

Kansas City Youth Hockey League General Rules

1. Rulemaking Authority

1.1 The Kansas City Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors has the final rulemaking authority for all games played in the KCYHL.

1.2 Prior to adopting these rules, or any amendments thereto, the House League Commissioner shall meet with representatives from each club to discuss the rules or proposed amendments. The House League Commissioner will then inform the Board of Directors of the recommendations made by the club representatives. The Board of Directors will make the final decision on any rules after consulting with the House League Commissioner.

2. Rosters and Player Eligibility

2.1 All clubs are required to submit their rosters to the House League Commissioner on or before October 1.

2.2 Clubs are required to submit final rosters to the House League Commissioner on or before January 15.

2.3 No changes may be made to final rosters after January 15 unless approved by the Commissioner under exceptional circumstances. The Commissioner's decision on any roster changes will be final and may not be appealed to the Board of Directors.

2.4 Players who are not listed on a team's preliminary or final roster will not be allowed to play in a KCAHL game, unless the following conditions are met:

- (a) The team wishing to play the un-rostered player must be missing at least one player for that game;
- (b) The team wishing to play an un-rostered player must not have enough players to field at least two full lines of skaters plus a goalie;
- (c) The team wishing to play an un-rostered player must notify the opposing team's coach prior to the start of the game and request that the referee have the opposing team's coach sign the score sheet prior to the start of the game as an acknowledgement that notice under this rule was given;
- (d) The un-rostered player must be of similar skill level (or less skilled) than the player or players missing that game; and
- (e) The un-rostered player is identified by an asterisk (*) on the official game sheet.

- 2.5 Players may not be listed on more than one House Division roster at any given time.
- 2.6 Players may not be listed on more than one House Select Division roster at any given time.
- 2.7 In order to be included on a House Select Division roster, players must also be on a House Division roster.
- 2.8 Players will not be allowed to play in both the High School League and on a bantam team in the House or Select Division. Players who are rostered on a high school roster (JV or varsity) are ineligible to play in the bantam division.
- 2.9 Players who are playing in the Travel League (AA, A1, A2, etc.) are ineligible to participate in any House League or House Select League game unless the player has officially been removed from the Travel League team.
- 2.10 Players wishing to play up an age division (i.e. a squirt aged player wishing to play peewee) may do so only with the approval of their Club.
- 2.11 In accordance with USA Hockey rules, players wishing to play down an age division (i.e. a peewee aged player wishing to play squirt) may only do so if the player has a medical condition that has affected his/her development to a degree that it is unsafe to play at their current level. Any requests to play down an age division must be approved by the USA Hockey Central District Risk Manager.
- 2.12 Players that are rostered on a Squirt Gold or Peewee Gold roster are not allowed to play any games for a Silver level team in either age division. Players that are on a Gold roster may play for another Gold level team if the provisions of Rule 2.4 are met. Players that are on a Silver roster may play for another Silver level team or a Gold level team if the provisions of Rule 2.4 are met.
- 2.13 If it is determined that any team played a player that was not on that team's roster and the provisions of Rule 2.4 were not followed, the Commissioner has the authority to issue sanctions up to and including the following:

First Offense – Forfeiture of the game

Second Offense – Forfeiture of the game and one game suspension for the head coach

Third Offense – Forfeiture of the game; three game suspension for the head coach; disqualification from the post-season tournament.

No formal protest is required by the opposing team for any of the sanctions imposed by Rule 2.13 to be assessed by the Commissioner.

3. Game Misconducts

3.1 Any player or coach who receives a game misconduct penalty during a game must serve a mandatory one game suspension pursuant to USA Hockey rules.

3.2 Any player or coach who receives a second, or subsequent, game misconduct during a season is ineligible to play any further league games until cleared to play by the Commissioner. The Commissioner has the specific authority to exercise his discretion to suspend any player or coach for additional games under this paragraph. The Commissioner's decision can be appealed to the KCYHA Board of Directors.

4. Post-Season Information

4.1 At the end of the regular season, teams will be seeded into a single elimination tournament based upon their regular season standings.

4.2 If two or more teams are tied in points at the end of the regular season following tie-breakers will be used to break the tie to determine seeding for the tournament:

1. Games Played – The team with the fewest games played (and highest winning percentage) in the event one or more teams does not play a full 16 game schedule.
2. Wins – The most wins among the tied teams
3. Head-to-Head Record – Most points in games against the other tied teams (must be an even number of games)
4. Goals Against – Total goals allowed in all games played during the regular season
5. Coin Flip

In the event three or more teams are tied, once one team is eliminated in the tiebreaking process, the tie between the remaining teams will be broken by starting over with tiebreakers.

4.3 Specific rules for postseason play, including game formats, will be published by the House League Commissioner by February 1.

5. Rescheduling of Games

5.1 Once a game has been posted to the league website, it will not be rescheduled unless the Commissioner postpones the game due to weather, scheduling or other unforeseen issues at the rink, or other reasons that the Commissioner determines justify the postponement of a game. Games that are cancelled because a team does not have enough players to field a team or because the team's coach(es) are unavailable for the game as scheduled will not be rescheduled.

5.2 If any team is unable to field a team for a scheduled league game, that team will forfeit the game and it will be entered as a 1-0 victory for the opposing team.