



PLAYER HANDBOOK

COYOTES ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE – Ice Den Scottsdale
CHANDLER ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE – Ice Den Chandler

This handbook has been assembled for the participants of the Coyotes Adult Hockey League AND the Chandler Adult Hockey League (collectively referred to as the CAHL). The rules, regulations and policies herein have been reviewed and approved by the CAHL Commissioner. Team representatives provided suggestions, shared insight and voted on many of the items through the years to shape and reflect the spirit of the league to ensure its goal to provide:

A fun, challenging and safe program for recreational adult hockey.

CAHL DIVISIONS

Rules and regulations for all divisions are identical with the exception of a few variations for the Rattlers (Beginner) Division (see Rattlers Division Only section in Rules & Regulations). The caliber of play is the only difference between the various divisions. CAHL offers seven divisions of play:

Rattlers Division

The Rattlers Division is a beginner/learning league for those players with basic hockey skills and/or for those who have completed at least one Adult Hockey Skill session and are ready to advance to league play.

Icebreaker Division (Div. 1/Div. 2)

The Icebreaker Division is the level for recreational players who are no longer beginners but have limited playing experience at higher levels.

Crescent Moon Division (Div. 1/Div. 2)

The Crescent Moon Division is a fun and challenging league for players with intermediate skills.

Kachina Division

The Kachina Division is a competitive league for accomplished players with advanced skills.

Coyotes Division

The Coyotes Division is CAHL's elite level of play for expert level players who have played hockey at the highest levels of competition.

Greyhawk Division (Div. 1/Div. 2)

The Greyhawk Division is a quality over-30 league for intermediate players looking for a combination of good competition and a relaxed style of play.

Women's Division

The Women's Division is for women of all skill levels who prefer to play an all-female format.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT AND LEAGUE POLICIES

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the CAHL are required to conduct themselves in a professional and appropriate manner both on and off the ice while at the Ice Den facilities. The Ice Den is proud to be recognized as a premier family entertainment center and failure to uphold this standard is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violators may be subject to disciplinary action.

The following guidelines are to be adhered to at all times while at the Ice Den:

- 1) Foul language will not be tolerated
- 2) Players are to treat all facility employees with respect
- 3) Players are to dress in the locker rooms only
- 4) Hockey of any kind is to be played on the rinks only
- 5) Ice access is not permitted until the scheduled start of your game
- 6) No access to the ice until the Zamboni has exited the surface and Zamboni doors are closed

ZERO TOLERANCE

CAHL enforces a zero tolerance policy for abuse of officials, scorekeepers, CAHL Administration and facility employees. Abuse includes verbal, physical or otherwise. Abuse of officials will result in an immediate and indefinite suspension, pending a review by the CAHL Commissioner. Pending the outcome of this review the Ice Den and CAHL reserves the right to impose lifetime expulsion from activities at the Ice Den which may include all Ice Den properties.

LOCKER ROOM POLICY

Locker rooms at the Ice Den are automatically assigned to each team; however the locker rooms will remain locked until a team representative obtains the key from the Front Desk. Upon arrival the locker room should be clean and undamaged. Please inspect the room prior to use as the team will be held responsible for the condition. Teams generally have access to assigned locker rooms for 30 minutes prior to and 30 minutes following their scheduled games.

Each team is responsible for leaving the room clean and undamaged. It is recommended that the Team Captain ensures that the locker room is left in good condition upon leaving after the game.

Please take every precaution with your valuables. Even if the locker room is locked it is strongly recommended that you utilize the personal lockers located in each rink.

The Ice Den is not responsible for lost or stolen personal property.

ALCOHOL POLICY

Consumption of alcohol in the locker rooms, parking lots or other locations on the Ice Den premises (aside from the restaurant) is strictly prohibited.

DRUG POLICY

Drug abuse at the Ice Den is also strictly prohibited and violators will suffer expulsion from CAHL and will be subject to prosecution.

VANDALISM POLICY

The Ice Den properties are regarded as first class ice facilities. As members of CAHL, you are required to keep it this way. Any player/team found vandalizing any area or component of the Ice Den facilities will be suspended immediately and indefinitely and subject to disciplinary action which may result in expulsion from CAHL. In addition, violators will be responsible to pay for all damages sustained.

SECURITY & VIDEO CAMERAS

The Ice Den facilities are equipped with security cameras. These cameras along with on-site security personnel and facility employees are at the disposal of facility management and CAHL. These options will be utilized when applicable in the event of an incident and to also monitor general conduct.

Copies of security video are not made available to the general public. Access is only for the exclusive use of the Ice Den Management, league “proper authorities” and law enforcement.

GAME MANAGEMENT

SCORESHEETS – POINTSTREAK

Scorekeepers for all CAHL games will utilize the Pointstreak scoring system. This system not only reflects official rosters for all games but also allows players and fans to review player and team and individual stats, schedules, news and standings. Prior to each game, the Captains are required to verify their rosters with the scorekeepers, noting any player deletions, absences or approved substitutions for said game. The opposing team roster will also be available for inspection by each team.

At the conclusion of each game, the Captains are required to review Pointstreak and notify the CAHL Administration in writing of any discrepancies. The referees are responsible for reporting any major penalty or making other game notes requiring the attention of the CAHL Administration.

REFEREES

All CAHL games are refereed by USA Hockey certified referees. Referees have jurisdiction over all CAHL games and all appropriate USA Hockey rulings made by officials during a game will be supported by the CAHL Administration.

At no time shall a CAHL player confront a referee following a game. This includes but is not limited to accessing the Referee's Room. This room is reserved exclusively for the referees. Any player who violates this rule shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action and suspension from the CAHL. All complaints and concerns regarding games must be addressed through the Team Captain who will forward the information IN WRITING to the CAHL Administration following a mandatory 24-hour waiting period after the game in question. Failure to observe this 24-hour policy may result in player suspensions.

Note: Although you may not agree with every call made (or not made) by the referees, it is important to remember that as a player in the CAHL, you are responsible for conducting yourself in a professional and appropriate manner (see Player Conduct). The CAHL enforces a zero tolerance for Abuse of Officials (see Zero Tolerance).

SCOREKEEPERS

Scorekeepers will be provided for all CAHL games. Scorekeepers act as off-ice officials and are responsible for clock management and the official score sheets. Scorekeepers are also available for statements regarding on- and off-ice incidents.

NO REFEREES PRESENT FOR GAME

In the event no referees are present for a scheduled game, the game will be rescheduled at a later date. Teams may utilize the ice for half-ice practice or scrimmage. **All participants must be currently registered in the CAHL.** Full hockey gear including an HECC certified helmet is required to be worn during the ice usage. Disciplinary action may be taken for any team not complying with these requirements. Teams will be expected to monitor themselves during these times and may be subject to disciplinary action if incidents occur or ineligible players are allowed on the ice.

CAPTAINS AND ROSTERS

TEAM CAPTAINS

Each CAHL team is required to name one Captain and one Alternate Captain at the onset of each season. Captains are required to familiarize themselves with the online CAHL Handbook and will be required to agree to the terms and conditions outlined therein. Team Captains or a designated team representative are required to attend all mandatory league meetings scheduled by the CAHL Administration. **Every Captain must be a currently registered CAHL player in good standing.** Alternate Captains will assume the same responsibilities in the absence of the Captain.

Team Captains shall act as the team representative for all correspondence with the CAHL Administration. Player questions or concerns **MUST** be directed to the Team Captain first. If Captains are unable to provide clarification or solutions for player/team concerns, the Captain shall forward the player/team questions or concerns **in writing** to the CAHL Administration no sooner than the 24-hour waiting period after a game in question.

Captains are also responsible for a weekly review of the players listed on their team roster. Any discrepancies in player names or jersey numbers between the official score sheet and the Pointstreak roster must be reported to the CAHL Administration to be reconciled prior to the team's next scheduled game.

Additional Captains Duties

- Recruit and maintain a minimum roster of 13 paid-in-full players plus a goalie
- Enforce team jersey policy compliance for all team members and designated substitute players (see Jersey Policy)
- Verify team roster for name and number accuracy prior to every game
- Notify league administration in the event of a game cancellation or forfeit
- Provide all communication to the team regarding schedules/schedule changes, rule changes and enforcement, league business or news
- Act as liaison between team and on-ice officials during games as well as between team and administration outside of games
- Attend mandatory Captains meetings or assign a team representative to attend. Advance notification in writing must be provided designating the team representative. Lack of team representation at a mandatory meeting may result in a one-game suspension for the captain and/or designated representative

CAHL RULES & REGULATIONS

PLAYING RULES

USA Hockey Official Rules shall govern game play of all sanctioned CAHL games at the Ice Den facilities. Supplemental league rules apply as noted.

GAME TIMES

All CAHL games consist of 80 minutes of ice time. Game format includes a 4-minute warm up and (3) 15 minute stop-time periods. Due to scheduling efficiency, all games will start and end in accordance with the daily facility schedule.

RUNNING TIME

If a game is in jeopardy of completing within the allocated time slot, the scorekeeper shall inform the referee and the team captain that the game will proceed using the run time format. Scorekeepers are also instructed to run the time clock due to unnecessary delays. Referees can determine run time situations.

In the event of a 6+ goal differential, run time will be utilized no sooner than 10 minutes remaining in the third period and only when agreed upon by *both* team captains. Penalties during running time will begin at the next drop of the puck. Running time will not stop unless on-ice officials deem it necessary. Running time will not be restored to stop-time regardless of the score.

TIES/OVERTIME (Regular Season)

If the score is tied at the end of regulation play during the REGULAR SEASON, a shoot-out will commence with each team selecting three skaters to alternately attempt a penalty shot. The visitors will start and the home team will have the opportunity to answer a goal. If the game remains tied after the initial shoot-out, it then becomes a "sudden death" shoot-out with visitors shooting first. If the visitors score, home team gets a chance to answer the goal. Each player can only shoot once, unless one team runs out of players. If this occurs, the rotation can start over for both teams.

If a player is in the penalty box at the end of regulation play and has not served the full penalty, that player will not be eligible to participate in the shoot-out in either regular season or play-off games.

TIES/OVERTIME (Playoffs)

If a game is tied at the end of regulation play during the PLAY-OFFS, a 5-minute stop-time sudden death overtime period will commence. If the game remains tied after the OT period, a shoot-out will begin with each team selecting five skaters to alternately attempt a penalty shot. The visitors will begin and the home team will have the opportunity to answer a goal. If the game remains tied after the initial shoot-out, it then becomes a “sudden death” shoot-out with visitors shooting first. If the visitors score, home team gets a chance to answer the goal. Each player can only shoot once, unless one team runs out of players. If this occurs, the rotation can start over for both teams.

FORFEITS

In the event a team is forced to forfeit a game for any reason, the team representative shall notify the CAHL Administration with as much prior notice as possible. The opponent shall receive an automatic 1-0 victory. The opponent shall have the opportunity to utilize the allocated ice time for scrimmage. Full hockey gear including an HECC certified helmet is required to be worn during forfeited ice usage. Referees and scorekeepers are not available. **Only currently registered CAHL players are permitted on the ice during forfeited game slots.** Disciplinary action may be taken for any team allowing a non-registered player on the ice.

PLAYOFFS

Each CAHL season ends with playoffs. The playoff format, dates and times for each season as determined by the CAHL Administration will be distributed to the Team Captains and posted on the website. Upon scheduling the playoffs, the CAHL Administration will attempt to schedule games on regular divisional days of the week. However, these days are not guaranteed and teams may have to play on varying days.

GAME CANCELATIONS

Although amendments to the schedule are avoided at all costs, the Ice Den reserves the right to cancel or alter any CAHL game due to facility malfunction or other circumstances. In the event a game(s) must be canceled, facility management will notify the CAHL Administration immediately. The CAHL Administration will then notify the Team Captains of the affected teams as well as post messages on the website.

PENALTIES AND SUPPLEMENTAL DISCIPLINE

LEAGUE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

All disciplinary actions will be handled by the CAHL Administration in accordance with the rules mandated by USA Hockey and CAHL policies and procedures.

4 PENALTY RULE

Players committing any (4) penalties in one game shall be removed from the current game and subject to further suspension pending review of the penalty infractions by the CAHL Administration. During each season, players with multiple infractions of the 4 Penalty Rule are subject to more severe game suspensions and possible league expulsion pending review by the CAHL Commissioner.

ICE ACCESS

All teams are required to wait until the ice resurfacer (Zamboni) has left the ice and the doors have been closed before proceeding to the ice surface or placing equipment (pucks/puck bags/etc.) on the ice surface. Any team who violates this policy will begin the game with a 2-minute bench minor for unsportsmanlike conduct.

GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

In accordance with USA Hockey, any player receiving a Game Misconduct is ejected from the current game and will be assessed a USA Hockey mandated one game suspension to be served during the player's next scheduled CAHL game. The CAHL Administration will automatically review the penalty and determine if it warrants additional league suspensions and/or other disciplinary action.

GROSS OR MATCH PENALTIES

According to USA Hockey, any player receiving a Gross or Match penalty shall be ejected from the current game and automatically suspended for 30 days or until a meeting is held and a ruling made by the USA Hockey State Affiliate and/or CAHL Commissioner. The State and/or the Commissioner also have the right NOT to meet within the 30-day time period. If this occurs, the player is reinstated after the 30th day. Gross Misconducts and Match penalties may result in league expulsion.

ACCRUED PENALTY MINUTES

Any player who is assessed 40 penalty minutes per roster spot in a single season will receive a 1-game suspension. This will be in addition to other suspensions that may have been imposed as a result of accruing those penalty minutes. If that player is subsequently assessed additional penalty minutes resulting in a total of 60 minutes for that season, a 3-game suspension will be assessed. Any player accruing 75 penalty minutes in one season, will be suspended from all league participation for the remainder of the season. Reinstatement for the following season will be at the sole discretion of the CAHL Commissioner.

FIGHTING

In an effort to protect our players, the CAHL has adopted a strict no-fighting policy. The CAHL Administration will support the on-ice decisions of the referees.

As with all penalties called by the officials, the CAHL administration will not overturn a USA Hockey Rule 615 Fighting penalty. In addition to the minimum USA Hockey suspension, upon review the CAHL administration will issue:

- 7-game minimum suspension for fighting with gloves on
- 10-game minimum suspension for fighting with gloves off

The Commissioner will review all fighting incidents to determine if further game suspensions and/or other disciplinary action including league expulsion is warranted. Conduct that persists following any game shall be subject to review and will be held to the same standard as above.

SPEARING, HEAD-BUTTING, KICKING or BUTT-ENDING

The CAHL considers the following to be very serious offenses and any player who is assessed one of these penalties will be suspended for a minimum of 5 games, pending review by the CAHL Commissioner.

Spearing is defined by USA Hockey as the act of poking an opponent with the tip of the blade of the stick while holding it with one or both hands.

Head-butting is defined by USA Hockey as the physical use of one's head in the course of delivering a body check (headfirst) in the chest, head, neck or back area or the physical use of the head to strike the opponent.

Kicking is the act of kicking or attempting to kick or using the skate to push off an opponent.

Butt-ending is the condition whereby a player uses the shaft of the stick above the upper hand to jab or attempt to jab an opposing player.

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

Any violation or infraction requiring additional disciplinary action (other than Gross/Match Penalties) will be dealt with in the following manner:

Within 30 days of the violation or infraction, the CAHL Administration including the Commissioner and, if necessary, any other appropriate parties will conduct a meeting to review, discuss and render a decision regarding any such disciplinary action. The CAHL also has the right NOT to render a decision within the 30-day time period. If this occurs, the player is reinstated after the 30th day.

In the spirit of maintaining a fun, safe, recreational adult hockey league, players who commit penalties severe enough to require supplemental disciplinary action twice in a 12-month period may be expelled from the league for an extended period of time as determined by the CAHL Commissioner and Administration. Once the time has expired, the player must apply for reinstatement to the league.