

HOLIDAY-LEISURE NOVICE LEAGUE

League Objective

Designed for those who have started hockey as an adult or players looking to shake off some rust. This league is the next step up from our *Rec League*. Game play will be slightly more competitive and includes playoffs as well as championship prizes.

League Rules

- League includes 10 games played mostly at Holiday Twin Rinks on Saturday nights, plus playoffs and a championship game.
- All skaters MUST have AAU Insurance.
- All participants must attend an *Evaluation Session* designated for this league.
- Schedule, standings, rosters and player stats will be updated on our website.
- Tag up offside, icing and penalties will adhere to USA Hockey Adult League Rules.
- All games will begin as scheduled. Following the exit of the Zamboni, the scorekeeper will place 3 minutes on the score clock for warm-ups. If there is not a minimum of six players at the conclusion of this time, a bench minor will be assessed. If there are still not enough players after 5 more minutes of gameplay, the game will be declared a forfeit.
- Three periods of 19-minute running clock will be played. *The clock will stop for the last five minutes of the 3rd period if the score is within 4 goals.*
- A 3-man shootout will take place if the game is tied after regulation. HOME TEAM gets to pick to shoot first or second. If the game is still tied, the shootout will continue 1 and 1 until a winner is determined. All shooters can only shoot ONCE
- Penalty times: 3 minute minor, 6 minute double minor, 12 minute misconduct. Once stop time begins during the last 5 minutes of the third period then the minor penalty goes to 2 min stopped time. Major

penalties or fighting results in immediate ejection from the game and the league with loss of fees paid. No exceptions! The league may also suspend players on case by case basis. Excessive penalties may result in suspension.

- If the puck hits the 'out of play' net it will still be a live puck and playable. Since we play running clock this will help keep the game moving.
- 3-point games. Meaning, 3 points for a win in regulation. 2 points for a win in OT/SO. 1 point for a loss in OT/SO. 0 points for a loss in regulation.
- Limited body contact may happen during the course of play. Body checking will be penalized.
- Any player who physically abuses an official in any way, will face permanent expulsion from the league. Verbal abuse of a referee, or scorekeeper, will result in game misconducts being assessed. Any match penalty will require a hearing, within 30 days, before reinstatement.
- No timeouts allowed, clock may only stop for injuries.
- The end of the season standings will be determined by the following tie-breakers:
 - Points/wins (shootout wins count as a regular win)
 - Head-to-Head
 - Regulation goal differential in head-to-head
 - Least penalty minutes
 - Least regulation goals allowed
 - Most regulation goals scored
- All playoff games must have a winner, and the format will be as follows:
 - Tie after regulation will have one eight minute "sudden death" overtime period, no timeouts.
 - Still tied after OT, a three man shootout will commence.
 - Sudden death shootout will determine the winner.

- Teams will consist of a minimum of 13-15 skaters and 1 goalie. Rosters will be formed by the League Committee with the intent of keeping competition as equal as possible.
- The League Committee will try to honor all player requests but some may not be granted depending on team strength. The League reserves the right to make a trade at any time in order to keep the league competitive.
- An official league jersey will be provided to all registered players. ALL players must wear their team jersey.
- Illegal players will not be tolerated! These will include:
 - Any player without a team jersey
 - Any player not on the online roster
 - Two players with the same number
 - Playing under someone else's jersey number
 - Any player playing while suspended
- If a team has less than 9 skaters, they may only pull a player from another team in the Novice League. No outside subs are allowed.
- It is the captain's responsibility to make sure all players understand and comply with the league rules. (As well as each individual player)
- Protests must be made during the course of the game. All other disputes should be made to the league commissioner within 24 hours.

****The Commissioner reserves the right, at any time (even after the completion of a game), to forfeit the game of any team that is deemed non-compliant with these league rules, whether protested by the opposition or not.****

Rink/Facility Notes

- Pucks AND players are not allowed on the ice while it is being resurfaced! For insurance purposes, the Holiday & Leisure Rink ice makers are instructed to leave the ice if players are not adhering to this simple rule. Any team who repeatedly refuses to follow this procedure will be subject to additional league discipline.
- Please do not leave any valuables in the locker rooms, as the rink will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- Make sure your locker room is cleaned up after you are done. Your team will be held responsible for any mess or damages left behind.

- The Hockey Shop offers a **5% Loyalty Cash** per dollar spent with us at Holiday & Leisure Rinks. Make a purchase at the Rinks (just provide your Last Name), or through our website and you will earn Loyalty Cash that can be redeemed on ANY item we sell or offer at Holiday Twin Rinks and Leisure Rinks (including ALL Hockey Shop, Grille and Rink Programs). This is a NO Cost program. For registering for the league, you have already earned Loyalty Cash.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHOOSING IN THE HOLIDAY/LEISURE NOVICE HOCKEY LEAGUE. TO ENSURE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, WE EXPECT ALL TEAMS TO ADHERE TO THE ABOVE GUIDELINES. FAILURE TO DO SO, WILL RESULT IN LEAGUE DISCIPLINE.