



2023 TEAM COACH AND MANAGER MEETING

New Jersey Youth Hockey League

August 2023



AGENDA

- New Jersey Devils
- Meet the AAHA and the NJYHL
- USA Hockey Requirements
- Rosters and Risk Management
- Rules, Regulations and Fines
- Schedules, Game Management and Scorekeeping
- NJYHL Website
- Questions



NEW JERSEY DEVILS



THE AAHA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Glenn Hefferan

- President and USA Hockey Director

Vacant

- Executive Vice President

Maureen Thompson-Siegel

- Secretary

Jake Geverd

- Treasurer

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Ken Anderson, Pat Ferrill, John Graves, Mike Lichtenberger, Pete Rothman, Vacant

- Vice Presidents

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- Coach in Chief

Jim Doyle

- Referee in Chief

Ken Haas

- Risk Manager

Tony Montagna

- Registrar

Pete Rothman

- SafeSport Coordinator

Maureen Thompson-Siegel

- Disabled Disciplines and Growth Coordinator

Katelyn Ward

- Player Safety



THE NJYHL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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- President

Tony D'Anna

- Commissioner

Al DiMauro

- Registrar and Risk Manager

Greg James

- Executive Vice President

Michael Mariniello

- Secretary

John DiNorcia

Corin Stortz

- Coach in Chief

Charlie McLaughlin

- Treasurer

Don Nichols

- Referee in Chief

Steve Reich

- Statistician

Tom Steinel, Jr.

- Associate Referee in Chief

Suzanne Lilien

- Master Scheduler

Ken Anderson

- North Associations Representative

Jenny Gleghorn

- South Association Representative

Ken Lilien

Rick Sacchetti

- Competition Committee Co-Chairmen



OTHER MEMBERS

- Every NJYHL organization has a representative. That is your

VOTING DELEGATE (Coaching Director or President)

- Your delegate is the only person permitted to communicate on behalf of your organization with the NJYHL. Bring any issues or concerns to your Voting Delegate and they will address it with the NJYHL.



USA HOCKEY REQUIREMENTS

Registration, Screening, SafeSport, CEP



REGISTRATION – COACHES AND MANAGERS

- **Coaches**

- USA Hockey Annual Registration
- SafeSport Training
- Background Screening
- Coaching Education Program Seminar (Levels 1-4) – This should match the NJYHL ScorekeeperWEB Profile
- Age-Specific Online Module

- **Managers**

- USA Hockey Annual Registration (as a Volunteer – no fee)
- SafeSport Training
- Background Screening
- Needs to be included on both the USA Hockey Roster and the NJYHL ScorekeeperWEB roster



REGISTRATION – OTHER VOLUNTEERS

- **Other Volunteers** - those with “**regular contact**” with minors are required to have:
 - USA Hockey Annual Registration (as a Volunteer – no fee)
 - SafeSport Training
 - Background Screening



REGISTRATION – REGULAR CONTACT

USA Hockey considers all of the following persons to have “regular contact” – those that have frequent or routine contact – with minor participants

- Members of the Affiliate Board of Directors,
- Member Program administrators, including board members, hockey directors and other program staff who have regular contact with or authority over minor Participants
- Coaches
- Team managers
- Referees
- Locker room monitors
- Travel chaperones
- Team drivers (unless professional transportation companies are used)
- Other persons whose position allows them to have frequent or routine contact with minor Participants

USA Hockey **DOES NOT** consider persons serving solely in the following roles to have “regular contact” with minor Participants:

Scorekeepers

Penalty box operators

Concession stand workers

Arena entry/ticket takers



REGISTRATION - CREDENTIALS

All coaches, managers and other volunteers with "Regular Contact" with minor Participants must have up to date certifications/registrations. Incomplete or lapsed credentials will prohibit rostering.

NOT ON THE APPROVED USA HOCKEY ROSTER

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**NOT ON THE ICE FOR GAMES OR PRACTICES
AND NO CONTACT WITH THE TEAM**



SAFESPORT PROGRAM

WWW.USAHOCKEY.COM/SAFESPORTPROGRAM

USA Hockey has **ZERO TOLERANCE** for abuse and misconduct.

- The SafeSport Handbook includes the various Policies that apply to all USA Hockey Member Programs. Those Policies address:
- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Bullying, Threats and Harassment
- Hazing

The Policies also address areas where misconduct can occur and are intended to reduce the risk of potential abuse, including:

- Locker Room Policy
- Electronic Communications Policy
- Travel Policy
- Billeting Policy



SAFESPORT KEY POINTS

- **LOCKER ROOMS** need at least one responsible screened and trained adult present at all times and monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only Participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room. While it is not always possible, two locker room monitors are preferable. Enforce a zero-tolerance policy regarding inappropriate behavior in the locker room.
- **COMMUNICATIONS** with minor participants via email or text must include a parent/guardian and should be non-personal in nature. If a coach or manager utilizes social media pages as a team communication tool, it must be accessible to all participants, parents and guardians.
- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES** are not to be used to record sound, images or video in the locker room. Showing videos or images in the locker room should be limited to a coach using it for play review, etc. Best practice - no phones in the locker room.
- **TRAVEL POLICY** - Your Association is required to have one. It can be more stringent, but not less stringent, than the USA Hockey travel policy. You can also develop a team policy (same conditions apply).



COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP)

Required Coaching Education Program Levels for Ice Hockey

- All coaches must enter USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program at Level 1 and must continue their education with a coaching clinic each year until, at a minimum, they achieve Level 4. Coaches have the option of completing Level 5.
- Coaches of only 8U players may remain at Level 1 until such time as they are coaching any older age level of play.
- All coaches must have the required certification level **by January 1** of the current season. All coaches must complete the online age-specific modules **PRIOR** to participating with their team. A coach may attend only one (1) clinic per year, but can complete more than one age-specific module in any given season.
- Level 4 is valid for three (3) seasons. Before the expiration of Level 4, coaches must complete 5 credit hours of continuing education within each subsequent three-year period by either taking Level 5, or by attending other USA Hockey continuing education clinics.
- For those coaches who received Level 4 or Level 5 **PRIOR TO January 1, 2021, and are rostered on a Tier I or Tier II team, are required to complete the five (5) credit hours of continuing education within a three-year period to remain current.**
- Coaches with any expired certification will retain their previous certification level provided the certification can be verified. Coaches may re-enter the certification system at that previous level and be subject to the certification guidelines.



COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP)

Continuing Education Credits

- USA Hockey is in the process of producing Continuing Education curriculum. The virtual clinics and modules will be released in September on the USA Hockey website.

CEP Card Number

- Prior to the start of games throughout the season, all coaches are required to indicate their current CEP status on the scoresheet, including their (CEP) card number, level, age-specific module and the year their CEP level expires.



COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP)

SafeSport

- The Safe Sport Training and Refresher Training are each valid for twelve (12) months on the anniversary of training.

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ROSTERS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

TEAM REGISTRATION AND ROSTERING

- USA Hockey Rosters must be submitted to NJYHL Registrar before the first NJYHL game is played. **This URL must also be uploaded into ScorekeeperWEB - by Organizational Manager.**
- 20 players maximum; 10 players minimum (6U/8U excluded).
- Rule 25 - player movements between teams through 12/31 is permitted - approvals are required
- A player cannot be rostered on more than one NJYHL team.
- A player cannot compete in the NJYHL if he/she is also rostered on a Tier I youth team.
- 16U/18U players may roster with a Tier I or Junior team at the conclusion of the NJYHL team's season **but will be ineligible for post-season participation with their NJYHL team once released.**
- 2011 players can NOT play up
- Players must be rostered to participate.
- Coaches and managers MUST be rostered to participate.



REQUIRED FORMS

On the NJYHL website, under FORMS, you will find the following REQUIRED forms which must be submitted with 24 hours prior notice.

The screenshot shows the "Skater (Player) Substitution Form" on the NJYHL website. The form includes the following fields:

- Association Name * (Dropdown menu: Choose One)
- Name of Person Submitting Request for Approval * (Text input)
- Requestor Email * (Two text inputs: Email and Confirm Email)
- Requestor Cell Phone * (Text input: (201) 555-0123)
- Requestor Position with Association * (Dropdown menu: Choose One)
- Information for Team Receiving Player(s) (team where substitute players will fill in)
- Team Level * (Dropdown menu: Choose One)
- Team Number/Color of Team (if applicable) (Text input)
- 1st NJYHL Game Number * (Text input)
- 1st Game Date / Start Time * (Two text inputs: Date and Time)
- 1st Opposing Team Name * (Dropdown menu: Choose One)

The screenshot shows the "Goaltending Coverage Form" on the NJYHL website. The form includes the following fields:

- Association Name * (Dropdown menu: Choose One)
- Name of Person Submitting Request for Approval * (Text input)
- Requestor Email * (Two text inputs: Email and Confirm Email)
- Requestor Cell Phone * (Text input: (201) 555-0123)
- Requestor Position with Association * (Dropdown menu: Choose One)
- Information for Team Receiving Goaltender(s) (team where substitute goaltender will fill in)
- Team Level * (Dropdown menu: Choose One)
- Team Number/Color of Team (if applicable) (Text input)
- 1st NJYHL Game Number * (Text input)
- 1st Game Date / Start Time * (Two text inputs: Date and Time)
- 1st Opposing Team Name * (Dropdown menu: Choose One)



INJURIES AND INSURANCE

- All penalty boxes need adult supervision if the player cannot enter or exit the penalty box safely on his own. If the penalty box is immediately adjacent to the player bench, it must be supervised by a credentialed coach.
- If a major injury occurs, please notify the NJYHL Registrar and Risk Manager.
- USA Hockey Insurance provides secondary insurance coverage. Additional information can be found at www.usahockey.com/insurancemanagement





**USA HOCKEY CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT
RETURN TO PLAY FORM**

The USA Hockey Concussion Management Protocol and most state statutes require that an athlete be removed from any training, practice or game if they exhibit any signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion or are suspected of sustaining a concussion. The player should not return to physical activity until he or she has been evaluated by a qualified medical provider who has provided written clearance to return to sports.

This form is to be used after an athlete has been removed from athletic activity due to a suspected concussion and must be signed by their medical provider in order to return without restriction to training, practice or competition.

Player Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

District/Affiliate: _____ Name of Person Reporting: _____

Association and Team: _____ Date of Injury: ____/____/____

Location of Injury/Arena: _____

Injury Signs/Symptoms: _____

Print Health Care Professional Name: _____ License No: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE NAMED ATHLETE TO RETURN TO ATHLETIC ACTIVITY FOR FULL PARTICIPATION WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I AM THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PLAYER IDENTIFIED ON THIS FORM AND I CONSENT TO THEIR RETURN TO ATHLETIC ACTIVITY WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I AM THE COACH OF THE PLAYER IDENTIFIED AND I CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS CLEARANCE FORM ACKNOWLEDGING THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND PARENT HAVE APPROVED THE ATHLETE'S RETURN TO PARTICIPATION WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

Coach Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

- Any player who is diagnosed with a concussion must submit this form to Al DiMauro - registrar@njyhl.org.
<https://www.usahockey.com/safety-concussions>



RULES, REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES

USA Hockey and New Jersey Youth Hockey League

USA Hockey rules govern except as modified in the NJYHL
Guidebook



NJYHL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2023-2024 SEASON

- We recommend you read the entire [NJYHL Guidebook](#) to familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations.
- All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey Youth 18 & Under and below, high school, girls'/women's 19 & under and below, and disabled programs must properly wear an approved ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and all Coaching Education Program clinics and/or workshops. Penalty for not wearing a helmet is a minimum thirty (30) day suspension.



IMPROPER CONDUCT

- All individuals associated with the NJYHL or one of its member Associations (coaches, players, volunteers, Association leadership and spectators) are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times.
- Improper conduct is defined as behavior deemed detrimental to the philosophy and objectives of the league, as well as any action which produces results detrimental to any team or individual players in the League.
- Repeated instances of improper conduct shall be dealt with by the Executive Board, which may include suspension of the player from the next game as a result of parental behavior.



ZERO TOLERANCE OFFICIATING ABUSE POLICY

- The Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association (AAHA) published a **revised zero-tolerance policy** that aims to eliminate abusive behavior by spectators at games directed at game officials and other participants.
- Any spectator who is removed from a game for abusive, profane, or other unacceptable conduct directed at any game official or other participant **shall be subject to discipline**, whether the removal from the game is by a game official or arena personnel, or if the alleged Abusive Conduct is investigated after the fact by the proper Disciplinary Authority (i.e. Association, League, or Affiliate) and found to be have occurred by a preponderance of proof.
- “Abusive Conduct” may include any loud, obscene, or otherwise offensive language or gesture.



ZERO TOLERANCE OFFICIATING ABUSE POLICY

- **First Offense:** Suspension from all activities involving the team for a minimum of thirty (30) days, a maximum of ninety (90) days;
- **Second Offense:** Suspension from all activities involving the team for a minimum of sixty (60) days, a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days;
- **Third Offense:** Suspension from all USA Hockey activities for a period of one (1) Year from the date of the incident or from the date of the findings of an investigation of the Abusive Conduct. The individual will be required to complete a certified anger management class and provide the AAHA with a certificate of completion to be eligible to be a spectator at USA Hockey games and practices within the AAHA.
- **Abusive Conduct in games involving minor-age officials:** Should the Abusive Conduct occur in a game where any of the assigned game officials are 18 or younger, **the stated penalties shall double, regardless of whether the abusive conduct is directed at the minor-age official.**

Suspensions include all activities, including practices (on-ice, dry land, and meetings), tournaments and all games (District or Non-District).

ARENA ENTRY EXCEPTION: A suspended parent/guardian shall be permitted to enter the rink if their child has been injured and needs the parent/guardian's assistance to assess their child's well-being and ability to return to play or assist the child in undressing to leave the arena for medical evaluation. Should the player return to the ice or player's bench, the suspended parent/guardian must exit the building immediately.



ZERO TOLERANCE OFFICIATING ABUSE POLICY

REPORTER LINK: <https://atlantic-district.sportngin.com/register/form/438191057>

- To report allegations of Abusive Conduct directed at on-ice and/or off-ice officials, please use the above link. **This link is also on the NJYHL website.**
- The identity of reporters will be kept confidential however reporters must provide their name and valid contact information.
- Anonymous reports, especially those presented without corroborating evidence such as video, are not likely to be acted upon.
- Allegations of verbal abuse by game officials shall be reported to the team's Club President, who will submit the report to the AAHA President and Referee-in-Chief.



GAME LENGTH

The home team is responsible for providing sufficient ice time and the necessary facilities for playing the game. Ice time shall be assigned as follows per division (each must include a 5-minute warm-up and 1 minute of rest between periods):

DIVISION	LENGTH OF PERIOD	OT PERIOD**	ICE TIME REQUIRED
10U	15 MINUTES	N/A	1 HOUR 15 MINUTES
12U	15 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	1 HOUR 15 MINUTES
14U	16 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	1 HOUR 30 MINUTES
16U/18U	17 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

**At the 12U level and older, if an NJYHL game is tied at the end of regulation, the teams will play one 3-minute 3v3 sudden death overtime. Teams take a one-minute rest after the end of regulation play and do not switch ends.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

A team must start a game with a minimum of six (6) players. Any time that a team has been reduced to less than four (4) players, the game shall be declared a forfeit. The forfeit may be appealed to the Commissioner in the event of extraordinary circumstances.



GAME LENGTH

- if AFTER two periods - one team takes a 8 goal lead - the game will use a running clock
- If the losing team scores to pull within 7 goals - stop time will resume
- If the winning team regains an 8 goal lead - the game will return to a running clock
- if AFTER two periods - one team has a 10 goal lead - the game will end



PENALTY LENGTH

PENALTY TYPE	10U/12U/14U	16U/18U	NOTES
Minor Penalty	1:30 minutes	2:00 minutes	
Major Penalty*	4:00 minutes	5:00 minutes	
Misconduct Penalty	8:00 minutes	10:00 minutes	Not posted on game clock
Game Misconduct	8:00 minutes	10:00 minutes	Removal from game
Match Penalty**	8:00 minutes	10:00 minutes	Removal from game

Any **head coach** whose team incurs 12 penalties is suspended from the next scheduled game. The head coach **does not leave the bench**.

A **player** who receives 4 penalties in any game will result in the player being suspended from the next scheduled game. A player who receives 4 penalties receives a Game Misconduct penalty and **must leave the bench**.

If the next scheduled game is not an NJYHL game, the coach/player will be required to sit for two games. The first non-league game played serves as the obligation to USA Hockey, and the second game played serves as the obligation to the NJYHL.

Any coach or player who is assessed a game misconduct penalty may not remain near the bench of their team, nor in any way attempt to direct the play of their team, for the balance of the game in which the game misconduct penalty has been issued.

** For any major penalty, a game misconduct penalty assessed shall cause the player to be suspended for their team's **next game**. This one-game suspension is in addition to any other required suspensions incurred during the same incident. **Fighting penalties receive additional discipline per NJYHL Guidebook.***

Players/coaches receiving a Match Penalty are suspended from **all USA Hockey activities for 30 days or until the appropriate authority has made a ruling.



GAME ACCESS DURING SUSPENSION

- For any Team Official or Player serving a suspension for a prior game misconduct violation or disciplinary suspension, the suspension will commence 45 minutes prior to the start of each game and conclude 30 minutes following the conclusion of each game.
- The Team Official or Player serving the suspension shall be prohibited from:
 - Having any interaction, involvement or communication “in person,” electronically or otherwise with the team
 - Being present in the locker room
 - Being on or near the bench of their team
- Any violation of this Rule may result in supplementary discipline and may subject such Team Official or Player to further disciplinary proceedings.
- Game Misconducts assessed in non-league games must also be submitted to the NJYHL via website form.



REQUIRED FORMS

On the NJYHL website, under **FORMS**, you will find the following **REQUIRED** forms which must be submitted within 24 hours of occurrence.

The screenshot shows the 'Game Misconduct or Match Penalty Reporting Form' on the NJYHL website. The form includes the following fields:

- NJYHL Game Number ***: A text input field with a small icon on the right.
- If non-league game, enter "non-league"
- Game Date / Start Time ***: Two input fields, one for 'Date' and one for 'Time'.
- Facility Where Game Was Played ***: A text input field.
- Level ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Home Team Name ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Opposing Team Name ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- 1st Penalized Player/Coach Name ***: A text input field.
- 1st Penalized Player Number (if coach, enter "coach") ***: A text input field.
- 1st Penalized Player/Coach Team ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Penalty Assessed To 1st Player/Coach Listed Above ***: A text input field.

penalty as written on the scoresheet by the official

The screenshot shows the 'Spectator Ejection Form' on the NJYHL website. The form includes the following fields:

- NJYHL Game Number ***: A text input field with a small icon on the right.
- If non-league game, enter "non-league"
- Game Date / Start Time ***: Two input fields, one for 'Date' and one for 'Time'.
- Facility Where Game Was Played ***: A text input field.
- Level ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Home Team Name ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Opposing Team Name ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- 1st Ejected Spectator Name ***: A text input field.
- 1st Ejected Spectator Team ***: A dropdown menu with 'Choose One' selected.
- Name of Player/Coach 1st Ejected Spectator is Connected With ***: A text input field.



SCHEDULES, GAME MANAGEMENT AND SCOREKEEPING

Off Ice Officials, Game Confirmations, and Communications





2023 - 2024 SEASON CALENDAR



April 2023						
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August 2023						
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January 2024						
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February 2024						
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March 2024						
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April 2024						
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Holidays		Holidays		Holidays	
5/29 - Memorial Day		12/7 - Hanukkah		4/22 - Passover	
7/4 - Independence Day		12/25 - Christmas			
9/4 - Labor Day		1/1 - New Year's Day			
9/11 - Patriot's Day		1/15 - MLK Day			
9/15 - Rosh Hashanah		2/11 - Super Bowl Sunday			
9/24 - Yom Kippur		2/19 - President's Day			
11/23 - Thanksgiving		3/31 - Easter			

5/1 - Team Declarations All levels and Team Self Evals 10U-18U
5/25 - Team Placements Announced 10U-14U A/B Pre-season 14AA - 16-18U Regular season
5/31 - Team Placements Made Final
6/15 - 5 pm - Scheduling Begins- Pre-season 10-14A/B and 14AA-18U regular season
8/1 - Team Evaluations for 6U/8U begin
8/15 - Deadline for games and roster entry into ScorekeeperWEB-14AA-18U & preseason levels
8/16 - Deadline for Team Evaluations at 6U/8U
8/25 - 14AA/16U/18U Season Begins - can begin on 8/18 if teams agree
8/29 - 5 pm - Scheduling Begins- 6U/8U pre-season
9/8 - Pre-season begins - 14A/B, 12U, 10U, 8U
10/1 - Pre-season ends
10/6 - Team Placements Announced 6U/8U/10U/12/14A&B

10/8 - Team Placements Made Final 8/10/12/14A&B
10/10 - 6/8/10/12/14A&B Scheduling Begins
10/14 - 6/8/10/12/14A&B Regular Season Begins
10/20 - Deadline for games and roster entry into ScorekeeperWEB 6-10U
11/5 - 16U/18U Season Ends
11/10-12 - 16/18U Make Up/Play-in Weekend
11/10-12 - 16AA National/18AA NJYHL Playoffs
11/17-19 - 16/18U NJYHL Playoffs-AA & A
2/18 - 10U/12U/13O/14U Season Ends
2/24 - 10U/12U/13P/14U Make-up/Play-in Weekend
3/1-3/3 - NJYHL playoffs - 10U/12U/13O/14U
3/10 - 6U/8U Season Ends

3/30-4/2 - 2023 USAH Nationals
4/10 - 2023-24 - 13O/14U/16U/18U Tryouts
9/23-24 - AAHA 6U/8U Jamboree
12/31 - Rosters Freeze
3/8-10 - AAHA Qualifier
3/15-17 - 14AA/16AA/18AA - AAHA Championship
3/18 - AAHA Championships Must be Completed
3/26 - 2024-25 - 8U/10U/12U Tryouts
4/4-4/7 - 2024 USAH Nationals
4/15 - 2024-25 - 13O/14U/15O/16U/18U Tryouts

League meetings
9/19, 1/30 and 4/8

Manager and Coach Meetings
9/6- via Zoom

Assignors Meeting
TBD

EXPECTATIONS

- NJYHL games take precedence over all other commitments (other leagues, tournaments, etc.).
- NJYHL GAMES CANNOT BE UTILIZED FOR NON-NJYHL COMMITMENTS – NO DOUBLE-DIPPING PLEASE.
- Leave room in your team schedules to enable rescheduling of potentially postponed games.
- All games are scheduled (or rescheduled) by the Master Scheduler and must be entered into Scorekeeper before the start of the season (rosters too).
- Approval is required for any game changes once the schedules are final.
- All games MUST be played – no FORFEITS – there are fines.
- A suspended game will resume where the game was stopped. Any ineligible player in the initial game cannot participate when game is resumed.
- **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
- **DON'T FORGET TO CONFIRM ALL GAMES – LAST MINUTE CHANGES CAN HAPPEN!**
- **ADD YOUR INFORMATION TO THE HEAD COACH AND MANAGER CONTACT LIST - SEE THE NJYHL WEBSITE FOR DETAILS**



INCLEMENT WEATHER

- The Commissioner will determine if weather cancellations are appropriate.
- All weather cancellations must be rescheduled within seven calendar days by the Master Scheduler must be notified of the change.



GAME RESPONSIBILITIES – OFF ICE OFFICIALS

- The scorekeeper and timekeeper are considered off ice officials.
- They should know the rules of the game and also know how to operate the clock.
- They should **NOT** be coaching from the scorekeeper's box.
- They should **NOT** be cheerleading from the scorekeeper's box.
- If the scorekeeper or timekeeper are not sure of the direction received from the official, they should ask for clarification immediately.



GAME RESPONSIBILITIES – OFF ICE OFFICIALS

- Prior to the start of the game, the Official Scorer shall obtain on the scoresheet the signatures of all coaches of each team, one of whom shall be designated as Head Coach, along with the CEP card number, CEP level and the year the CEP level was attained for each coach.
- The Official Scorer shall keep a record of each goal scored by indicating those player(s) who are credited with scoring the goal and any assists. **No request for changes to the officials scoring shall be considered unless they are made at or before the conclusion of the game.**
- Confirm player/coach roster reflects bench attendance – **note starting goalie name and number.**
- The coach is responsible for reviewing the score sheet at the end of the game before it is signed and initialed. Once it is signed and initialed, changes cannot be made.
- Remind team families that website statistics will not be corrected unless it impacts the outcome of the game.
- Remind team families that all contact with the NJYHL must come through your Association's NJYHL Delegate.



SEASON SCHEDULE AND EVENTS



Level	Season Start	Season End	Make-Up/Play-In Weekend
18U-AA	8/25/2023	11/05/2023	11/10 – 11/12
18U-A National	8/25/2023	11/05/2023	11/10 – 11/12
16U-AA National	8/25/2023	11/05/2023	11/10 – 11/12
16U-AA American	8/25/2023	11/05/2023	11/10 – 11/12
16U-A National	8/25/2023	11/05/2023	11/10 – 11/12
16U-A American	8/25/2023	11/05/2023	11/10 – 11/12
14U-AA	8/25/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
13O	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
14U-A National	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
14U-A American	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
14U-B	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25



Level	Pre-Season Start	Pre-Season End	Season Start	Season End	Make-up/Play-In Weekend
12U-AA	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
12U-A National	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
12U-A American	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
12U-B National	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
12U-B American	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
10U-AA*	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
10U-A National*	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
10U-A American	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
10U-B National*	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
10U-B American	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	2/18/2024	2/24-2/25
8U Advanced	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	3/10/2024	N/A
8U Adv.-Intermediate	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	3/10/2024	N/A
8U Intermediate	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	3/10/2024	N/A
8U Int.-Beginner	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	3/10/2024	N/A
8U Beginner	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	3/10/2024	N/A
6U	9/8/2023	10/1/2023	10/14/2023	3/10/2024	N/A

*Teams at these levels will participate in the Battle Across the Delaware - March 15-17 at Woodbridge Community Center. Details to follow.

6U-8U SEASON GUIDELINES

FULL ICE GAMES

- The Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association **does not permit** the playing of full ice games at the 6U or 8U levels at any time.

BIRTH YEARS

- **8U – 2015-2017 6U – 2017 and younger***
- 2015 and 2016 birth year players ARE NOT permitted to play at the 10U level. **NO WAIVER REQUESTS ACCEPTED.**
- 2014 birth year players ARE NOT permitted to play at the 8U level. They must play at 10U level.
- Rosters listing birth year players that are outside of the required age bracket will not be processed in accordance with the AAHA rules.
- *2017 birth year (6U) players CAN play on 8U teams, but cannot move to the 10U level until age appropriate.
- Full Guidelines may be found on the AAHA website - under ABOUT US/GUIDELINES



NJYHL PLAYOFFS AAHA CHAMPIONSHIPS



PLAY-IN GAMES

ADVANCEMENT TO NJYHL PLAYOFFS

At the 12U-18U levels, a single elimination game is played to determine advancement to NJYHL playoffs.

Detailed information is on the NJYHL website - "Important Notices and Presentations."

Example:

- 2nd and 3rd place in points/win pct. in each division plays a single game hosted by higher seed. Winner advances to NJYHL playoffs.



ADVANCEMENT TO AAHA AFFILIATE TOURNAMENT

At the 12U-18U levels, the NJYHL advances teams to either the AAHA National-Bound Championships or the AAHA Affiliate Championships.

At the National-Bound Levels (18AA, 16AA, 14AA)

- NJYHL Playoff Champion advances as the 1st Seed to the AAHA Championship.
- NJYHL 2nd, 3rd place in Playoffs advances to Qualifier round vs 1st and 2nd place independent teams. Format is a 4 team round robin for points. Team earning highest points in Qualifier round advances as 2nd seed at the AAHA Championship.

At the Affiliate Championship Levels (18A, 16A-National, 14A-National, 12AA, 12A-National)

- NJYHL Playoff 1st, 2nd and 3rd place advance to Affiliate Championship vs 1st place NJ independent team, 1st and 2nd place DVHL teams and 1st and 2nd place PA/DE independent teams. Format is an 8 team/2 pool round robin with championship game.

At the Affiliate Championship Levels (14B, 12B-National)

- NJYHL Playoff Champion advances as the 1st Seed to the AAHA Affiliate Championship.
- NJYHL 2nd place in Playoffs advances to single elimination game vs 1st place NJ independent team. Winner advances as 2nd seed at the AAHA Affiliate Championship.



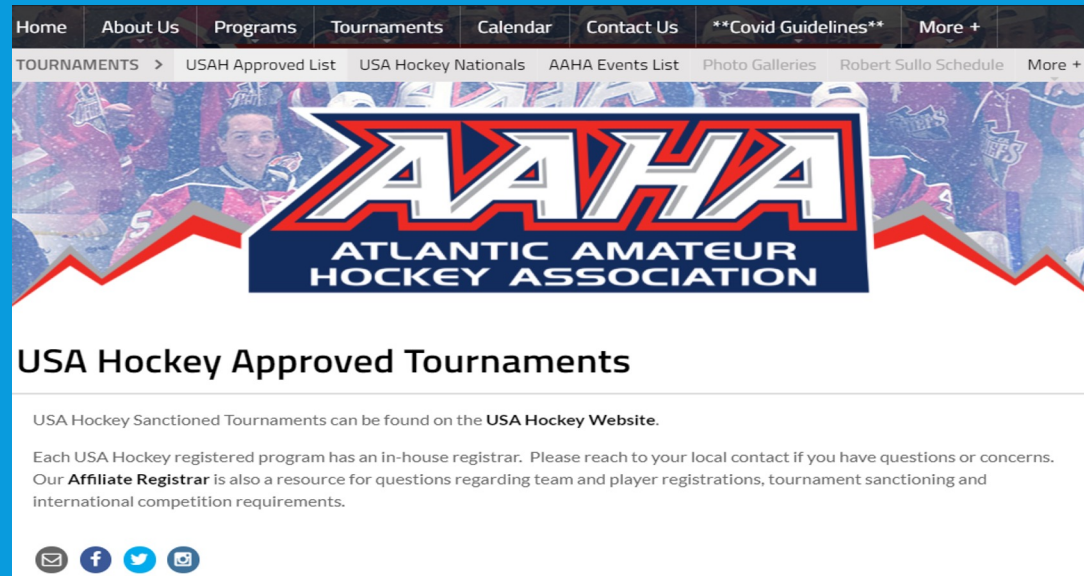
14U, 16U, 18U PLAYER PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible to participate in NJYHL Playoffs at the 14U, 16U and 18U levels, each player must participate in a minimum of 50% of the League games scheduled for the team.
- Any player rostered after the end of League play is ineligible for post-season play. In the event of an injury or other extraordinary circumstances, the Executive Board reserves the right to waive this rule.
- It is the responsibility of the individual teams to ensure that all their players are eligible.
- If a team uses an ineligible player in a playoff game, that game will be declared a forfeit and a fine of \$1,000 will be assessed.
- Once AAHA Tournament advancing teams are set, any player that leaves an advancing team to join a Tier I or Junior level team must be removed from the NJYHL roster and will be ineligible to participate in the AAHA tournament.



TOURNAMENTS

- Any tournament that your teams participate in should be a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament.
- Sanctioned tournaments provide consistent rules, penalty assessments, age categories, and insurance coverage.



SCORE SHEETS AND SCORE KEEPING

Paper Score Sheets and Electronic Score Keeping



SCORE KEEPER WEB SYSTEM - COMMUNICATION

- Each organization has a point person for questions/issues. It is their:

Master Scheduler

- All questions should be directed to the NJYHL through their Master Scheduler.



PAPER SCORE SHEETS

- The home team is responsible for providing and completing the paper score sheet.
- It is the home team scorekeeper's responsibility to accurately record penalties as called by the officials.
- The scorekeeper must know how to record penalties on a score sheet to accurately reflect the number of penalties assessed (i.e. a double minor is listed as 2 separate minor penalties, one per line).
- The score sheet is a one page form. The visiting team must take a photo or ask for a copy to be made at the rink if they wish to have a hard copy.
- **THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETAINING THE SCORE SHEET. IN THE EVENT A SCORE SHEET NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE NJYHL, IT WILL BE REQUESTED FROM THE HOME TEAM ELECTRONICALLY WHO MUST PRODUCE IT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF REQUEST.**
- **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE FULL SEASON OF SCORE SHEETS MAY NEED TO BE PRESENTED AT THE END OF THE SEASON TO CONFIRM PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY. KEEP THEM IN ORDER AND IN A SAFE PLACE.**
- Please print legibly so the information on the score sheet can be read.
- NJYHL has developed Tips and Tricks for Scorekeeping/Penalty recording. See the NJYHL website for details.



SCOREKEEPER SYSTEM – DATA ENTERED

- The information entered into the ScoreKeeperWEB system should exactly match the paper score sheet.
- The scorekeeper MUST know the difference between a MISCONDUCT and a GAME MISCONDUCT.
 - A GAME MISCONDUCT will result in a suspension for the player or coach.
 - A second misconduct in a game is an automatic GAME MISCONDUCT and should be input as such.
- It is the responsibility of the home team to maintain an official record of each game. Teams should use the score sheet provided by the League at the beginning of the season. The score sheet will be the official record and must be signed by the referees. **The game details must be uploaded to ScorekeeperWEB within 24 hours of the game or before the next League game for the teams on the scoresheet, whichever is sooner.**
- A player that is serving a suspension will be ~~red-lined~~ in the system for the next game.
- **Any game not uploaded within 24 hours will be subject to a \$100 fine.** Any team consistently delinquent in sending in a game score sheet may receive an additional penalty at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- Only the NJYHL can rule a game as a forfeit. It cannot be done by any coach, manager or official.

The NJYHL will not revise any game statistic entered unless it has an impact on the outcome of the game (final score or player/coach suspension).



SCOREKEEPER WEB SYSTEM - ROSTERS

- All roster changes need to be made **PRIOR** to a game being played. All information is date and time stamped electronically. If a roster change is made after a game has been played, the player will not be listed on the roster for that game.
- Should a roster change happen after a game is played, your Master Scheduler must e-mail statistician@njyhl.org asking to backdate the roster so that the game can be correctly scored. There is a fine for making this correction.
- **All roster changes also have to be sent not less than 24 hours in advance of the game via forms on the NJYHL website (Player Substitution form or Goaltending Coverage form).**

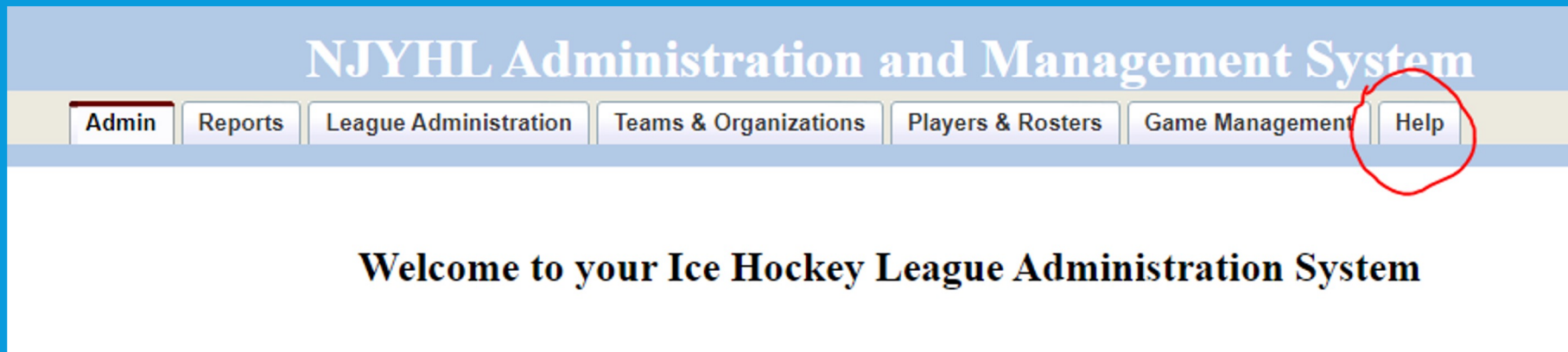
Goalies					
PlayerId	Jersey #	Position	Shoots	FirstName	LastName
4989	35	Goalie	L	Thomas	Brake
5771	33	Goalie	R	Michael	Ricciardi

Forward & Defense					
PlayerId	Jersey #	Position	Shoots	FirstName	LastName
4496	27	Forwards	R	Coby	Austander
9462	12	Forwards	L	Jack	Chapel
4990	19	Defense	R	Jackson	Devine
4991	29	Forwards	R	Griffin	Ferrara
12469	4	Forwards	R	Tyler	Gallagher
5781	24	Forwards	R	Michael	Hrudowsky
4502	31	Forwards	R	Justin	Joyce
4503	59	Forwards	R	Liam	Keenan
4995	5	Forwards	R	Ryan	Lisk
12471	25	Forwards	R	Jack	Mascali
4504	51	Forwards	R	Brendon	McCormick
8962	68	Forwards	R	Nick	Palmer
4999	96	Defense	R	Rey	Rodriguez
4506	3	Defense	R	Peter	Shannon
10827	53	Forwards	R	Evan	Szabo
12468	10	Forwards	R	Gianluca	Travia



SCOREKEEPER WEB SYSTEM - HELP

- The ScoreKeeperWEB system has a HELP tab. It contains a .pdf file with easy-to-follow screenshots describing how to enter game data into the system.
- This is accessible once logged in with the User Name and Password provided by the NJYHL. If you have not yet received your login credentials, please check with your Master Scheduler.
- Please also refer to the penalty entry samples on the NJYHL website – under SCHEDULES AND STANDINGS/Scoring Quick Reference/Penalty Entry Examples.



NJYHL WEBSITE

Contacts, Forms, Schedules, Scores, Events and more!

www.njyhl.org





QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your time and dedication to the kids, your club,
the NJYHL and to the great sport of hockey

