



PAHL Mandatory Meeting –May 16, 2023 Online Meeting

Allegheny	Mindy Ulyas, John Gable
Altoona	Jill Brenton
Artic Foxes	Alicia Genco
Armstrong	Jim Rearic
Aviators	Stan Whiteman
Beavers	Bob Wilson, Sean Cogis
Cambria	Vincent Cannizzaro
Crawford	Greg Beveridge
Erie	Gio Duchini
Huskies	Luke Kopchak/Ryan Patrick
Ice Miners	Jason Boone
Indiana	Leanne Smith
Johnstown	DORMANT
Lawrence	ABSENT
Mon Valley	Jen Jennings, Craig Albert
Morgantown	Frank Oliverio
Mt. Lebanon	Dave Klasnick
North Hills	Christine George

North Pittsburgh	Tom Trzcinski
Predators	ABSENT
Renegades	Jack Jacobs
South Hills	Glen Siniawski
South Pittsburgh Rebellion	Sean Coyle
State College	Pete Brumberg
Westmoreland	Amy Roberts
Wheeling	Caitlin Rodocker
Yetis	Jon Langer
Youngstown	Lisa Kokoski
PAHL	Crystal Ochwat
PAHL	Darcee Purvis
PAHL	Ron Michalak
PAHL	Glen Scholze
PAHL	Dave Fryer
PAHL	Courtney Iaccio
PAHL	
Guest	Jesse Taylor

The May PAHL meeting was called to order by PAHL President Glen Scholze at 7:04 pm.

All associations absent from the meeting are noted above.

USA Hockey Report

- Nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from the March and April were approved. Motion to approve by Armstrong, seconded by North Pittsburgh.
- Scholarship winners. Rebecca Chmiel-South Pittsburgh Rebellion, Sarah Setto-South Pittsburgh Rebellion, Ty Stawarz-Altoona Trackers, Jayden Leiper-Beaver Badgers, Evelyn Wright-South Hills Panthers and Matthew Knizner-Steel City Renegades. Each received \$1,250 scholarships.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- \$46,431 in our checking account and \$100,029.26 in our savings account.
- Scholarship checks went out to all the recipients' colleges.
- Checks are in the mail to all who submitted their ADM referee reimbursements.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- We will be looking at new technology and some new ways of doing things. We are moving to being more flexible.

PAHL STANDING REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE ADMINSTRATOR

- Two teams requested dormancy at the last meeting. We did not have a quorum so, we were not able to vote at that meeting. Since then North Hills removed their request for dormancy. Johnstown Jets were approved for dormancy. They will now be dormant with no voting rights until they request to come back in and they have two year to do that. If they do not bring a team in within the third year, they drop off the charter list.
- Sent out HeadsUp Pittsburgh Concussion testing information from the Pittsburgh Foundation and the Pittsburgh Penguins. Please get that out to your membership.
- New upgraded technology is going very well and the transition to the new Executive Director is going well.
- We are still working through a couple of kinks before we are ready to discuss new scoresheets. The progress is good.

COMPETITION

- We had a training at RMU on May 6th. The turnout was great. Almost all of the registrars were there plus a couple of association presidents.
- The MAPS project is now officially in everyone's hands.
- Next we will get declarations done. Clean up team numbers, age divisions and then change requests.

DISCIPLINE

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Rule discussion/vote-see attached sheets.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Motion to adjourn by Armstrong, seconded by North Hills. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

PAHL RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS FOR 2023-2024 SEASON

1. Current process for posting forfeited games cannot be done until season's end. It is also not entirely fair to the team who is not forfeiting the game. This rewrite will simplify the rule; enable the league to post at the time of the forfeit; and provide a fairer result to the forfeiting team's opponent.

2. STANDINGS:

~~C. A forfeited game that was never played will be counted for PAHL season standings as a 0-1 loss. The opposing team will receive a 1-0 win.~~

~~i. Teams involved in these forfeited games will receive the following statistics:~~

~~1. The winning team receives goals for (GF) based on the GF average of their PAHL regular season games at the end of the season~~

~~2. The losing team receives goals against (GA) based on the GA average of their PAHL regular season games at the end of the season.~~

~~3. One Fair Play point will be awarded to the winning team.~~

~~D. A forfeited game that was played and is assigned as a forfeit as a result of a rule violation will be counted for PAHL season standings as a 0-1 loss. The opposing team will receive a 1-0 win. This includes all games (wins, ties, and losses).~~

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~~2. The losing team receives goals against (GA) based on the GA average of their PAHL regular season games at the end of the season.~~

~~3. The winning team will keep their Fair Play point as earned: +1, 0, or -1. The forfeiting team will forfeit their FFP if it is a +1; will keep if it is 0 or -1.~~

3. STANDINGS:

~~E. A forfeited game that was never played will be counted for PAHL season standings as follows:~~

~~i. The forfeiting, or losing team, will receive 0 goals.~~

~~ii. The winning team will receive 1 goal.~~

~~iii. The forfeiting team, having not played all their regular season games, will not be eligible for playoffs.~~

~~F. A forfeited game that was played and is assigned as a forfeit as a result of a rule violation will be counted for PAHL season standings as follows:~~

~~i. The forfeiting, or losing team, will receive 0 goals.~~

~~ii. The winning team will receive one goal added to their earned score in the game.~~

~~iii. The forfeiting, or losing team, will forfeit their Fair Play point if it is a +1; will keep it if it is 0 or -1.~~

~~iv. The winning team will keep their FFP as earned.~~

~~v. The forfeiting, or losing team, will be assessed fines or other disciplinary actions as required by the rules covering their violation.~~

Motion to approve Armstrong; Seconded by Allegheny

Amendment added: The PAHL Executive Committee shall be afforded the opportunity to review all ineligible teams that would be a sub-bullet under 3. They would have final judgement on playoff eligibility pending team hardship.

Motion to approve with amendment State College; Seconded by Morgantown-approved by majority.

2. Requested change to the PAHL tryout restrictions. No need to restate the USAH tryout restriction details from the USAH annual guide.

3. TEAM TRYOUTS:

- A. Member associations will not hold tryouts **or tryout related activities** for teams until after all PAHL playoff tournaments have finished. ~~April 1.~~
 - i. ~~The only exceptions that will be granted are in cases of home rinks having unavailable ice after April 1. If this applies, the association must request approval from PAHL and must provide a letter (email) from the rink manager to the PAHL as to the last day of ice availability.~~
 - ii. ~~Any exceptions must wait until after all PAHL playoff tournaments have completed, and should be scheduled as close as possible to the date that ice becomes unavailable.~~
- B. Member associations scheduling tryouts for national bound teams are required to follow requirements as written in the USAH Annual Guide for those teams. ~~Those requirements include waiting a minimum of 48 hours after the USAH National Championship Tournaments have concluded, as well as restrictions on advertising and clinic offerings.~~

Motion to approve Armstrong; Seconded by North Hills-approved by majority.

3. Clarify double rostered goalie role on second team.

3. PLAYER REGISTRATION:

- I. Goalies may be rostered on two PAHL teams within the same PAHL association.
 - iv. **Double rostered goalies may only play in net for their second team. They may not skate out. (They may skate out for their first team only)**

4. Delete clause that is not applicable.

G. TEAM PLACEMENT:

- C. ~~A PAHL member association team who does not submit a PAHL roster experience spreadsheet by the deadline will not be eligible to schedule PAHL games.~~
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5. Update number of games chart for new season.

H. NUMBERS, LENGTH, AND TIME OF GAMES:

- a. The minimum number of PAHL league games scheduled for each age and level classification for the current season will be as follows.

AGE CLASSIFICATION	AA	A	B
18U, 16U	20	20	20
14U	20	20	20
12U	20	20	20
10U	20 (6 pre +14)	20 (6 pre +14)	20 (6 pre +14)
Girls 19U, 16U	20	20	20
Girls 14U	20	20	20
Girls 12U, 10U	20	20	20

~~Approved for the 2023-24 season will be 20 games for all girls' divisions.~~

6. Adjust recommendation for STOP patches to “permitted”.

8. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS:

D. ~~PAHL recommends that all players~~ Association teams are permitted to wear a “stop patch” on the back of their jersey for all PAHL games. (Safety Towards Other Players Program)

i. ~~“STOP” stands for the “Safety Towards Other Players” Program.~~

ii. ~~The “STOP patch” should be placed in the center back of the jersey, right above the number, and below any name plate affixed to the jersey.~~

7. Clarify responsibilities for Playoff Directors.

1. PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

A. PAHL will provide USAH team rosters to the Playoff Director before the tournament weekend. Any eligibility issues will be resolved by the PAHL Executive Administrator.

i. ~~The Playoff director is empowered to determine the eligibility of any player, coach, or team.~~

ii. ~~Protests can be heard following the “Protest Procedure” (telephone and email will be used).~~

2. GAME RULES:

A. All PAHL playoff games are to be played under PAHL regular season rules except:

i. Games will not have a curfew.

ii. The Playoff Director at each playoff site will consult with the PAHL Executive Administrator to determine ~~decide in a joint meeting with both the head coaches, how to resolve a suspended game. The completion of a suspended game, if deemed necessary, will be restarted from the point of suspension.~~

8. Eliminate the Rules Committee clause. Also change all references for Rule Committee to either Discipline Committee or Executive Board, depending on precedent.

1. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES:

B. ~~The PAHL Rules Director will chair the PAHL Rules and Procedures Committee.~~

i. ~~The committee will have a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of twelve (12) members, two (2) of which must be present at any PAHL rules hearing to be held.~~

ii. ~~Additional members of the PAHL Executive Board may belong to the committee.~~

iii. ~~All other committee members are to come from the PAHL membership at large.~~

Motion to approve Rule #3-8 Armstrong; Seconded by Youngstown-approved by majority.

9. PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT ALTERNATIVES FOR 2023-2024 SEASON

ALTERNATIVE 1 2023-2024 SEASON

DIVISION	MARCH 1-2	MARCH 7-10	MARCH 15-16	MARCH 22-23
18U, 16U, 14U AA, GIRLS	PAHL PLAYOFFS	MID AM STATES		
18U, 16U, 14U A & B	REGULAR SEASON	MAKEUP DATES	PAHL PLAYOFFS	
12U, 10U	REGULAR SEASON	REGULAR SEASON	MAKEUP DATES	PAHL PLAYOFFS

ALTERNATIVE 2 2023-2024 SEASON

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USAH NATIONALS FOR 2024 ARE APRIL 3-7, 2024

Motion to approve Alternative #2 State College; Seconded by North Hills-approved by majority.