



**PAHL Mandatory Meeting –April 19, 2022
@ RMU**

Allegheny	Mindy Ulyas
Altoona	Dan Pfeilstucker
Artic Foxes	Glenn Birkenfeld
Armstrong	Jim Rearic
Aviators	Jeff Dzubinski
Beavers	Sean Cogis
Cambria	Absent
Crawford	Matt Barrett
Erie	Gio Duchini
Huskies	Jim Semanko
Ice Miners	Jason Boone
Indiana	Absent
Johnstown	Absent
Lawrence	Todd Chamberlain
Mon Valley	Bob Donnelly
Morgantown	Frank Oliverio
Mt. Lebanon	Scot Lehman
North Hills	Chris McDermott

North Pittsburgh	Brian Hornyak
Predators	Absent
Renegades	Pietro Porco
South Hills	Glen Siniawski
South Pittsburgh Rebellion	Ron Nelson
State College	Pete Brumberg
Westmoreland	Sarah Peck
Wheeling	Caitlin Rodocker
Yetis	Jon Langer
Youngstown	Tiffany Webb
PAHL	Crystal Ochwat, Darcee Purvis
PAHL	Ron Michalak, Courtney Iaccio
PAHL	Jill Harmon, Glen Scholze
Guests	Michael Simone
Guests	Breton Family
Guests	Hanlon Family
Guests	Satterfield Family
Guests	Chantz Family

The March PAHL meeting was called to order by PAHL President Glen Scholze at 6:34 pm.
All associations absent from the meeting are noted above.

PAHL 2021-2022 Scholarship Winners Presentations

- Each received a \$1,500 scholarship from PAHL based on exemplary academic, athletic and personal conduct and activity.
 - Nathan Breton-Altoona Trackers
 - Jared Chantz-Armstrong Arrows
 - John Hanlon-Allegheny Badgers
 - Gretchen Marie Rine-Pittsburgh Aviators
 - Jordan Satterfield-Allegheny Badgers

USA Hockey Report

- Kathy Santora asked that we remind everyone that the Keystone Games are still looking for players and coaches. Tryouts will begin soon.
- The 2nd week of the Disabled Festival is starting on the 21st and they still need volunteers to sign up.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from the March meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Jim Rearic, seconded by Jeff Dzubinski.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Approximately \$85,604 in account and a little over \$100,000 in the savings starting accrue interest.
- Currently working on the budget for next year and it is mostly completed.
 - Per player fees were lower than noted this year.
 - Received more in terms of violations than we did in years past.
 - More advertising money coming in this year.
 - Expenses were higher than budgeted for scholarships because we offered 4 awards instead of 5, adjusted scholarships to \$7,500 for next season.
 - Academic patches had to order more, yearly cost \$2,000 in postage-printing.
 - Increased medal prices and banner prices increases slightly.
 - Meeting prices stayed the same.
 - Darcee and Glenn will be attending a USA Hockey meeting, working on figuring out a price.
 - MidAm paid for the Ponytail Jamboree.
 - Grow the Sport did not have as many applicants this year but next year more will be eligible.
 - Budgeted for training a replacement for Darcee if we find one for this year.
- Ref mentor fee checks will go out this week.
- MidAm paid for the Ponytail Jamboree
- We have carryover of \$18,000 from this year and that can help toward training costs if we find someone to start training with Darcee this year.
- A couple of clubs still need to cash their playoff checks.
- Fees may be increased next season but you will know by December in time for your clubs budget planning for the next season.
- We plan to vote on the budget within the next two meetings.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Executive Board has been meeting to come up with a plan for the replacement of Darcee. We put together a detailed job description that will be sent to all presidents tomorrow with a small cover letter that will set the expectations along with a deadline of when they are due back to the league. Once we get them, we will vet those applicants. We will interview them and find someone who we think will represent the league well. Part of this plan is to hope to find someone who can start while Darcee is still here and work with her and train with her while she is still here. We think it is important to start within our league first and hope it's successful to start within our league. Accept applications through May 10th.

PAHL STANDING REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Meeting dates are all on the website for the next year
- Will be asking for updated contact listing for your clubs
- Bad debt listing will be coming up and just get that to me as promptly as you can
- Registrar Training 05/18/22 at 6:30 pm at Lemieux Complex. Team Manager Coordinator Training 08/24/22 at 6:30 pm at Lemieux Complex.
- Girls planning meeting. 50% of our organizations working to field girls teams. Next meeting will be in June.

SCHEDULING

- The teams that are complete with tryouts, I only need the following information on your players: name, team assignment, and date of birth for players. I do not need anything else.
- Please give me the expect level of play. The level of play is needed for the slotted level of play for placement games.

- We are trying to automate competition data gathering to bring on technology to gather this data. Hoping to go to an online system for the placement system to eliminate all the manual entry. We are currently looking for a system to do this.

DISCIPLINE

- 498 total infractions this is made up from PAHL games, tournaments and everything that gets reported to us.
- 115 for fighting this year, last year it was 52, it has doubled.
- 17 penalties that will carry over to next year. Going into new season, will be working with Jill and new team business managers to be made aware of players who had penalties that still need to be served from previous seasons.

SAFETY REPORT

- No items to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rules discussion/vote-see attached sheets.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board nominations for May elections are being accepted for the 1st Vice President and Treasurer Positions. These positions are up for re-election.
 - Tiffany Webb nominated Ron Michalak for 1st Vice President and Courtney Iaccio for Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Rearic, seconded by Jeff Dzubinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS AND CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS

APRIL 19, 2022

CHANGES WITH MOTIONS AND APPROVALS

1.

FAIR PLAY PROGRAM RECOMMENDED CHANGES:

Due to last year’s USAH rule changes, updates to the Fair Play Program are recommended.

- At 12U and 10U the minor penalty length changed to 1 min. It only makes sense that the threshold be reduced, otherwise a team could get up to 16 minor penalties without losing a FPP. This is not appropriate. Fair Play is a tool to help reduce penalties, not allow them to increase. **The recommendation is to go to thresholds of 12 and 24 for the 12U, 10U, and Girls 12U.**
- Also changed from USAH was the 5/15 rule to 4/12. The USAH rulebook states that a player receiving 4 penalties in a game then is assessed a game misconduct, and that a coach whose team receives 12 or more penalties is assessed a suspension for the next scheduled game of the team. **The recommendation is to continue to count the GM to the player for FPP, but not to count the “suspension” to the coach in FPP. And further, all game misconducts by rule will count for FPP, but if by rule it is stated to be a suspension, it will not be included for FPP.**
- Finally, **it is recommended that Criteria 2 be deleted.** Typically, once a coach gets a game misconduct the team has already lost their FPP. And we do not remove another FPP for a coach game misconduct at “0” or “-1”, so it is an inconsistent rule.

PIM Criteria below dictate the earning or loss of a fair play point in a game.

CRITERIA 1:

DIVISION	PIM AT THIS THRESHOLD OR LESS GAINS A FFP	EXCEED THIS PIM THRESHOLD AND LOSE A FFP
18U, 16U	16	32
14U	16	32
12U	12	24
10U	12	24
GIRLS – 19U, 14U	16	32
GIRLS – 12U	12	24

CRITERIA 2:

PLUS proper Coaches' behavior – no game misconduct or match penalties on any coach

Stats from the 21-22 season for consideration:

	FPP=0 @ 16	FPP=0 @ 14	FPP=0 @ 12	FPP=-1 @ 32	FPP=-1 @ 28	FPP=-1 @ 24	TOTAL GAMES
12U	18	30	53	1	4	5	780
10U	4	6	14	1	1	1	490

Motion to approve Frank Oliverio; Seconded by Jim Rearic – approved by majority.

2.

ELIMINATE CONFLICTING LANGUAGE.

I. AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT

3. FINES, SUSPENSIONS, PROTESTS, AND APPEALS:

A. ~~All fines for failure to abide by PAHL rules as defined and where imposed are payable at or before the next scheduled PAHL meeting.~~

Section E. becomes section A

- E. Association fine payments must be settled and paid in full according to the following deadlines:
 - i. All fines must be paid up to date for association teams to schedule. Payment deadline is scheduling weekend (typically the last weekend of September or the first weekend of October).
 - ii. All fines must be paid up to date for association teams to attend PAHL playoff tournaments. Payment deadline is February 15.
 - iii. All fines must be paid up to date for the end of the season. Payment deadline is May 31.

Motion to approve Glen Siniawski; Seconded by Jim Rearic – approved by majority.

3.

ADD NEW LANGUAGE.

I. AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT

3. FINES, SUSPENSIONS, PROTESTS, AND APPEALS:

I. The PAHL Executive Board has authority to levy fines of up to a maximum of \$100 for verified rule violations for which there is no specifically listed fine or discipline consequence.

Motion to approve Tiffany Webb; Seconded by Jim Rearic – approved by majority.

4.

INCREASE MAX NUMBER OF GAMES FOR GIRLS 14U AND 12U TO 20 FROM 18 AND 14 TO ATTAIN PARITY WITH YOUTH DIVISIONS.

V. SCHEDULING

3. 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

NOTE – teams are only permitted by rule to play each other 4 times (2 home and 2 away), so there must be at least 6 teams in a division to play the maximum 20 games allowed in this rule change. If there are only 4 teams, they will play 12 games. If there are 5 teams, they will play 16 games.

Motion to approve Jim Rearic; Seconded by Jason Boone – Amended with motion by Glen Siniawski to be effective starting the 2023-24 season; Seconded by Rob Nelson – approved by majority.

5.

CHANGE REQUIREMENT TO RECOMMENDATION

Rationale: Midget rosters traditionally more fluid during year making uniform logistics a challenge. Rules commonly not properly applied with games played in practice jerseys. Boys of this age are rarely beginners and have been checking for 2+ years. PIHL does not require stop patches.

VII. GAMES

8. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

- D. Stop patches are not required for ~~8U Mite~~ R, W & B. Stop patches are encouraged, but not required for 18U, 16U, Girls 19U, and Girls 16U.

Motion to approve Glenn Birkenfeld; Seconded by Jim Rearic – Amended with motion by Jim Rearic to a “recommendation for all players to wear STOP patches”; Seconded by Tiffany Webb – approved by majority.

6.

REMOVE UNNECESSARY REQUIREMENT

VII. GAMES

11. SCORE SHEET

- F. The HOME team has the ultimate responsibility that the score sheet is filled out in an accurate, legible, and complete manner according to PAHL and USAH rules.
 - vi. Coach and manager names ~~and phone numbers.~~

Motion to approve Jim Rearic; Seconded by Jeff Dzubinski – approved by majority.

7.

UPDATE AND ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY PROCEDURES IN PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

VIII. PLAYOFFS

3. PLAYOFFS – OPEN DIVISION SEASON END TOURNAMENTS

- D. There will be no playoff/end of season tournaments for ~~8U mites.~~

4. HOST ASSOCIATIONS

- C. ~~The host association is responsible for contacting each PAHL team entered in the — playoff tournament and informing them of their game times.~~
- E. ~~Each host must choose a Discipline Director who is responsible for resolving any minor discipline and/or rules violations at the playoff site; and resolving any major discipline and/or rules violations with the assistance of the PAHL Discipline Director or the PAHL Rules Director.~~

5. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- A. ~~PAHL will provide USAH team rosters~~ All teams participating in a playoff tournament must submit their team documents for review (see rule VII.7.A.) to the Playoff Director before ~~the tournament weekend~~ their first game.
 - 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, ~~faxes~~, and email will be used).

Motion to approve Jason Boone; Seconded by Tiffany Webb – approved by majority.

8.

REWORD FOR LATITUDE IN ASSESSING SUPPLEMENTAL DISCIPLINE.

IX. DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

7. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL DISCIPLINE:

- A. Supplemental discipline may be assessed by the PAHL Discipline Committee under USAH Rule 410 for any incident before, during, or after the game, **whether or not the action was** ~~that is not~~ penalized by the on-ice officials.

Motion to approve Pietro Porco; Seconded by Frank Oliverio – approved by majority.

9.

CROSS ICE VS HALF ICE FOR 8U WHITE DIVISIONS

This discussion needs to be done now, not at the front end of next season at the last minute.

Discussion ensued. Motion to approve half ice for all White division jamborees by Jon Langer; no second – no vote. Rule remains cross ice for all White division jamborees.

10.

PAHL END OF SEASON PLAYOFF CALENDAR

The PAHL playoff dates are set off of the USAH and Mid Am year end tournament dates. The 2023 calendar is almost identical to the 2022 calendar.

2022 – USAH Nationals 3/31-4/4

Mid Am States/Districts 3/3-3/6

2023 – USAH Nationals 3/30-4/3

Mid Am States/Districts expected to be 3/2-3/5

ALTERNATIVE 1

2022-2023 SEASON

DIVISION	FEB 25-26	MARCH 2-5	MARCH 11-12	MARCH 18-19
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

2022-2023 SEASON

DIVISION	FEB 25-26	MARCH 2-5	MARCH 11-12	MARCH 18-19
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	MAKEUP DATES	PAHL PLAYOFFS	

Motion to approve Alternative 1 by Jim Rearic; Seconded by Glenn Birkenfeld – approved by majority.