the lower division can play up to serve as a starter or back up for the starter. The goaltender on the higher team cannot serve as a starter or backup for the lower team but can replace them in emergency situations, with EC approval.

C. DIVISIONS

1. Beginning with the 2024-25 season, there will be three levels of varsity play, if clubs can support the number of teams required, to be decided on by the EC. The Bears Division (formally Tier 1), the Viola Division (formerly Tier II) and the Rothrock Division, (formally Co-op Teams).

2. Co-op Teams (former Rothrock Division)

- a.** The Alignment Committee presents the alignments to the EC for a vote and then presents to the BOD for a vote at the September meeting.
- b.** All Co-op school combinations must be approved by the Executive Committee. All players that attend a private school are rostered on the same co-op team determined by the EC. Cyber school or homeschooled players will play for their home school district and must be approved by the EC.
- c.** Co-op teams must accept all eligible and interested players from each participating school. There cannot be players from the same school on more than one team.
- d.** Any player, who's school is not affiliated with a current team, must contact the 3rd VP at 3rdvp@cpihl.org with their interest and the EC will determine which team the player will play for.

D. LEAGUE STANDINGS

- 1.** League standings shall be determined by awarding 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie or overtime loss, and no points for a loss.

E. PLAYOFFS

- 1.** There shall be playoffs at the varsity level. At the conclusion of the CPIHL regular season the Playoff Committee shall determine the varsity playoff schedule.
- 2.** In case of a tie, the following guidelines shall be followed for seeding purposes in all three tiers:
 - a.** Tie-breaking Procedure for 2 Teams:
 - 1.** Most wins in all league games.
 - 2.** Head to head results in games between the two tied teams
 - 3.** Goal differential head to head
 - 4.** Fewest goals allowed in all league games
 - 5.** Most periods won in all League games
 - 6.** Coin toss
 - b.** Tie-breaking Procedures for 3 or More Teams:
 - 1.** Most wins in all League games
 - 2.** Fewest Losses in all League games

3. Fewest Goals allow in all League games
 4. Most goals scored in all League games
 5. Most periods won in all League games
 6. Coin Toss
- c. The CPIHL will assign neutral off-ice officials (**scorekeeper and timekeeper**) for all Championship games.
- d. All home clubs are required to provide a scorekeeper, timekeeper, gate attendant(s) and penalty box attendant to assist with conducting each playoff game. Yellow jackets are required for adults to wear and perform spectator control throughout the entire playoffs including Championship night- clubs could be assessed up to \$750 fine per instance, subject to EC review.
3. Playoff Eligibility- Players must play a minimum of 50% of regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs. Players can get a medical excuse exception from a doctor if physically unable to play.

F. ALL-STARS

1. The All-Star committee shall determine the format of the league all-star games before the start of each season.
2. Each team will submit possible All Star nominations to the All Star Committee. The committee will then determine participants. All nominees should be 11th or 12th graders for high school and 7th or 8th graders for middle school. The committee will also choose 2 All Star Alternates. All Star Committee reserves the right to nominate and vote on coach selections based on upstanding character/behavior standards from the club and coaching staff.
3. Any player, who is serving a levied, non-fighting suspension, may participate in the CPIHL All-Star Game(s). However, the player must still serve the suspension in a CPIHL regular season or playoff game. This shall pertain to coaches as well, as long as they are NOT serving a suspension for a Match Penalty or Rule II. 5., below, comes into play and the All Star Committee votes to forfeit the player/coach's participation.
4. Any Player who received a major penalty, with a subsequent one (1) game suspension, jeopardizes his/her chances for participation in the CPIHL All-Star Games. Generally, a player who receives not more than one (1) Major penalty during the season, including the circumstances as in #2 above, shall be allowed to participate in his/her respective CPIHL All-Star Game. If the player has **three (3)** or more one game suspensions, or a three-game fighting suspension, then he/she is ineligible for his/her respective All-Star game. In those circumstances where there is a

contested suspension, then final determination shall be based on a decision by the All-Star Game Committee. The emphasis of this language is to deter players from participating in behavior that is detrimental to the CPIHL and to high school ice hockey.

5. Any player/coach who has been selected to participate in a CPIHL All-Star Game and then receives **ANY** game suspensions after the draft or All Star Announcement will have their participation reviewed by the All Star Committee and may forfeit their participation in the CPIHL All Star Game.
6. Clubs cannot replace nominees on or after draft night/first night of jersey presentations. Any player that is ill, injured or suspended the night of the All Star Game, and therefore cannot participate, will not be “replaced” by their respective club. They may be replaced by one of the CPIHL Alternate All Stars.
7. Any player dual rostered on a JV and Varsity Team is ineligible for the ALL STAR Game.

SECTION III – JUNIOR VARSITY

A. PHILOSOPHY

1. It is the intention of the CPIHL to foster PURE TEAMS at the JV level. Teams that are comprised of players that attend the same school or a team that is comprised of players who attend the same parochial high school, would be considered pure.
2. JV teams may be comprised of a combination of **Bears, Viola and Rothrock Division** schools that have been approved by the Executive Committee.
Prior to the start of the JV season each club with a JV team must submit a list of their **5** best skaters in 9th through 11th grade, plus their best goaltender, to the 3rd VP. These **6** players are eligible to play at the varsity level only. At the request of the regional director, JV Rosters will be reviewed by the EC Committee, and adjustments will be made to them by the EC, if deemed necessary.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. **Age Eligibility –**

Any player, who is 19 years of age prior to July 1 of the upcoming winter season, is **ineligible** for league competition. Players shall at least be in the 9th grade and not beyond the 11th grade.

2. Players in 12th grade are not eligible for JV unless evaluated by the Regional Director and approved by the EC.
3. Players who currently participate or have participated in travel hockey at an elite level (AA, AAA, or higher) in previous seasons are not permitted to play on a JV team without an approved exception request from the league's Executive Committee

4. Residential Eligibility –

All students must play for the team representing the high school that they attend at the JV level. In school districts where 9th graders attend middle school, these 9th graders will be considered junior varsity eligible. Also, home schooled players will be eligible only if a specific school district allows home schooled players to play on their other scholastic sports teams.

C. DIVISIONS

There is only one division at the JV level.

D. LEAGUE STANDINGS

League standings shall be determined by awarding 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and no points for a loss

E. PLAYOFFS

There are no playoffs at the JV level.

F. ALL-STARS

There are no all-star games at the JV level. Any player dual rostered on a JV and Varsity Team is ineligible for the ALL STAR Game.

SECTION IV – MIDDLE SCHOOL

A. PHILOSOPHY

1. It is the intention of the CPIHL to foster PURE TEAMS at the middle school level (5th through 8th grades). Pure middle school teams in the CPIHL will be comprised of players who attend the middle schools within one public school district or players who attend the “feeder” schools for a parochial high school.
2. The CPIHL considers middle school teams to be developmental teams. The League encourages middle school teams to also have separate practices. Joint teams are permitted at the middle school level.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. Age Eligibility

Any player who is 15 years of age prior to July 1 of the upcoming winter season, is **ineligible** to play on a middle school team. Players shall be at least in the 5th grade and not beyond the 8th grade. Players are only eligible to play middle school for 8 semesters.

2. Residential Eligibility

All students must play for the team representing the school they attend. Home schooled players will be eligible.

C. DIVISIONS

The middle school divisions shall be determined by the Alignment Committee on a yearly basis.

D. PLAYOFFS

There are no playoffs at the middle school level.

E. ALL-STARS

All Star Game at the middle school level will be determined by the EC prior to the start of the season.

SECTION V – RULES PERTAINING TO ALL DIVISIONS

A. TEAM ROSTERS / FORM 1

All teams CPIHL Form 1's are due August 1st of the current year. They are to be submitted to the CPIHL 3rd VP electronically. Signed Form 2's and approved USA Hockey rosters will be due on a date in September designated by the CPIHL 3rd VP. Team rosters shall be open until December 1st of the current season. If a team requests to add player(s) to their Form 1 / Roster between August 1st and December 1st they must provide a CPIHL Late Player form for any additional player(s) to the CPIHL 3rd VP. Players requesting to be added to a Viola Division team must have their request submitted to the CPIHL 3rd VP no later than the day before the August EC meeting of that season. Any players who have played in the CPIHL in the previous 3 seasons and requests to be added to a viola roster, after the divisions have been set (August Executive Committee Meeting), will be ineligible to play in the current season. Coaches may be added to rosters at any time during the regular season, as long as they have all necessary certifications. The CPIHL 3rd VP must be notified in writing regarding coaching changes 72 hours before that change goes into effect. Teams must also provide any additional and updated Signed School Verification Form(s). Any additions to the team roster(s) after August 1st of the current year must be approved by the CPIHL Executive Committee. The EC shall have 72 hours to make its decision.

For those Teams unable to secure cooperation of their school in completing the School Verification form, they shall provide a copy of a school identification card, report card or other item that identifies the player as attending that team's school.

The Executive Committee shall handle players moving or transferring during the school year, as far as eligibility, on an individual basis, as per B, #1 General Eligibility below.

Failure to submit all necessary paperwork by the proper dates may result in forfeiture of games and or fines assessed by the EC.

B. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

1. Eligible Player

The CPIHL shall use the following as a guide to deter recruiting and transfers which are in whole or in part for any athletic purpose. The

PIAA Bylaws-Article VI (Transfer and Residence) shall be used only as a supplemental guide in conjunction with the language herein contained. This article covers foreign exchange students and transfer students, etc. In order for a Student, who transfers into a CPIHL School District, to be eligible for play for the upcoming or current season, the following must occur:

1. The Responsible Person(s), with whom the Student previously resided, whether they be parents, legal guardians, foster parents, etc. must have established residency in a CPIHL School District, and:
2. The student must follow the current registration procedure within current deadlines.
3. This specifically pertains to those players who are moving into the area to play AAA or junior hockey. Such players are considered to have transferred schools for athletic purposes and therefore considered ineligible players by the CPIHL.
4. All Foreign exchange students shall have the club for whom they intend to participate in the upcoming season submit the Students official detailed paperwork of the Foreign Exchange Program to the CPIHL 3rd VP who will present this information to the EC for approval.
5. If any or all of these conditions are NOT met the Student shall be declared INELIGIBLE for participation in the CPIHL for the period of 1 year.
6. Transfer student / players must be registered with the school that they will be attending by September 1 of each year. Any transfer student registering after September 1st must be added to the Team's roster and a copy of the revised roster sent to the 3rd VP who will forward it to the EC, to rule on the eligibility of each additional student/player.
7. Any situation(s) not specifically covered by this rule must be submitted to the CPIHL 3rd VP per procedure.

2. Ineligible Player:

1. Any team dressing or rostering an ineligible player(s) shall forfeit said game(s) and the (those) player(s) shall have all points scored during the game(s) stricken from official league records. The Commissioner shall review the actions of the team's officials for possible disciplinary action, I.A.W. Section F (Game Forfeiture), of these CPIHL Rules and Policies.

- a. An Ineligible player shall mean attempting to hide the identity of a player by allowing that player to wear the jersey / number of an authorized eligible player.
 - b. Or the player attends an authorized member club's school while playing for another authorized club.
 - c. Or the player attends an unauthorized school while playing for an authorized club.
 - d. Any means of deception to play an ineligible player not specifically mentioned in these rules and policies may also result in fines, forfeitures or other sanctions.
2. Any player issued a school suspension by school authorities shall not be eligible to compete in any league contests until reinstated by said school authorities. In this situation the player will be an ineligible player. Players shall not be considered an eligible player until the day following school reinstatement.
3. Errors to Gamesheet / score sheet either in the roster, suspension or penalty blocks shall not be grounds for game forfeiture. Players and / or coaches may still be subject to suspension as determined by the Commissioner IAW Section D #1 and 2 below.

C. UNIFORMS & SAFETY EQUIPMENT

1. All teams at the varsity, junior varsity, and middle school levels must have both **home (dark predominant) and away (white predominant)** jerseys. All teams are strongly urged to bring both home and away jerseys to a game if there is a conflict in jersey colors. In the event of a jersey conflict, it shall be the home team's responsibility to change jerseys to afford the customary home vs. away, opposite jersey, dark vs. white color combination. For new clubs, jersey colors and style need to be approved by the Executive Committee prior to the start of the season. Changes in jerseys in subsequent years need to be approved by the EC prior to the start of the season. Teams with an EC approved third jersey MUST check with the opponent prior to the game to make sure there are no color issues for players and referees.
2. Any advertisements to be placed on team jerseys must be in the form of a patch or stitching and no larger than our current CPIHL patches or no larger than 16 square inches unless, approved by the EC. Placement of these patches/sublimation shall be on the BACK of the jersey in the lower region. Clubs are also allowed to add a sponsor logo, no more than 16 square inches, to the bottom leg of the team shell opposite the team logo. All players should have the same approved patches in the same area on their jerseys for games. All advertising requests must be submitted, in

writing, to the EC through the 1st VP for subsequent review and approval by the Executive Committee. The EC recommends using sponsor banners, programs, social media, and websites. **All advertising requests must be submitted, in writing, to the EC through the 1st VP for subsequent review and approval by the Executive Committee.**

3. CPIHL and USA Hockey will require the use of neck laceration protection starting on August 1, 2024.
4. The CPIHL requires that all teams, varsity, JV, and middle school, have **exact** matching uniforms ***for all players and goalies*** consisting of jerseys and socks. Clubs are encouraged to purchase an extra matching jersey available for players that do not have a matching team jersey, in order for that player to participate.
5. The CPIHL recommends that all players have matching helmets gloves and pants / shells.

D. CODE OF CONDUCT

The CPIHL Code of Conduct shall be the guide for the responsibilities for all Players, Coaches, and Club personnel.

1. Players -
 - a. Players are expected to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship.
 - b. Players will refrain from any **actions**, gestures or comments directed at other players, coaches, officials or spectators that are meant to embarrass or incite.
 - c. Players will show due respect to all on ice and off ice officials at all times.
 - d. Foul and abusive language on the bench or on the ice will not be tolerated.
 - e. Players will be aware that as performers, they may be subject to attention from opponents and / or their fans and should avoid any and all contact with them when leaving the playing surface as well as when exiting the rink facility.
 - f. Players are responsible for maintaining good standing with their school in order to be eligible to play and must report any changes to their coaches.
 - g. Players will wait 24 hours before contacting the CPIHL or a CPIHL director with concerns regarding specific game incidences, unless it is in regards to a player injury.
2. Coaches -
 - a. Coaches are responsible for their own conduct as well as for actions of their teams and are expected to maintain the highest level of sportsmanship.

- b. Coaches will refrain from any **actions**, gestures or comments directed at other players, coaches, officials, or spectators that are meant to embarrass or incite.
 - c. Coaches will show due respect to all on ice and off ice officials at all times.
 - d. Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated.
 - e. There will be no use of tobacco products of any kind during practices or games.
 - f. Coaches will not knowingly allow the participation of any player known to be ineligible.
 - g. Coaches will wait 24 hours before contacting the CPIHL or a CPIHL director with concerns regarding specific game incidences, unless it is in regards to a player injury.
3. Off Ice Officials -
- a. Off ice officials are considered to be representatives of the league and, as such, are expected to maintain a professional demeanor at all times.
 - b. Off ice officials shall support the on ice officiating crew at all times.
4. Parents/Spectators -
- a. Parents/Spectators will refrain from any **actions**, gestures or comments directed at players, coaches, officials or other spectators that are meant to embarrass or incite.
 - b. Parents/Spectators will show due respect to all on ice and off ice officials at all times.
 - c. Foul and abusive language will be not tolerated from Parents/Spectators.
 - d. Parents/Spectators are not permitted behind the players benches during games, nor are they permitted to enter the playing surface or to open the doors to the playing surface.
 - e. Parents will wait 24 hours before contacting the CPIHL or a CPIHL director with concerns regarding specific game incidences, unless it is in regards to a player injury.
5. Club -
- a. Each club will be responsible for the quality of it's off ice officials; this is to include the proper training of all officials to ensure standard execution of duties.
 - b. Club officials have no standing as part of the game and shall not attempt to interfere with on ice activities in any way. It is expected that club officials will support the on ice officials at all times.
 - c. Clubs are responsible for their spectators' behavior. All Club members, officials and parents are expected to assist the off ice officials in assuring proper spectator conduct.
 - d. Each club is responsible for insuring the eligibility of its players and is expected to enforce all eligibility requirements.

Expansion of reporting and enforcement of code of conduct to include and "Officials Report" consisting of 4 yes/no questions with fields for additional information as required explaining the occurrence. Reporting form is

intended to document instances of on or off ice threats, targeting or otherwise unruly or inappropriate behavior from fans, players and/or coaches. Please note, a form is required to be signed by an official and turned in for every game by the home club even if no incidents occurred. Follow up from EC is also recommended to the offending club after a set number of instances. SEE ATTACHED FORM- DRAFT CPIHL OFFICIAL REPORT.

C. SUSPENSIONS

1. Any player receiving a major penalty for fighting shall be assessed a five-minute penalty and a game misconduct penalty. In addition, the Commissioner will determine the number of games that the player will be suspended. The same penalties and suspensions may be imposed on any other player who is involved in the altercation.
2. No suspended player shall participate in any scheduled game(s), in which the player, and/or his/her team, represents the CPIHL, until said suspension has been served in a current CPIHL regular season or playoff game or league sanctioned playoff game.
3. The suspension will carry over into the player's next season of play if not enough games remain in the current season to satisfy the suspension.
4. The exception to F #3 shall be that a player, who is serving a levied a one game only, non-fighting suspension, may play in a second (2nd) Flyers' Cup game in which he/she and his/her team participate, by sitting out and not playing in the first (1st) Flyers' Cup game, in which his/her team participates. The player must, however, still serve the one game suspension, in a CPIHL playoff game, if the CPIHL playoffs are still in progress. This shall pertain to coaches as well.
5. Players, who are rostered at varsity and JV levels, must serve their suspension with the team with whom the player was playing with at the time of his/her suspendable infraction. Before being able to play in any game in which he/she or his/her team represent the CPIHL, at the discretion of the commissioner not to be less than 1 JV or 1 Varsity, except as noted in the Item b below.
 - a. When a suspension is levied and there is not a sufficient number of games remaining in the current season for the team with whom the player received the suspension, then he/she shall serve any remaining games of the suspension, in consecutive games, including playoff games with either, or any of the other level teams, of which he/she is a member.

- b. Players are reminded that if serving a suspension in the circumstance defined in 5a, they are NOT eligible for participation in any game in which his/her team represents the CPIHL with the same exception as in F #4 above (Flyers' Cup).
- 6. If any player, who is a senior, is charged with a major penalty, or a match penalty in the last game of his high school career, the member club may be assessed up to a \$200 fine, per penalized player. If there are 2 or more senior players from the same team charged with a fighting major, or match penalty in the last game, then the player(s) Member Club may be placed on probation for the next season. Should the same team have a similar occurrence in the probation year, then the team shall be ineligible for the playoffs in the probation year, if the incident occurs before the playoffs. Should such an incident occur during the playoffs of the probation year, the team shall forfeit that game, and thus be out of the playoffs for that year, as well as for the following year. Fines shall also be levied as per above.
- 7. If any player incurs a 2nd fighting major penalty during the CPIHL league season the player may be suspended for the rest of the season, including all games in which the player and his/her team represent the CPIHL. NOTE: The league season shall be defined as including all games in which the player and his/her team represent the CPIHL.
- 8. Any player, coach, or off-ice official serving a suspension, will NOT be permitted in or near the player's bench, penalty box, or scorer's area, during a game.
- 9. Suspended coaches shall not communicate with other coaches or players in any manner (shouting instructions from the stands, hand or other signals, radios or telephones, etc.) during the game. Such actions shall be considered a breach of the CPIHL Code of Conduct, and will be dealt with in accordance with the penalties addressed in the Code of Conduct.

F. GAME PROCEDURES

1. Length of Periods, Intermissions, Overtime

- a. Length of periods shall be seventeen minutes each for Varsity, fifteen minutes for JV, and fifteen minutes for middle school Games. There shall be a three minute warm-up period, starting at the beginning of the game time slot. Note: The Game time slot for varsity and JV shall be defined as one and one-half hours in length, and shall start when the Zamboni doors are shut. Intermissions between periods shall be one minute. The Referees may choose to

reduce either the three minute warm-up time, or the intermission time, as they deem appropriate.

2. Overtime

The CPIHL Varsity divisions will play a single sudden death overtime period if a regular season game is tie after completing three periods.

- a.** The overtime period will be a 5-minute, sudden death, 3 on 3.
- b.** If a goal is scored, the winning team will receive 2 points in the standings; the losing team will receive 1 point for the overtime loss (OTL).
- c.** If neither team scores, both teams will be awarded 1 point for the Tie.
- d.** Teams will skate the overtime in their 3rd period direction on the ice.
- e.** All outstanding penalties will carry over from the end of the 3rd period.
- f.** Game ends immediately when a goal is scored in the overtime period.
- g.** Rinks will not curfew games that are tied at the end of 3 periods.
- h.** In the event of a carryover power play or a penalty in the overtime resulting in a power play, the following procedures will be used:
 - 1.** Penalized player is placed in the penalty box, and serves the penalty per usual USA Hockey rules.
 - 2.** The team with the power play will add a 4th skater to the ice and skate 4 on 3 for the power play or until a goal is scored that ends the game.
 - 3.** When the penalty expires, the penalized player will return to the ice and the teams will skate 4 on 4 until the next stoppage of play.
 - 4.** The penalized player may be replaced by another skater from the bench while play continues. Once time stopped, the teams revert to 3 on 3 play.
 - 5.** A second penalty (or carry over 5 on 3) will permit the power play team to skate 5 on 3.

3. Playing Conditions

If, in the opinion of the Referees, the playing conditions become unsatisfactory during the course of the game, they may call the game at any time that they decide that it would be dangerous / hazardous to continue the game. The score of the game shall be what it is when the game was called. The game shall be considered “no game” however unless two (2) periods of play have been completed.

4. Six Goal Rule

If at any time, a differential of 6 goals or more exists between opponents, the game shall be played with a “running” clock, **only to be stopped for the following:**

- a. After a penalty to allow time for the scorekeeper to enter penalty minutes into the clock. The clock is to immediately start once all penalty information is entered. The timekeeper should not wait for the puck to drop to start the clock.
- b. An injury time-out. The time clock shall be re-started when the puck is dropped in the ensuing face-off.
- c. A time-out called by either team. After either of the situations above, where the time clock is stopped while in the “running” clock mode, the time clock shall be re-started when the puck is dropped in the ensuing face-off.
- d. Running Clock – In the event of a running clock situation in any CPIHL game, the CPIHL Rules shall be followed. If a question arises about this CPIHL Rule, by the On-ice Official(s), the Off-ice Official(s), as members of the Officiating Team, shall offer to the Referee(s), the opportunity to view the copy of the CPIHL Rules that should be kept available at the Scorer’s Table, at all Rinks where CPIHL games are played, in an effort to clarify the rule. If the On-ice Officials(s) do not choose to either look at the rules, or subsequently abide by them, then that is the end of the matter, since the On-ice Officials do have the final decision. However, if the On-Ice Officials (Referee(s)) deviate from this CPIHL Rule, then this is to be noted on SportsEngine or the score sheet by the Scorekeeper, before he/she verifies the game on SpottsEngine or signs the score sheet.

5. Calling of the Game

- a. Any time after the end of the second period if the goal differential reaches ten, the game will be over.
- b. Anytime during the last two minutes of a game, with a differential of five goals or more, the on ice officials (referees) may call the game

(as being over). This may be done IF in their opinion the Players and or Coaches (teams), are becoming out of control in that with further continuation of the game the concern exists that there is a significantly increased potential for Player injury or Major penalties to result. In addition to this either Coach may request that the on ice Officials stop the game for the same reason(s) as above. The final decision however, shall rest with the on ice officials.

6. Score Sheet Signatures / Gamesheet

- a. Member Clubs' teams (Varsity, JV, and Middle School) are required (per USA Hockey) to list their players in numerical jersey order on the Gamesheet.
- b. Member clubs must have a representative attend one of the preseason Sportsengine training meetings offered by the CPIHL at each rink and subsequently make sure all scorekeepers are properly trained in keeping score.
- c. Suspended players are to be scratched from that game's Gamesheet Engine active roster **by the scorekeeper.**
- d. Scorekeepers must remove scratched players from the active roster for each game.
- e. Players arriving late to a scheduled CPIHL game, shall proceed immediately to the Scorekeeper's Table at the first stoppage of play, allowing him / her to cross the ice and shall report to the scorekeeper giving his / her name and number before participating in the game. Failure to do so may invoke a two minute minor penalty once the omission is discovered by the Scorekeeper and reported by the Scorekeeper to the on ice Officials.
- f. Scoresheets must be filled out completely and correctly by the end of the game, including goal and penalty times. Incomplete or incorrect scoresheets will incur the following: first offense is warning, and review of the corrections needed, second \$75 fine and a meeting with the EC, third is \$150 further sanctions as determined by the EC. In case of equipment malfunction, the commissioner must be notified during the allotted game time of the issue.

G. GAME CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

The 2nd Vice President will call the ice rink to confirm the status of the rink's condition. After determining the status (open, closed or closing) at each rink, the 2nd VP will call the President and a final determination will be made about whether all games will be played or cancelled or whether some games will be played and others cancelled based on varying weather condition within the CPIHL region.

Between 3PM and 4PM on game days the status of that night's games will be posted to the CPIHL website at the top of the home page, and an All Clubs email will be sent stating the status of games for that evening. All CPIHL clubs are responsible for having someone designated to monitor the website and email on questionable weather. Making phone calls to all clubs is not always possible since constant phone communication is sometimes necessary for league officials. On the other hand if possible club reps and / or coaches will be called to confirm status of games for that evening. Club reps should feel free to call if necessary.

All CPIHL clubs should send an acknowledging email to the 2nd VP or President (depending on who sent the original email) stating that they understand the status of games for that email. Please try to confine this to one OFFICIAL email per club. Please be sure to state in the email which club you represent.

1. If the rink is closed due to the weather conditions, nothing more needs to be done.
 - a. If the rink is open and either team has decided that they do not want to travel because of weather conditions that team's rep must call the President to get cancellation approval, even if they have replied to the initial email regarding the status of games for that evening.
 - a. If the President gives approval an email will be sent out notifying of the change.
 - b. If the President does not give approval, said team must travel to the game.
 - c. Teams that do not show up for a game because of weather conditions and have not followed this procedure, shall be considered as having forfeited that game, I.A.W. Section H (Game Forfeiture) of these CPIHL Rules and Policies.
 - d. Some schools cancel sporting events when schools are closed, due to weather conditions. If Clubs are obligated to follow such rules due to school funding, those Clubs shall provide, in writing, said obligations to the Executive Committee prior to the start of

the current season. Those obligated Clubs shall be considered the same as the “said team” above in this section, and, as such, must follow this section’s guidelines for requesting not to travel to a scheduled game.

Note: If the President is not available, teams are to call the 1st Vice President, then the 2nd Vice President, etc. - through the Executive Committee.

H. GAME FORFEITURE

1. A team forfeiting a game will be fined, as per below, to help cover the lost gate revenue:

MS/JV- \$150

ROTHROCK/VIOLA- \$200

BEARS- \$400

2. **Playoff Forfeiture Rules**

- a.) A team that forfeits their first playoff game of the season and does so with more than a three-day notice from the start of the first league game of the playoffs, results in elimination from the playoff bracket. The next team will be moved up to replace them the bracket will be reseeded before the start of the playoffs.

- b.) A team forfeiting a playoff with less than a three-day notice may result in a \$1,500 fine and elimination from the playoff bracket. If possible, the next team will be moved up and the bracket will be reseeded pending EC decision.

- c.) A team forfeiting any other playoff game will result in a \$1,500 fine and further sanction at EC discretion.

I. COMMISSIONER’S REVIEW

The League Commissioner may review, for possible change of disciplinary action, any and all suspensions. The Commissioner is also responsible for notifying applicable leagues (i.e. DVHL, Atlantic, etc.) of suspensions and for receiving information from those leagues of suspensions within those leagues. These notifications are for Match penalties only.

J. GAME DISRUPTIVENESS

If the Executive Committee determines that a high school organization’s fans are disruptive that Club may be required to pay 100% of the cost for security for each night that the security is needed.

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Property Damage

If there are team damages to rink property or anyone's personal property, during the season by a Member Club's team, said Club shall be responsible to resolve the problem and make reparations to the rink or person(s) for said damages. For security needs the Member Club shall be responsible for the cost or any fine as directed by the CPIHL Executive Committee. If the Member Club fails to resolve property damage issues or to pay for the cost of security needs or fines for obscene gestures, etc. and the CPIHL must intervene to cover such costs then the Member Club shall have the amount of the damages, etc. deducted from their end of season / next season's carryover credit amount.

2. Player Financial Standing

Any player who transfers to another school and is not in good financial standing with his / her previous club (i.e. has an outstanding debt), will be ineligible to participate with the new club until the outstanding is settled completely. Any disputes arising out of the review shall be submitted to the 3rd VP in detail and in writing for presentation to and consideration by the EC in making a final decision and/or ruling.

3. Club Financial Standing

In order to be eligible for post-season play, all playoff-eligible clubs must be in good financial standing with the CPIHL. This means all season pass money and gate fees must be current, and the league Third Payment made by the last regular season game of the current season. Any club who is not in good financial standing with the CPIHL by their varsity team's last regular season game will be ineligible for post-season play.

L. MISCELLANEOUS

1. No Player, other than those serving a penalty, are allowed to sit in the Penalty Bench during a CPIHL game. The procedure for non compliance to this rule shall be that the on ice Officials shall stop the game until the offending player(s) vacate the Penalty Bench. Failure to do so in a timely manner will subject the offending player to any and all penalties deemed necessary by the on ice Officials.

2. There shall be no more than four adults, who are USA Hockey certified coaches, on the player bench. Procedure for non-compliance is as in #1 above.
3. Each team is encouraged to provide one, and only one person to tend their Penalty Bench. This person is considered an off ice official, and may not coach from the Penalty Bench.
 4. A rostered, injured player may only be on the bench if they are wearing a helmet and a game jersey.
5. Off ice officials are not to be in the locker room before, during, or after the game.
6. Each home team must have a time keeper and score keeper. They may also have an announcer and music coordinator at the scorer's table. Score keepers and time keepers must be at least 18 years of age.
7. At the conclusion of the game, players shall NOT LEAVE THE BENCH until order exists on the ice.
8. After the handshake, the HOME TEAM will return to its bench until the VISITING TEAM has LEFT THE ICE. COACHES will be held RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLATIONS of this #6 and #5 above as per the CPIHL Code of Conduct with possible subsequent suspension(s) after review by the Commissioner.
9. Violation of any of these Rules and Policies, not specifically covered by a fine or penalty shall be subject to fine(s) and or penalty as determined by the CPIHL Commissioner and the Executive Committee.
10. All coaches, especially new Coaches, if unable to obtain the Level of Certification appropriate to the Level that they are coaching, must have, at the minimum, an Initiation Level Card. Any coach who does not have at least a Level 1 certification by December 31, of the current season, shall be considered to be ineligible to coach for any CPIHL team as of January 1st of the current season. All Coaches are expected to continue to obtain the next highest Level of Coaching Certification, in consecutive years, until the appropriate Level, for the level they are coaching, is reached. Further information can be found on the USA Hockey website under the "Coaches" tab.
11. Each Member Club must have an Email address, and a dedicated person(s) to be the contact person(s) for all League electronic correspondence.
12. Home teams must turn in a completed gate sheet and gate fees collected for every home game they host, including the playoffs, within 30 days of the game date. If the home club does not turn in said gate sheet, a fine of \$750,

plus additional \$250 sanction fine and a meeting with the EC for further sanctions including but not limited to suspension. A post season team must turn in all regular season gate sheets by to the first day of the playoffs to be eligible to play.

13. Photographers, or any people taking pictures/video, are not allowed to be on the player's benches, scorekeeper box, or penalty boxes. Off ice officials are only approved to be in these areas performing their specific duty. Photographers are not allowed to act as a penalty box attendant, announcer, scorekeeper or clock minder per USAH rules.

14. Teams violating rules 1-13 within Section: Miscellaneous will result in head coach warning for first offense, 1 game suspension for second offense, 2 game suspension for third violation and meeting with EC.

15. Withdrawing a team

- a. Any new club withdrawing a team at any level after that level's schedule has been presented to the BOD for the upcoming season may be fined up to \$500 as per a decision by the EC.
- b. Any existing club withdrawing a team as described above may be fined up to their carry-over credit amount from the previous season again as decided by the EC.

16. Fines

- a. Fines not paid after 30 days shall double.
- b. Fines not paid after 60 days shall be 3 times the original amount and the CPIHL Bylaws Section II - F, #2 for penalties shall be in effect.

17. The use of any noisemaking devices are prohibited at all CPIHL games.

18. Clubs are required to notify the commissioner within 24 hours of a player or coach receiving a game misconduct penalty or match penalty in a CPIHL game.