



# 2022-2023 UWHL ANNUAL REPORT

## **Commissioners**

Vacant

## **Elected Officers**

President: Kristen Iattarelli

Vice President: Lauren Solski

Treasurer: Nancy McGuire

Secretary: Karen Shull-Archer

Red Conference Liaisons: Katie Smith

White Conference Liaisons: Kara Weber

Gold Conference Liaison: Lily Cicilia

Silver Conference Liaison: Melanie Myers

Blue Conference Liaison: Anna Gardner

## **Appointed Positions**

Referee in Chief: Madeleine Weeks

Statistician (Red): Sam Mazzi

Statistician (White): Marilyn Heilman

Statistician (Gold): Lily Cicilia

Statistician (Silver): Sally Tarabah

Statistician (Blue): Taylor Sczymecki

Webmaster: Sam Mazzi

Schedulers: Sally Tarabah and Katie Smith

## **2022-2023 Season Notes**

The 2022-2023 UWHL season was an eventful one! Here is an overview/ outline of the most notable occurrences this season:

1. We attempted to set up a UWHL hockey camp/ clinic last May/ June to take place over the summer with the help of an outside coach. The hope was that we would create better relationships with teams throughout the league, and attract new players to our league. This did not pan out as the outside coach involved was unable to commit the time needed to facilitating this and we were not successful in obtaining ice for the proposed event(s).
2. Vice President Lauren Solski created new Appointed Positions to accompany the current AP's of Webmaster(s), Statistician(s), and Referee in Chief (RIC). The new positions created included league Social Media Director(s), Creative Director(s), and one that focused on event directing. Webmasters, Statisticians and RIC performed their tasks excellently, while the latter listed AP's were unable to organize. Looking forward, we hope to expand the league's social media and creative presence to attract more players, as well as institute a concrete event director for the purpose of fundraising.
3. A new game structure was introduced this season, as well as the creation of a Gold (higher level White) division to better implement this and disperse talent throughout the league. The "cross division" game structure featured 4 out of conference games between Blue and Silver teams, and 4 out of conference games between White and Gold teams. Meaning- each Blue team played each Silver team once, and each Silver team played each Blue team once. The same set-up was implemented for the Gold<>White cross division game structure. The feedback from our end-of-year- surveys was overwhelmingly NOT in favor of continuing cross division games at the Blue<>Silver levels and was split on the issue at the Gold<>White levels.
4. As a result of the new cross division game structure, the Southside Thrashers, previous Silver team, dropped out of the league ahead of the start of the season. With North Jersey Phoenix moving down to Silver from Blue, that left 4 teams in Blue and 4 teams in Silver.
5. The EC attempted to rename the "Champions Cup" won at Playoffs to the "Greenhawk Cup" after the founders of the UWHL, Gary and Ginger Greenhawk. We were unsuccessful in reaching the Greenhawks for permission to use their name, so we decided not to go forward with the renaming. The Playoff winning trophy remains named the Champions Cup.
6. We received reports from around the league via our Referee in Chief (RIC) of a referee routinely assigned to UWHL contests that was behaving inappropriately and exuding contact that made the reporters feel uncomfortable. One of the reporters filed a case with Safe Sport and USA Hockey. Referee in question, TP- was suspended from refereeing for a period of time until the investigation concluded. The investigation did not yield enough evidence for a permanent ban in the eyes of Safe Sport and USA Hockey, so TP was permitted to start reffing again. Upon receiving this news, the EC instituted a ban on

UWHL teams assigning TP indefinitely. One team took issue with the verdict, however, when our RIC personally explained the severity of the accusations via phone conversation with their Team Rep, the team agreed to stop assigning him for UWHL games. The UWHL ban on use of referee TP is still in effect.

7. After a poll conducted amongst teams in which the majority of them voted that they didn't want to participate in the yearly UWHL All-Star Game league fundraising event, we decided to cancel it for this season. The cancellation of the All-Star game weekend, the leagues' main source of fundraising income, sparked renewed conversations of the importance of instituting a fundraising committee or event planner for the coming seasons so that we can have fresh, new ideas to raise money for the league that teams/ friends/ family would be excited to participate in.
8. 2022/2023 Review Requests (total of 3):
  - AA & MS: These two players were evaluated and allowed to continue play in their current divisions. 2 new player review requests for these same players were filed later on in the season by different teams in their respective divisions. The players were evaluated again at playoffs and it was determined that both players would be required to move up in divisions for the 2023/2024 season.
  - HK: This request was filed after last season's playoffs. HK was informed of her pending review set to take place in the 2022/2023 season, but also was pregnant and ineligible to return to hockey until just shy of 2023 playoffs. The EC was notified by HK's team of her pending return to hockey with 2 games left in their season before playoffs, so we sent 1-3 Roster Committee members to this teams' last 2 games of the season, in which HK didn't play. HK was subsequently ineligible to compete in playoffs since she didn't meet the goalie playoff eligibility requirement of 1 game played. This review is still considered open and will need to be conducted ASAP once confirmed HK is returning to play.

### **2022-2023 UWHL Secretary's Report**

The UWHL had three Conferences and five Divisions – Red Conference consisting of the Red Division, South Conference consisting of the White Division and Gold Division, North Conference consisting of the Silver Division and Blue Division. The Conference and Division structure was established to balance an over-sized division (i.e. White had 11 teams last season) and to allow cross-division play within a Conference. For this season White and Gold had cross-over games and Silver and Blue had cross-over games.

One new team entered the Red Conference for the 2022-2023 season, the Hawks Red. The Mighty Moose elected to move to the White Division for the 2022-2023 season. The top portion of last season's White Division was formed into the new Gold Division (Freeze, Hawks Black, Hawks White, Jaguars, Lightning, Queenston). The North Jersey Phoenix opted to move to the Silver Division. The Thrashers elected to not play in any Division. The Quarry Cats Black decided to move to the Blue Division.



	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
<b>Beginning Checking Balance</b>	15322.11	20824.39
<b>Revenue</b>		
League Team Fees	5200	5400
League Playoff Fees	6000	6000
Fines/Appeal Fees	100	175
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>11300</b>	<b>11575</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administrative Costs		
Bank Fees (Returned Checks, etc.)	0	0
Charity Donations	0	0
Playoff Ice Slots	5625	5625
Playoffs Catering	1594.25	1552.50
Playoffs Photos	0	300
Playoffs Referees	2100	1950
Playoffs Scorekeepers	375	375
Playoffs Trophies/Medals/Logo	519.25	648.01
Travel Expenses	0	440
T-Shirt Printing	0	4025
Playoff supplies/Posters	130.44	211.17
Scoresheets	406.13	249.95
DE Franchise Tax	25.00	25.00
DE Registered Agent	45.00	45.00
Go Daddy Domain Hosting	105.89	105.85
Zoom	158.89	158.89

SportsEngine Website	1111.94	1111.94
Diamond Scheduler	99.00	99.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	12295.79	16922.31
<b>Net Loss</b>	995.79	5347.31
<b>Recurring Expenses</b>		
DE Franchise Tax	25.00	25.00
DE Registered Agent	45.00	45.00
Go Daddy Domain Hosting	158.89	158.89
Zoom Paid	158.89	158.89
SportsEngine Website	1111.94	1111.94
Diamond Scheduler	99.00	99.00
Administrative Costs		
<b>Total</b>	1545.68	1545.68
<b>Total Expenses Pending</b>	1386.80	
<b>Playoff Expenses</b>		
Playoff Ice Slots	5625.00	5625.00
Playoff Catering	1594.25	1552.50
Playoff Photos	0	300.00
Playoff Referees	2100.00	1950.00
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<b>Total Playoff Expenses</b>	10,343.94	15,126.68
<b>Current Checking Account</b>	14147.71	

Things to consider in future if there is no fundraiser.

- Do we want to slightly raise the league fees? \$250?
- Do we want to increase playoff fees to cover all of playoff costs?

May not need to do this for this year but probably a concern for next.

Thank you all for timely sending fees when due!

You will have a new treasurer next year and I hope you are as nice to her as you have been to me.

### **2022-2023 UWHL Final Standings and Ranking Notes**

<b>Red</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Record</b>
Jaguars	26	15	12	1	2	58	16	12-1-2
Reapers	22	15	11	4	0	63	27	11-4-0
Delaware Bobcats	20	15	9	4	2	43	26	9-4-2
Philadelphia Freeze	10	15	3	8	4	24	38	3-8-4
Hawks	9	15	4	10	1	14	53	4-10-1
Lady Patriots	3	15	1	13	1	29	71	1-13-1

<b>White</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Record</b>
Lady Predators	21	16	9	4	3	51	33	9-4-3
Lady Patriots	20	16	8	4	4	38	30	8-4-4
Concord Flames	12	16	5	9	2	58	63	5-9-2
Americans	10	16	4	10	2	27	60	4-10-2
Quarry Cats	10	16	3	9	4	38	53	3-9-4
Mighty Moose	0	16	0	16	0	11	110	0-16-0

<b>Gold</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Record</b>
Hawks White	26	16	12	2	2	63	21	12-2-2
Hawks Black	24	16	11	3	2	77	23	11-3-2
Queenston	20	16	9	5	2	41	32	9-5-2
Lightning	18	16	7	5	4	44	37	7-5-4
Philadelphia Freeze	16	16	7	7	2	41	33	7-7-2
Jaguars	15	16	5	6	5	44	38	5-6-5

<b>Silver</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Record</b>
Black Widows	14	13	7	6	0	48	35	7-6-0
Philadelphia Voodoo	14	13	7	6	0	38	36	7-6-0
North Jersey Phoenix	10	13	5	8	0	22	40	5-8-0

Delaware Bobcats	2	12	1	11	0	10	60	1-11-0
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<b>Blue</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Record</b>
Quarry Cats	17	13	7	3	3	45	34	7-3-3
Jaguars	16	12	6	2	4	48	32	6-2-4
Lady Patriots	15	13	7	5	1	56	38	7-5-1
Philadelphia Freeze	14	13	6	5	2	54	46	6-5-2

## **Playoffs Report & Results**

UWHL Playoffs were held March 18-19, 2023 at Hatfield Ice Arena in Colmar, PA. This is the fifth year the UWHL has held playoffs at Hatfield. The rink provided and scheduled scorekeepers as well as let us borrow tables, microphones, and other various supplies. The UWHL Vice President Lauren Solski, along with Brian Peca, the General Manager of Hatfield Ice Arena, took care of all game scheduling and the UWHL Referee in Chief, Madeleine Weeks oversaw the scheduling of all referees.

The final schedule was sent out to teams prior to our pre-playoff meeting March 15th. The meeting was held as a conference call via Zoom to go over all playoff procedures, requirements, and expectations from teams. All eligible playoff teams were required to attend the meeting.

Each team was sent their list of eligible players by their Conference Liaisons and all discrepancies were handled prior to playoffs. Eligibility waivers were due on March 11th and were not accepted if they were submitted after that date. An exception was made for one waiver which was submitted late by the Team Representative but dated prior to March 11th.

All playoff eligible teams submitted a player to volunteer for an hour time slot on either Saturday or Sunday. This was extremely helpful to the Executive Committee members running the event. All Executive Committee members were required to be present to staff playoffs for the entirety of the weekend.

All players were required to sign in for each game at the registration table in the main lobby. Players who had hat tricks, shut outs, or 3 or more points per game received a special patch as an award for their achievement when they signed in for their games. Patches provided by Secretary Karen Shull-Archer. Game results were displayed on the bracket boards in the rink lobby and updated on the website. Teams who finished the regular season in first place for their Division had a 'Regular Season Champion' banner displayed with their record under their Division's bracket board. These posters along with the bracket boards and other promotional materials were provided by Vice President Lauren Solski.

This season's playoffs featured catering by the café at Hatfield. Food and drinks were available for all teams to enjoy throughout Saturday. This included food trays with take away boxes, grab and go snacks, and a variety of drinks. The catering was stationed in the Blue Rink Meeting Room which was located upstairs off the catwalk. Players were able to watch games from the room as well as come and go freely as it had an open door to the rink.

Our photographer for playoffs was Liz Musick. PhilMar Photography was not available to photograph playoffs this season. Liz photographed the majority of the games over the weekend.

For games that she could not attend, the Executive Committee took pictures. Team photos were taken before each semi-final game on Saturday and winning teams had a team photo taken after each Championship game on Sunday. All photos from the weekend were sent out to teams free of charge.

At the conclusion of every Championship game on Sunday, there was an award ceremony. Teams were respectful of this process. All of the winning team's coaches and/or Captains were prepared to call up and announce the names of their players to receive medals from the Executive Committee. Losing teams were then formally dismissed by the Executive Committee and the Champion's trophy was presented to the Captains of the winning teams. The medals this season were designed by Vice President, Lauren Solski and artist, Julia Plescia. All winning teams had time with the trophy and took it back to their locker rooms to celebrate. The trophy was returned to the registration table after each celebration in time for the next game. The trophy is due to be engraved with this season's Championship team names prior to next season's playoffs.

In the Red Division, the Delaware Bobcats beat the Reapers 2-1 and the Jaguars beat the Philadelphia Freeze 3-0. The Jaguars played the Delaware Bobcats in the Championship and won 3-0.

In the White Division, the Concord Flames beat the Lady Patriots 5-3 and the Lady Predators beat the Americans 6-0. The Concord Flames played the Lady Predators in the Championship and won 6-4.

In the Gold Division, Hawks Black beat Queenston 7-3 and the Lightning beat Hawks White 3-0. Hawks Black played the Lightning in the Championship and won 5-4.

In the Silver Division, the Philadelphia Voodoo beat North Jersey Phoenix 6-3 and the Black Widows beat the Delaware Bobcats 9-0. The Black Widows played the Philadelphia Voodoo in the Championship and won 1-0.

In the Blue Division, the Lady Patriots beat the Jaguars 5-2 and the Quarry Cats beat the Philadelphia Freeze 2-1. The Lady Patriots played the Quarry Cats in the Championship and won 3-2 in overtime.

Blue Division Champion: Lady Patriots

Silver Division Champion: Black Widows

Gold Division Champion: Hawks Black

White Division Champion: Concord Flames

Red Division Champion: Jaguars

## **Website Report**

We had an issue at the end of the season with a bot using the contact links on the site to send scam emails. Action was taken to hopefully prevent this from happening again in the future.

The email addresses on the website are not public, so emails were sent by the bot, but it did not have access to anyone's information. If you ever receive a sketchy email from SportsEngine asking for anything not related to hockey, please do not respond to it, forward it to the webmaster

(Sam). In general, people on the executive committee have contact info for the team reps and won't need to use the SportsEngine contact links.

## **Statistician's Report**

Scorekeepers at playoffs did a much better job with filling out scoresheets this year. Scoresheets from playoffs were mostly complete with minimal errors, allowing accurate statistics to be entered on the website.

With the splitting of the statistician role among multiple people, the game statistics were entered much more efficiently during the regular season. We also had success with teams sending a digital copy of the scoresheet to statisticians, and will continue with that requirement in the future.