

SSHL RULES AND REGULATIONS 2012-2013

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AND COVERED HEREIN, THE SHA RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL PREVAIL IN ITS ENTIRETY.

All hockey teams in the SSHL shall be affiliated with the SHA. It shall be the duty of each club member to forward a sum required to affiliate or register the team with the SHA.

1) The League will register with the SHA. Teams violating player eligibility rules as established by SHA will forfeit all points for games that the ineligible player has played in.

2) Each team will submit to their commissioner a copy of their SHA team roster before their first league game. A copy of the SHA Addition and Deletion must be sent to the commissioner with affected score sheet.

3) Each team shall post a performance bond with the Secretary/Treasurer of the League before such team can participate in any scheduled league games.

4) Each team shall pay a **\$125.00** fee per team annually; payable at the scheduling meeting. SSHL will forward \$50 per team to Swift Current Minor Hockey to cover the hosting and maintenance of the web site. Mandatory game sheets are to be entered by the home team within 72 hours.

5) The amount of a fine assessed against any team, coach, manager or player for infractions of any rules, foul play, etc. by the League officers or Commissioner shall be taken out of the Performance Bond so posted by the team, which amount shall be replaced with the League Secretary before that team can participate in any further scheduled hockey games.

6) Postponement of scheduled games, except in the case of adverse weather conditions, must be arranged between the two teams concerned at least 48 hours before the scheduled game time. No hockey team shall be permitted to postpone a scheduled league game in order to participate in an exhibition game at home or away. The President and/or Commissioner must be notified of postponement, and date and time of the rescheduled game:

a) That team postponing a scheduled game other than in case of adverse weather conditions must provide the President, by e-mail or telephone, 3 days prior of the postponed game, a mutually agreed upon alternative date. Failure to comply will result in a forfeited game. Postponed games can only be rescheduled once, unless the League Executive grants permission after reviewing the circumstances.

7) All regular season games are to be played or the teams involved do not participate in the SSHL play-offs subject to review of the Executive. In the case that a fine is to be assessed, the amount will be \$500.00.

8) The management of each team shall make every effort to prevail upon rink management to improve facilities and conditions of skating rinks where it is deemed necessary for the safety and comfort of players and spectators.

9) There shall be no overtime played in regular season games that end in a tie at the end of regulation time.

10) At the completion of all League games, the teams, which number shall be agreed upon at the Fall Meeting, shall commence their play-off games without any delay. A 10-point spread mercy rule will be in effect for play-off games that are in a 2-game-total-point format.

11) OVERTIME TIE-BREAKER RULES FOR PLAY-OFF GAMES:

1. a) 15 minutes of 4 on 4.
2. b) If still tied; shoot-out (Each team names three shooters. If the game remains tied after the three shooters are done, teams continue shooting in "sudden death" mode. Teams may not use the same shooter more than once).
c) In the final playoff round SHA overtime playoff format will be followed.

12) League play-off formats will be established for the coming year at the League Scheduling Meeting and sent to all teams by December 1 of the current year.

13) All teams participating in the SSHL must have the approval of the League executive to participate in tournaments during the time frame of League play-offs. Any team not having approval for tournament entry during this time will forfeit their bond and the possibility of removal of the team from League participation for the next season will exist.

14) In case of a tie in team standings at the end of the regular League games, ties shall be decided as per the SHA handbook.

15) The team finishing in a top position shall have the choice of playing the first play-off game at home and if an odd game is necessary to declare a winner, this too shall be played on the home ice of the team in the top position.

16) Clubs may sign players from their immediate rural area or from adjoining centers who are not signed

with any other club provided that center does not have a team in the classification or division of hockey which his age is allowed. The only exceptions to this rule are as follows:

1. a) A player of midget age or younger may also be eligible to play with the senior club in his center.
2. b) A player residing in a center with a club entered in the SSHL may, without affecting his status in the League, play for a team of another center in a League of a higher classification.

17) Pee Wee and Atom Divisions shall require the referee to be two divisions older and the linesmen at least one year older than the team playing. Bantam and Midget Divisions shall require the referee to be an adult and the two linesmen at least one division older than the team playing. Atom Division may have 2 man referee system as long as referees are 2 divisions older. Home teams are to pay all costs of playoff referees. Linesmen can be local officials unless requested by the visiting team. If a visiting team requests neutral linesmen the travel expenses would be paid by the requesting team.

18) Novice, and Pre-Novice balance of teams by SHA ruling. The President shall approve novice league set up.

19) It shall be the duty of the home teams to insist that rink management assure fan control to the extent that there will be no involvement or altercations between the fans and the players.

20) Over-age players up to a maximum of 2 players overage to be voted on and approved at the annual Fall Meeting. **Only written requests with complete rationale for overage players that are submitted at the fall meeting will be considered at the scheduling meetings. They will then be discussed and voted on by their respective divisions.** Over-age players must be 1 year older than the age group, but not have a team in his age group in that center, to a maximum of two players, except Swift Current. Swift Current will evaluate their players in the prospective division to determine any players based on ability and/or safety. No player fitting into the division below may be in the top 1/3 in ability and must be noted on all score sheets. Female players may play one division down pending ability, and must be noted on the score sheets as 1st or 2nd year OA. In the Midget division there is a three-year age span, so there will be no over-age players allowed to play in the Midget division. Exceptions to be voted on if needed at the fall meetings.

21) Scheduling meetings shall be held in a central location to be decided by the President.

a) Meetings first order of business is to determine Number of teams, Games to be played, League start & Finish, Play-off Format & start & finish.

b) The Midget, Bantam groups will schedule first, followed by the Atom, Pee Wee @ a later date. The Novice, Pre-Novice will schedule last.

c) Members & prospective Members shall inform their intent to the President 7 days prior to the Scheduling meeting.

d) Teams will draw numbers for order of scheduling. I.e. 1,2,3,4,4,3,2,1,ECT.

e) Teams choose the team they would like to schedule with & book both home & away games at that time.

f) ALL Double away games to be scheduled first, then singles.

22. SSHL would encourage fair play among all ages. Kids are having fun if they're playing.