

BLUEWATER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Hockey Playing Regulations

(October 2023)

Eligibility

- a) Eligibility as to age will conform to that of Senior as per the B.A.A. constitution and By-Laws.
- b) All players must meet OFSAA eligibility rules.
Coaches are reminded of the following OFSAA Individual Player Eligibly Rules

Boys' Hockey

- (i) No competitor is eligible whose name has appeared on a game sheet, after his local high school first regular season game or December 1, whichever comes first, for a team in "A", "B", "C", "D", Major Junior, Junior, Intermediate, Senior or GMHL divisions in any National and/or International Association, or any league deemed equivalent to "A", "B", "C". This includes any on-ice All-Star or Showcase game organized by leagues/associations named in this clause.
- (ii) A Junior "B" or "C" team is allowed to AP a high school goalie to be called up in an emergency situation and appear on a game sheet and/or play up to a maximum of two exhibition/league and /or playoff games in total during the season after the Association's first regular season game. An emergency situation would not include an on-ice All-Star or Showcase game organized by leagues/associations listed above.

Girls' Hockey

- (iii) No competitor is eligible whose name has appeared on a game sheet for any teams of the PWHPA and the NWHL within the current school year.
- (iv) Any member of the National Development under 22 team, or National Senior team is ineligible.

- c) Coaches are required to send a completed signed copy of the OFSAA Hub eligibility form to the Convenor 1 day prior to their first game. In addition, coaches are to email the Convenor a list of all OHA Junior Affiliated Players with their completed OFSAA Hub form. Coaches should update this list with Convenors when they change.

Officials:

- a) The Home team shall provide official
 - i) Boys – two referees and two accredited linesmen
 - ii) Girls - a referee and two accredited linesmenThese accredited officials should have at minimum Level 2 certification and should be at least two years older than the oldest players.
- b) The Home team shall provide the minor officials, timekeeper, and scorekeeper. Only these two officials will be allowed in the time box.
- c) Referees may not be a high school student, current staff, a direct family member (parent or sibling) of a coach or player, or anyone where a conflict of interest exists.

Playing Rules:

Hockey Canada rules apply with the following clarifications and exceptions:

- 1. Boys -All players must wear a properly fitted CSA approved helmet with full face mask, a BNQ approved neck protector and a mouth guard
Girls - All players must wear a properly fitted CSA approved helmet with full face mask, a BNQ approved neck protector and it is strongly recommended to wear a mouth guard.
- 2. Goalie must wear a plastic throat bib attached to the mask. The plastic throat bib does not replace the throat protector (guard).
- 3. The maximum number of players that may dress for a game is twenty (20), eighteen (18) plus 2 goaltenders. The game sheet must be completed by the coaches prior to the start of the game. Only players on the game sheet are eligible to play, provided that the player is not under league suspension. Any player who comes late must be listed on the game sheet in order to be eligible to play in that game.
- 4. Center red line is not used for offside, only icing. The legal number of players must be on the ice for each face-off (to prevent gaining positional advantage after the puck is dropped.)
- 5. Each team is allowed one (1) sixty (60) second timeout per game, in both league play and in playoffs.
- 6. Length of the game:
 - i) All games shall consist of three periods of fifteen minutes in duration (15-15-15) stop time with a five (5) minute warm-up directly before the start of the game

and with a flood between the 2nd and 3rd periods. Any changes to this format of the game times including a curfew or changes to flood or period times must be initialed by both teams.

- ii) When a curfew is required the coaches can agree to eliminate the flood or shorten the periods but the curfew must be on the game sheet and the each coach must initial the game sheet beside the curfew time,

Penalties and Suspensions Exemptions and Inclusions

a) Boys Hockey

a) OHF Suspension List rules shall govern suspensions for Boys' with the following exceptions:

- i. If a player receives four (4) minor penalties in one game, that player is ineligible for the remainder of the game.
- ii. If a player receives match penalty, a gross misconduct, or a major and game misconduct penalty for fighting, his team will be shorthanded for five minutes and that player is ineligible to play for the remainder of that game and the rest of the season.
- iii. If a player is assessed a two (2) minute checking from behind penalty with a game misconduct, that player is ineligible to play for the remainder of that game plus an additional game.

b) The referee's suspension report should be completed on the back of the game sheet or a supplementary document. It is the responsibility of both teams to make sure that this report is completed, and that it is sent to the convenor, and the convenor will send it to the BAA executive before the next school day.

b) Girls Hockey

a) OWSA Suspension List rules shall govern suspensions for Girls' with the following exceptions:

i. If a player receives four (4) minor penalties in one game, that player is ineligible for the remainder of the game.

ii. If a player receives two (2) head contact minor penalties in one game, that player is ineligible for the remainder of the game.

iii. If a player receives match penalty, a gross misconduct, or a major and game misconduct penalty for fighting, his team will be shorthanded for five minutes and that player is ineligible to play for the remainder of that game and the rest of the season.

- b) The referee's suspension report should be completed on the back of the game sheet or a supplementary document. It is the responsibility of both teams to make sure that this report is completed, and that it is sent to the convenor, and the convenor will send it to the BAA executive before the next school day.

d) Suspensions

- i) If a referee issues a suspendable penalty during a game the referee must complete a report on the back of the game sheet (or supplementary document). For Match, Gross, Fighting and Maltreatment penalties, a corresponding Penalty Report must also be completed. The Coach is responsible to make sure these reports are forwarded to the convenor and to the BAA Executive.
- ii) If a player receives a suspendable penalty the coach must ensure the player serves the suspension and the record the served games on the back of the game sheet. Example John Smith 1 of 3
- iii) All suspensions will carry forward to CWOSSA and OFSAA from BAA and to the next season. Coaches must submit games sheets to the Convenor who will track and clear player suspensions.

Season Structure

- a) The BAA league will be divided into two division (North/South) when there are 8 or more teams/school. When there are 7 or less teams the BAA league will be one division.
- b) The schedule will include two make up weeks whenever possible for snow days.
- c) Rescheduled games for snow days may not bump previously scheduled games.

Tournament / Championship structure:

Please refer to the latest version of the BAA Playoffs Format. Note that Hockey is played with two divisions AAA and A/AA which is covered under Part 3 of the BAA Playoff Format document. (<http://bluewaterathletics.com/documents/>)

Scoring League Standings

- a) In regular league play, the winner of each scheduled game will receive 2 points, a tie game will give 1 point to each team. Goals for /against will be recorded as a maximum of +5/-5 goals. In games of forfeit, the non-forfeiting team shall receive 2 points, and the score 1-0 shall be entered for the sake of point standings and plus/minus. In regular season games ending in a tie, each team will receive a single point.
- b) **Tie breaking procedure to determine standing after league play:**
Note: a maximum of a five (5) goal point spread, regardless of the score, will be Used to determine goal differential.
 - (i) If **two** teams are tied for a playoff position:

- The team which won the game between the two tied teams during league (remove pool) play shall receive the position.
 - If their league game was a tie, then the team with the greater goal percentage (Goals For / Goals For + Goals Against) shall receive the position.
 - If still tied the team with the least number of penalties minutes in all league games.
- Each Minor Penalty will count for 2 Minutes
 Each Major Penalty will count for 5 Minutes
 Each GM will count for time missed on that game round up to the nearest minute.
 Each suspension served shall count for 45 mins.

ii) If **three** teams are tied for one or two playoff position:

- If one team defeated the other two teams during league play that team shall receive the playoff position.
 - If still tied the team with the greater goal percentage (Goals For / Goals For + Goals Against) among the three tied teams in league play, **in games involving the tied teams only** shall receive the position.
 - If still tied the team with the greater goal percentage (Goals For / Goals For + Goals Against) all league games shall receive the position.
 - If still tied the team with the least number of penalties minutes in all league games.
- Each Minor Penalty will count for 2 Minutes
 Each Major Penalty will count for 5 Minutes
 Each GM will count for time missed on that game round up to the nearest minute.
 Each suspension served shall count for 45 mins.

c) In the event of a tie game at the end of regulation time in playoffs, the following will apply:

- (i) after regulation, teams change ends then one ten-minute sudden victory overtime period using a three-on-three system shall be played until a winner is declared.
- (ii) in the event that one team is serving a penalty at the end of regulation time, it shall be four-on-three until the first whistle after the penalty has expired. At the expiration of the penalty the penalized player shall return to the ice and the teams shall play four-on-four until the first whistle at which time the teams shall revert to three-on-three.
- (iii) If the game is still tied, a three (3) player simultaneous shootout will take place. Shooters and one alternate must be declared on the game sheet **prior to the start of the game**. Substitution for an injured or penalized player is allowed. Penalized players may not participate in a shootout.

- (iv) if the game is still tied, a one player simultaneous sudden victory shootout shall take place using the same players in the same order as above.

Awards:

The BAA championship team will receive BAA medallions and the BAA plaque.

Community Coaches

Any team that has a community coach (not a teacher or EA) must have a teacher supervisor in the competition area. That teacher should also make themselves known to the officials. Also, any team that has a community coach is asked to inform the Convenor.

Sponsorship Policy and Uniforms:

1. All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and maintain the integrity of the school's name, colours and logos.
2. No sport club insignia on uniforms or equipment shall be permitted in the competitive area. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially, or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi-sport programs.
3. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform to the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6. Section 2(h) of the OFSAA By-laws. This criterion must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.