



Annual Officiating Assignor's Meeting

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New Jersey Youth Hockey League



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Meet The Staff

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What are a Referee Assignor's Responsibilities in the NJYHL?

- ▶ Be the “boots on the ground” officiating professional
- ▶ Know the rules and responsibilities of the NJYHL
- ▶ Mentor the younger officials to develop the next generation
- ▶ Be pro-active in getting assignments covered
- ▶ Be attentive to issues with officials, organizations, parents, etc.
- ▶ Know when to reach out to the NJYHL to discuss concerns





Rules Regulations and Penalties

USA Hockey and New Jersey Youth Hockey League



USA Hockey Rules and Regulations - 2017-2021

- ▶ At the 2017 USA Hockey Annual Congress, the governing body voted on a series of new rules that are **now in effect** through the 2021 season. The major changes are:
 - ▶ At the 14U and below age categories, **a shorthanded team is no longer permitted to ice the puck without a consequence**. It will now result in an icing call by the officials and the resulting faceoff will occur in the offending team's defensive zone similar to when both teams are at equal on-ice strength.
 - ▶ All face offs will occur at one of the **nine dots** on the ice.
 - ▶ Rule 601 now includes language for racial/ethnic slur to include any language that is "**offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature**".
 - ▶ The new USA Hockey Rule Book can be reviewed online at www.usahockeyrulebook.com.



USA Hockey Rules and Regulations

Rule 411 Aggressive Infractions Include

603 Boarding	609 Cross Checking	622 Holding an Opponent (facemask)	639 Tripping/Clipping
604 Body Checking	611 Elbowing	627 Kicking	640 Roughing
606 Butt Ending	619 Head-Butting	628 Kneeing	
607 Charging	620 Head Contact	634 Slashing	
608 Checking from Behind	621 High Stick	635 Spearing	

There is a separate progressive suspension rule for fighting - Rule 615 (f)

Organizations and players are responsible for tracking the progressive suspensions assessed. Coaches and players can be suspended for violation.





USA Hockey rules govern except as modified in the NJYHL Guidebook



NJYHL Rules and Regulations 2017-2018 Season Changes

The NJYHL Board of Directors voted on and approved a major update of the Guidebook at the 2017 Annual Meeting. All changes in the book are highlighted.

We recommend you read the entire Guidebook to familiarize yourself with these changes.

The Guidebook can be found on the NJYHL website, www.njyhl.org, under the NJYHL link at the top of the page. Some of the changes include:



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55C. Any coach using an ineligible player (one who is not rostered, over-aged or under suspension) in a game will result in the following additional penalties being assessed:

- ▶ Coach - ten (10) game suspension
- ▶ Player - five (5) game suspension
- ▶ The offending Organization will be fined \$1,000 per game.
- ▶ The offending team will forfeit each game where the ineligible player participated.

55E. Any coach or team official who is ejected from a game or who is serving a suspension may not be in the area of the **player's locker room** or bench or in any way coach the team during a game while under the suspension or ejection.

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75. Spectators at all League games are expected to act with decorum and show good sportsmanship. While **crowd control is the responsibility of the home team**, if an official feels that the actions of the spectators are having a disruptive influence on the progress of the game, he shall advise the home team to warn the spectators involved to discontinue their disruptive behavior or they will be cleared from the rink. If, in the judgment of the game officials, the spectators have not responded positively to the warning, the officials may then order the rink cleared of any fans they so designate.

The official is required to record the name of any spectator on the score sheet. The official will not continue the game until the spectator has been identified by the offending team's coach. **The Commissioner will assess a \$100 fine to the offending team for each spectator ejection. The Commissioner also has the right to suspend the related player for a parent/guardian ejection.**



League Schedule

- ▶ All games **MUST** be played - no FORFEITS - there are fines
- ▶ Two full periods must be played for game to be official - must be stop time - **no running clock - 10 goal mercy rule**
- ▶ It is recommended non-league games follow the same rules as NJYHL games
- ▶ Any player on the bench or in the penalty box must have a helmet on at all times
- ▶ Must have a minimum of seven (7) players on its bench by 10 minutes after the scheduled game start or game is forfeited



Penalties And Suspensions

- ▶ Fighting
 - ▶ 8U/10U/12U
 - ▶ 1 game suspension for first infraction
 - ▶ 3 game suspension for second infraction
 - ▶ Season suspension for third infraction
 - ▶ 14U/16U/18U
 - ▶ 2 game suspension for first infraction
 - ▶ 5 game suspension for second infraction and automatic review
 - ▶ Season suspension for third infraction
 - ▶ In all cases, Incident Reports need to be filed through the USAH national system.



Penalties And Suspensions

- ▶ 15 or more penalties in one game = 1 game suspension for coach. If this happens 3 times in the same season, it is an additional 3 game suspension for the coach.
- ▶ Racial, ethnic or gender related slurs on the ice or in the rink, before, during or after the game is an automatic 3 game suspension and will be reviewed by the Commissioner for further action.
- ▶ Match penalty is a minimum automatic 3 game suspension and the Commissioner must be contacted immediately to determine the overall length of the suspension.
- ▶ A coach leaving the bench for any reason except to tend to an injured player shall be ejected and receive a 3 game suspension.
- ▶ A coach encouraging players to violent action or condoning such action shall be ejected and suspended for a minimum of 5 games.
- ▶ Placing hands on or otherwise touching an official is a minimum 5 game suspension for the first infraction and expulsion if it happens a second time.



Serving Suspensions

- ▶ When a **Game Misconduct** or **Match Penalty** is received in an NJYHL game, the suspension is served in the immediate subsequent NJYHL game.
- ▶ If the immediate next game is a non-league game, the suspension is served in that game (to satisfy USA Hockey requirement) and then also in the next NJYHL game on the schedule (potential for 2 games missed).
- ▶ The Commissioner must be contacted immediately when a fighting major penalty or match penalty is assessed. The offending team is responsible to initiate the contact.
- ▶ Penalties requiring suspension in non-league games must be sent to the Commissioner.
- ▶ Any player serving a suspension must not be in the playing area (bench, penalty box or scorekeeper area)
- ▶ Any coach serving a suspension may not be near the player bench, **locker room** or be coaching in any way.



Serving Suspensions

- ▶ Any coach using a player under suspension incurs additional suspension and fine (covered earlier under rule changes)
- ▶ **Officials do not assess suspensions - they assess penalties.** The written penalty attaches a suspension. Officials do not have the authority to comment on the length of a suspension nor can they lessen (or increase) a suspension
- ▶ The **NJYHL Commissioner** is the only one that can reduce or increase a suspension at his discretion.
- ▶ There is a right of appeal for any suspension involving more than three games.





NJYHL Schedules and Participation

Planning and Volunteering



NJYHL Schedules

Date	Event	Location
August 12, 2017	16U/18U Season (AA & A) Begins	State-wide
August 29, 2017	NJYHL Team Manager Meeting	Ramada Conference Center (formally Crowne Plaza), Jamesburg
September 9, 2017	14U and 12U Season Begins	State-wide
September 16-17, 2017	10U Jamboree	North - TBD South - TBD
September 23-24, 2017	AAHA 6U/8U Jamboree - PA & NJ	NJ - Ice Vault PA - Ice Works
October 7, 2017	10U Season Begins	State-wide
October 22, 2017	16U/18U AA Season Ends	State-wide
October 27-29, 2017	16U/18U AA Playoffs	TBD



NJYHL Schedules Continued

Date	Event	Location
November 3-5, 2017	16U/18U AA - AAHA Championships (best of 3)	Barnabas Hockey House - Newark
November 4, 2017	8U Season Begins	State-wide
February 12, 2018	16U/18U A, 14U, 12U and 10U Season Ends	State-wide
February 23-25, 2018	10U and 12U Playoffs	TBD
March 9-11, 2018	14U and 16U/18U A Playoffs	TBD
March 16-19, 2018	AAHA District Tournament - All Levels	TBD
March 24-25, 2018	AAHA 8U Progression Festival	TBD
April 5-9, 2018	USA Hockey National Tournament	14U -Amherst, NY 16U -Wayne, NJ 18U -Green Bay, WI



NJYHL Participation

- ▶ **10U JAMBOREE - September 16-17**
- ▶ Officials are used to manage these mini games. These games will have modified rules that will be distributed at the event.

- ▶ **6U/8U JAMBOREE - September 23-24**
- ▶ There are officials used for these games. We would like higher participation when possible. There are typically 100 teams that participate in half-ice games over a two day period.





Game Management Expectations

Common Sense and Common Mistakes



Game Responsibilities

- ▶ While the home team is responsible for score-keeping and clock management, please be mindful they are off-ice officials and should be managed by the officials that are working the games.
- ▶ Please recognize that oftentimes, these volunteers do not know the rules, do not know hand-signals or the proper application of a penalty to the clock or the score sheet. **PLEASE BE CLEAR IN YOUR DIRECTION.**
- ▶ Remember to confirm the bench headcount matches the scoresheet.
- ▶ Please instruct all officials that you assign to carefully review the score sheet **BEFORE** they sign it. This is the time to catch and correct any errors made.



Who Are You Going To Call?

- ▶ Who do you contact if you have questions, concerns, complaints?
 - ▶ NJYHL Coach in Chief or Associate Coach in Chief
 - ▶ NJYHL Commissioner





Mentoring

You Are Responsible For Training the Next Generation of Officials

- ▶ When assigning officials, keep in mind the official's level of experience and competency to manage the game they are being assigned to.
- ▶ Try to encourage your more experienced officials to work with the younger ones so they gain experience and confidence.
- ▶ Don't forget that you can also call upon the college-aged officials in your area to assist you in the mentoring process. They are usually more than willing to help.



AAHA 6U-8U Season Description



6U-8U SEASON DESCRIPTION

Rev. 3-15-17

	Half Ice - 8U	Cross Ice - 6U
Schedule Information		
Season length	20 weeks	20 weeks
Season start date	First weekend in November	First weekend in November
Pre-season scrimmages	From October 1-November 1 - maximum of 4 games - recommended one per weekend	Not applicable
Season end date	First weekend in March	First weekend in March
Game count	20 game days maximum	20 game days maximum
AAHA Placement jamboree	Open to all 8U teams. Held in late Sept/early Oct. Mandatory participation at league discretion	Open to all 6U teams. Held in late Sept/early Oct. Mandatory participation at league discretion
Travel radius	Games w/i a 30-45 min. radius of home rink (girls teams - 1.5 hr radius)	Games w/i a 30-45 min. radius of home rink
Tournaments	Up to 2 (not included in game count above and excludes placement jamboree)	Up to 2 (not included in game count above and excludes placement jamboree)
Weekly on ice time limit	6 hours	4 hours
Practice count	40 minimum	40 minimum
Weeknight practices	1 night minimum	Not required
Practice types	Station based practices and small area games to permit teaching concepts	Station based practices and small area games to permit teaching concepts



	Half Ice - 8U	Cross Ice - 6U
Rosters		
Roster size	Suggested minimum of 8 skaters and one goalie and maximum of 12 skaters and two goalies*	Suggested minimum of 7 skaters and maximum of 10 skaters*
Goaltenders	Rotating goalies with full equipment	Rotating goalies - goalie equipment optional
Team format & Number	4 v 4 and total number of teams unlimited	3 v 3 or 4 v 4 and total number of teams unlimited
Game Layout		
Playing surface/location of nets	Divide rink into two equal playing surfaces from the goalie crease to the red line. Studio sized ice surfaces are permitted. 6U format also permitted	Divide rink into 3 equal playing surfaces either perpendicular to zone lines or from crease to blue line with 3rd surface in neutral zone
Benches	All teams share benches	All teams share benches
Pucks	Blue pucks	Blue pucks
Goal nets	3/4 net or full ice net if 3/4 net not available	3/4 net or full ice net if 3/4 net not available
Referees	One USA Hockey certified official required for each half ice game paid the current 8U officiating rate	Not required. Coaches in helmets to officiate. One coach per team.
Uniforms	Home and away jerseys or reversible jersey	Home and away jerseys or reversible jersey
Scorekeeping	No scorekeeping or standings	No scorekeeping or standings
Game length	Three 15 minute periods - running clock (can add more periods if ice time permits) additional time is encouraged	Three 15 minute periods - running clock (can add more periods if ice time permits) additional time is encouraged
Ice slot length	Suggested 1 hour - can be 1.25 hrs	Suggested 1 hour - can be 1.25 hrs
Line changes	At buzzer or whistle after 1.5 minutes of play. More skilled teams should shift on the fly. Coaches to confirm at start of each game*	At buzzer or whistle after 1.5 minutes of play
Face offs	At center of ice at the start of each period and after every goal. Behind the net on saves. After either event, whistle blown and ref retrieves puck from net to initiate puck drop behind net or at center ice.	At center of ice at the start of each period and after every goal. Behind the net on saves. After either event, whistle blown and ref retrieves puck from net to initiate puck drop behind net or at center ice.
Coaches on the ice	Not permitted	Required - 1 per team
Penalties	Player goes to side lines for remainder of shift plus one full shift - replace player on the ice - penalty shot is awarded to receiving team	Player goes to side lines for remainder of shift plus one full shift - replace player on ice ice



Questions?

Thank you for your time and dedication to the kids and their families,
the NJYHL, USA Hockey and to this great sport.

