

Kansas City Amateur Hockey League

Rules and Regulations

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Article 1 – Purpose and Mission Statement

The Kansas City Amateur Hockey League (KCAHL) provides a recreational hockey league for “house” level players in Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri. The KCAHL is associated with the Midwest Amateur Hockey Association (MWAHA), but is not a sanctioned league under the MWAHA.

The purpose of the KCAHL is to promote recreational hockey and to provide a structured league setting for youth hockey organizations in the Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri.

Article 2 – League Ownership and Operation

The KCAHL is owned and operated by Mo-Kan Youth Hockey, LLC (Mo-Kan).

Mo-Kan will designate an individual each year to serve as the League Commissioner, who will be subject to approval by a majority of the member organizations.

Mo-Kan will charge its association members a per-player fee each year, in an amount to be determined prior to October 1 of each season. Any fees above \$10 per player must be approved by a majority of the member organizations.

In exchange for these fees, Mo-Kan will organize and coordinate all league meetings, maintain the league website, prepare and update the league game schedule (with the input and assistance from each association), and provide end of season awards for teams participating in season ending tournaments. In addition, Mo-Kan will serve as a facilitator for discussions and decisions directly relating to league.

Mo-Kan agrees to provide an accounting of all league fees on an annual basis to all member associations. Mo-Kan will also provide such an accounting within 7 days to any member association president upon written request.

Article 3 – Members and Governance

The KCAHL will be governed by representatives from each of the following associations: Kansas City Stars, Kansas City Fighting Saints, St. Joseph Griffons, Topeka Jr. RoadRunners, Independence Jr. Mavericks and the Carriage Club. Other associations may be added at any time with the majority vote of the existing members.

Each association will have one vote on all league matters. Each association’s president will be considered the official delegate for deciding league matters, but that responsibility can be delegated to another individual upon written notice to the League Commissioner.

The League Commissioner will only vote on league matters in the event it is necessary to break a tie.

Decisions can be made by a vote conducted by telephone or by e-mail, provided the issue being decided is adequately explained to all associations.

In the event an issue requires an immediate decision, the League Commissioner will have the authority to make any decision the Commissioner believes is in the best interest of the league as a whole. However, any decisions made by the Commissioner in such fashion must be brought to the associations for final determination within 7 days.

The KCAHL and all member associations agree to be governed by the rules and regulations set by USA Hockey and the MWAHA. Unless specifically agreed to in writing by the member associations, all USA Hockey playing rules and coaching requirements will govern KCAHL league play.

Article 4 – Player Eligibility and Registration

All KCAHL players must be registered with USA Hockey for the season in which they are participating. Players who are playing on a “travel team” (A, AA, AAA) are ineligible to play in any KCAHL game in that same season unless the player is no longer participating with the travel team.

The restriction on playing on travel teams does not apply to players who participate on an association’s “Select” team. Select teams are generally the top players from an association’s house teams that play a limited number of Select (or B level) tournaments each year.

Players with outstanding monetary obligations to any association in the KCAHL will not be permitted to play for any other association within the KCAHL unless released, in writing, by the player’s prior association.

Article 5 – Age Divisions

The KCAHL will conduct league play in the following age divisions:

- Under 8 (U8) – Players who are 8 years of age or younger as of December 31 of the season. This division will be further divided into Red, White, and Blue subdivisions based upon the players’ abilities.
- Squirts – Players who are 10 years of age or younger as of December 31 of the season.
- Pee Wee – Players who are 12 years of age or younger as of December 31 of the season.
- Bantam – Players who are 14 years of age or younger as of December 31 of the season.

Players wishing to play at an age division above their designated division (i.e. a Squirt aged player wishing to play Pee Wee) may do so only with the approval of the player’s association.

Players wishing to play in an age division below their designated division (i.e. a Pee Wee aged player wishing to play Squirt) may do so only with the approval of the player’s association **and** with the approval of the KCAHL members in accordance with the separate Policy on Players Playing Below their Age Division.

Article 6 – Team Rosters

All associations are required to submit a preliminary roster of players for each team at least one week prior to the first scheduled league game. This preliminary roster does not have to be generated by USA Hockey or be approved by the MWAHA Registrar – but must include the player’s first and last name and date of birth. These rosters will be posted on the league website.

In an effort to keep teams balanced at the house level, associations may find it necessary to move players from one team to another early in the season. Any such changes must take place prior to December 31. In addition, any such changes must be submitted in writing to the League Commissioner who will update the rosters on the league website.

All associations are required to submit a final roster of players for each team by December 31 of each season. This final roster must be generated by USA Hockey, but does not need to be signed by the MWAHA Registrar. In the event a player is added to a roster on or after January 1, the association must inform the League Commission of the addition along with a brief explanation as to why the player was added (i.e. the player moved in from out of town, the player advanced from a learn to play class, etc.). These players will be subject to approval by the member associations.

Players who are not listed on a team’s preliminary or final roster will not be allowed to play in a KCAHL game, unless the following conditions are met:

1. The team wishing to play the un-rostered player must be missing at least one player for that game;
2. The team wishing to play an un-rostered player must not have enough players to field at least two full lines of skaters plus a goalie;
3. The team wishing to play an un-rostered player must receive consent from the opposing team's coach prior to the start of the game;
4. The un-rostered player must be of similar skill level (or less skilled) than the player or players missing that game; and
5. The un-rostered player is identified by an asterisk (*) on the official game sheet.

Section 7 – Season Ending Tournament

The season ending tournament will take place the final weekend of February unless a different weekend is approved by the member associations.

Each association must either host a division for the season ending tournament, or contribute financially to offset the costs associated with hosting a division.

Players must be listed on the team's final roster in order to participate in the season ending tournament.

No player may be listed on more than one roster for the season ending tournament. Players are only allowed to play for one team in one age division during the season ending tournament.

The hosting sites for each division will be decided by the member associations on an annual basis.

Team awards will be presented to the top two teams in the Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam divisions.

Individual participation awards will be presented to all players participating in the U8 division.

Section 8 – Amendments

These rules may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the member associations.