



Winning teams, please record the game score on the website - the next day at the latest. Entering the game scores in a timely fashion will be very helpful.

League Expectations - please be sure to update your players with the expectations of the league (especially new players and/or new teams):

- We want to make sure the league is played cleanly and fairly - we will all enjoy the games if this is a common goal.
- If a player is not at the rink to have fun and play cleanly - please stay home. Players will be asked to go home if necessary.
- Please work with the officials to ensure a fun and positive atmosphere - we are all here to have a good time.
- Please play safe - keep the sticks down, the shots from the point low, and keep your body under control.
- Have fun out there and acclimate your style of play to reflect these expectations.
- Respect the game, the players and the officials.

New Playing Rules - The MSHSL has adopted some new rules, some similar to that of the NCAA. We are also following/adopting these same changes - please be sure to let your players know.

- As of 2009/2010: Face-offs will only occur at one of the 9 face-off dots.
- As of 2009/2010: Ensuing face-offs after a penalty will now take place in the offending team's defensive end.
- As of 2009/2010: Hand passes violations will now bring the face-off down to the offending team's defensive end.
- As of 2010/2011: Shots that deflect off the goal post(s) and out of play will now result in a faceoff at the nearest last fair play spot – typically in the offensive zone. No longer will the faceoff automatically occur in the neutral zone.
- As of 2012/2013: During a delayed off-side, there will no longer be an immediate whistle if the puck is shot on net – play will continue. Note: A goal will not be allowed in this situation.
- As of 2013/2014: Acts of embellishment, or drawing a penalty, will result in a minor penalty to the offending player.
- **As of January 2017: Teams serving a single minor penalty can nullify the remaining time of the minor penalty by scoring a short-handed goal.**

General Rules - we will follow the MSHSL rules with these exceptions and/or points of emphasis:

- No checking.
- Tag-up off sides will be used.
- Slap shots are allowed - please keep your shots down in traffic - be smart.
- Icing is determined by the defensive blue line - not the red line.

- 17 minute running time periods.
- No overtime in the regular season - ties remain a tie.
- No timeouts.
- High sticking, hooking/obstruction, and dangerous play will be called closely to ensure a clean playing atmosphere.
- Penalty times will begin at the ensuing face off, following the assessed penalty.
- At the referee's discretion, players can be ejected from the game at any time.

League Policy - regarding fighting, suspensions, referee decisions, forfeits, and fees:

- Fighting is not tolerated. Any player involved in a fight will serve a minimum one game suspension and/or season disqualification, at the referee and league director discretion.
- Suspensions will be determined by the league director at the discretion of the director and the best interest of the league. The director's authority is elastic and decisions will be final.
- Referee decisions are final and protests will not be allowed.
- Teams that forfeit or fail to have a goalie at the game will automatically lose their \$150.00 forfeit deposit and will be required to resubmit another deposit prior to the next game. Forfeits will be recorded as a 5-0 victory.
- Team registration fees will not be refunded after the registration has been received. Forfeit deposits will be returned to teams after the completion of the league playoffs.

Playoffs and Playoff Seeding:

- Playoffs will include the top teams from each division, not all teams. The number of teams advancing to playoffs will vary from season to season based upon fluctuating team/division numbers.
- Teams will be seeded based upon their regular season points accumulated and the division they play in – cross division play is used in playoffs. In the case there is a tie between two or more teams, these tiebreakers will be used:
 - i. head-to-head result
 - ii. goal differential in head-to-head games (not all games)
 - iii. team with the most league wins
 - iv. team with the least goals allowed
 - v. team with the most goals scored
 - vi. coin toss
- Playoffs will be played as a single elimination bracket format.
- All regular season playing rules will apply during the playoffs.
- Playoffs will consist of three 17-minute running time periods. The last 2 minutes of the 3rd period will be played stop-time if the score is within 2 goals or less.
- There are no timeouts.
- If a game is tied at the end of regulation, a 5 minute sudden-death running time period, played 4 on 4 will be used. If a tie still remains, a 5 player shootout will be used (home/top seeded team decides shooting order). If a tie still remains, a sudden death shootout (1 and 1) will be used.