

2018-2019 SEASON PLAYING GUIDE



Welcome to the 2018-2019 Season! Given the success of the 2017-2018 season, the Board will try not to make any major changes to the league structure or rules from last year.

Below you will find the guidelines we have established for this season. While the goal was not to make any major changes, you should note some “tweaks” we felt were necessary. Do not hesitate to contact a Board member if you have questions. We want to work together as we make changes to our league to ensure hockey continues to grow and thrive in our community.

2018-2019 League Fees *(new):*

Skater Fees:

- \$330 Individual player on one team. Anyone registering as a player may play goalie for another team (separate division) at no additional cost. A payment plan is available with \$30.00 being due at the time of registration, with four payments of \$75.00 per month following.
- \$470 Individual player on two teams (separate divisions). A payment plan is available with \$30.00 being due at the time of registration with, four payments of \$110.00 per month following.

Goalie Fees *(new):*

- \$100 Flat fee and may play goalie for up to two teams (separate divisions). There is no payment plan for this registration.

Team Roster Sizes:

For all Divisions, teams must have a minimum of 10 skaters plus a goalie, and up to a maximum of 14 skaters and a goalie. Teams seeking to have more than 14 skaters must receive board approval. The Board will try to help players from the waiting list find a team, but will not force players onto teams.

Waiting List *(new):*

Players not on a team or wishing to join the league after games have commenced may be placed on a waiting list. Players on the waiting list are not guaranteed placement on a team and will not be charged any league fees unless a team is found for them (fees will be prorated depending on the date a player is added to a team). Teams wishing to add a

Team Averages:

Recreational: 2.0-2.5 (*reduced from last season*)
Advanced: 4.5-5.0 (no change)
Elite: 7.5-8.0 (*some teams from last year were over cap and will need to adjust*)

League Parity:

Despite player ratings, the Board reserves the right to move players if their actual level of play is deemed more appropriate for another division. The Board may also choose to shift players within divisions in attempts to maintain some level of league parity. Any such moves would include consultation with the effected team captains and involved players.

Captains:

Please select your teams carefully and make sure you adhere to all the above guidelines. Incomplete rosters or rosters not conforming to league regulations will be rejected. This may result in you losing your captain position and having you and your players placed onto the waiting list.

Since the rosters will be due before registration closes, you will need to be sure that your players will actually register for the season. If you have players that fail to register, you will not be able to recruit additional players once rosters have been turned in. The board may attempt to fill out your roster with available players from the waiting list, but it could result in you having a short roster.

Captains will be held to a higher standard than players for conduct and leadership of their respective teams. Captains will additionally have the following responsibilities:

- Select their team per the above requirements and submit said roster no later than September 10, 2018.
- Be present at a minimum of 50% of the board meeting during the playing season (October – March). Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. Captains should encourage their players to attend Board meetings to hear what we are working on and to offer their input.
- Issue and collect MCAHA jerseys for their team. Captains are also required to supply a list of player's names, assigned jersey numbers, player email address, and player telephone numbers to the board at the beginning of the season.
- Consult on Player ratings at the beginning and end of the season.

Trades:

Captains may initiate player trades within their division. Once the captains agree upon a trade, it must be brought before the MCAHA Board for approval. Trades may not drop or boost the involved team's ratings outside of the listed parameters. The involved players may not play for 48 hours after the trade to give the registrar time to adjust the rosters.

MCAHA MISSION STATEMENT

The MCAHA strives to provide patrons with the opportunity to play ice hockey in a competitive, but recreational, organized league environment that is founded on the emphasized principles of fair play, sportsmanship, camaraderie and safety.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CODE OF CONDUCT

All MCAHA players are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes, but is not limited to, respect for the officials, the scorekeepers, teammates, opponents, the patrons and Centennial Ice Arena Employees and facilities.

The MCAHA Board reserves the right and the authority to disqualify, suspend, or remove any player, spectator, or team which behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner before, during or after a game. Players, spectators, and teams are expected to clean up after themselves and refrain from leaving a mess or otherwise damaging arena facilities.

MCAHA enforces a zero-tolerance policy for abuse of officials and scorekeepers. Abuse includes verbal, physical or otherwise.