



## PAHL Mandatory Meeting – May 18, 2021

Allegheny	John Gable
Altoona	Dan Pfeilstucker
Arctic Foxes	Glenn Berkenfeld
Armstrong	Absent
Aviators	Lorie Gould
Beaver	Sean Cogis
Cambria	Jennifer Hewitt
Crawford	Absent
Erie	Gio Duchini
Huskies	Jim Schwarzbach
Ice Miners	Jeff Fleck
Indiana	Kim Carretti
Johnstown	Jon Knobloch
Lawrence	Todd Chamberlain
Mon Valley	Ryan Gidel
Morgantown	Absent
Mt. Lebanon	Absent
North Hills	Chris McDermott

North Pittsburgh	Tom Dimond
Predators	Absent
Renegades	Absent
South Hills	Glen Siniawski
Southpointe	Absent
State College	Pete Brumberg
Westmoreland	Mary Leblanc
Wheeling	Caitlin Rodocker
Yetis	Jon Langer
Youngstown	Tiffany Webb
PAHL	Darcee Purvis
PAHL	Bryan Imler
PAHL	Glen Scholze
PAHL	Courtney Iaccio
PAHL	Ron Michalak
PAHL	Frank Buonomo

The May PAHL meeting was called to order by PAHL President Bryan Imler at 7:07pm. All associations absent from the meeting are noted above.

### USAH

- No representative and no report provided

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from the April meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Glen Siniawski, seconded by Ryan Gidel.
- Received 16 PAHL Scholarship applications and announced the winners. Video acceptance being collected and will be posted to the PAHL website.
  - Cody Lubic – Pittsburgh Aviators
  - Ethan Koontz – North Pittsburgh Wildcats
  - Margaret ray – Arctic Foxes
  - Rose Cascio – North Pittsburgh Wildcats
  - Tyler Kiss – Pittsburgh Predators

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Budget for 2021/22 season
  - Reviewed worksheet discussing following items:
    - Carryover fees and penalty fund was listed at the bottom for reference

- Open items from current season include playoff checks, PEOC awards, ADM mentorship and Scholarship awards which will lead to around \$2,500 net income for the 2020/21 season
- Expected increase in growth in player fees while having expense changes for Director salary increase and re-ordering of Academic All-Star patches
- Motion to conduct the Ponytail Jamboree in 2021/22 filed by Tiffany Webb and seconded by Glenn Berkenfeld. Vote passed 21-0
- Motion to increase Savings Reserve balance to \$100,000 filed by Tiffany Webb and seconded by Dan Pfeilstucker. Vote passed 21-0
- Motion to formally approve the 2021/22 PAHL Budget filed by Jennifer Hewitt and seconded by Tiffany Webb. Vote passed 21-0

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Thanked everyone for their hard work to complete the season with all of the challenges that were faced

#### COMPETITION/PLACEMENT REPORT

- Darcee provided Jill's report
- Spreadsheets from last season are being sent to the Registrar listed, and if there are changes, please notify Darcee
- Conducting the same process as previous years to return the spreadsheets with recommended team levels and to list out the head coach. Validations will be confirmed with the Registrar.
  - Deadlines are as follows to stay on track:
    - If tryouts are completed by end of April, return spreadsheet by end of May
    - If tryouts are completed by end of May, return spreadsheet by end of June
    - July 15<sup>th</sup> is the ultimate cut-off, and please communicate if it will be returned after this date
- Need to replace around 2-3 committee members and currently have representation from Arctic Foxes, North Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Indiana. If there is a person interested in joining, please communicate with Jill.

#### DISCIPLINE REPORT

- Suspensions at the close of the season will carry into next season and notifications will be sent to the associations once rosters are submitted so they can be served as there is expected player movement. Reminder to associations that these could be a risk for ineligible player situations leading to forfeits

#### SAFETY REPORT

- Thanked associations for submitting COVID impacts throughout the season for tracking

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Reviewed the table at the bottom of the agenda to outline the 2021/22 season playoff schedule with a staggered ending to comply with MidAm dates. The current MidAm Tournament date of March 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> is an expected placeholder and will be confirmed within the next week
- Association Boards and contacts will be updated in the coming months and changes need to be submitted
- Topic of in-person vs video meetings was discussed and a bylaw change requires 30-day notice. Darcee will send out communication to the associations to potentially reduce the number of in-person meetings to 4 a year, or one per quarter as needed with the remainder via video. Will also review if Tuesday evenings are still a viable date or if it should be shifted. Final proposal and voting will take place at a future meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Executive Board Elections:
  - President – Glen Scholze only nomination and therefore confirmed without a vote
    - As part of Glen Scholze's appointment to President, a vacancy was created in the VP / Discipline Director position. As acting President, Glen appointed Ron Michalak into the role for the remaining year of the two-year term.
  - Competition – Jill Harmon only nomination and therefore confirmed without a vote

- Secretary – As a result of the appointment of Ron Michalak to VP / Discipline Director, there are no nominees for the position of Secretary. Nomination window was re-opened and nominees will be collected for voting at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Rules discussion and voting for the 2021/22 season occurred and details of each change, motion and voting can be found at the conclusion of this document.
- Question was raised if scheduling can be conducted virtually again and this item will be reviewed as COVID restrictions are updated and scheduling weekends approach
- Question on reviewing playoff fees was raised and decided that it will be discussed later in the year before associations place bids to ensure that the prices are keeping up with ice costs as well as other required expenses (EMT, referees, etc)

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Hewitt, seconded by Tiffany Webb. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

# PAHL RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

## 2021-2022 SEASON as of 5.3.21

Note: Additional changes from PAHL meeting of 5.18.21 are highlighted in yellow.

### AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT

#### 4. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION CLEARANCE:

- A. Before a player is granted permission to leave one PAHL member association to play for another, all of his or her financial obligations must have been met with the original member association. If the player in question has failed to meet those obligations he or she will be denied playing privileges in any PAHL games until the debt is satisfied.
- B. Associations should provide a list of "Bad Debt" players to PAHL. Each season new players may be submitted for outstanding debt going back a limit of two seasons. Players previously submitted may remain on the listing until they age out. The players will be located and notified as to requirements for playing clearance.

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Ryan Gidel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Jeff Fleck – Vote 21-0, rule passes**

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### TEAMS

#### 1. AGE CLASSIFICATION:

- A. The following age classifications are in effect for teams playing in the PAHL.

YOUTH TEAMS	GIRLS TEAMS
18U	19U – ages 19 to 14
16U	16U – ages 16 to 13
14U	14U – ages 14 to 11
12U	12U – ages 12 to 9
10U	10U – ages 10 to 9
8U	

This is being required by Mid Am to continue to progress in tightening up our age ranges for girls teams.

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Tiffany Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Glen Siniawski – Vote 21-0, rule passes**

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### REGISTRATION

#### 5. ROSTER CHANGES:

- E. PAHL prohibits any roster changes after December 31, except when approved by the Placement Committee by a 75% positive recommendation or more, and voted on and approved by the PAHL Board of Directors at a scheduled PAHL meeting. Any player added after 12/31 must meet all PAHL Rules to be eligible for playoffs. ~~is not eligible for PAHL Playoffs unless voted on and approved by the full membership.~~
  - i. Changes denied by Placement Committee vote may be appealed. ~~Any appeals must be made~~ to the full membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
  - ii. This rule applies to teams that are registered as House/Rec only, age divisions 10U and older.
  - iii. No roster changes except emergency goalie coverage can be processed during the last four weeks of the regular season.
  - iv. ~~Exceptions can be made for special situations which may include new players moving into the area, or the replacement of injured players. In cases after 12/31, the Placement Committee must provide a 75% positive recommendation to the PAHL Executive Board who will approve or deny the addition.~~

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by John Gable, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Jennifer Hewitt – Vote 21-0, rule passes**

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## SCHEDULING

### 1. SCHEDULING:

- G. All regular season PAHL games must be played on the weekends, ~~except for makeup games. Makeup games scheduled on weeknights will need the approval of both association presidents and clearance from the PAHL.~~ PAHL may consider approving weeknights as an option for games that need rescheduled at season's end, provided there are no outside league conflicts, and both associations are in agreement.

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Dan Pfeilstucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Todd Chamberlain – Vote 21-0, rule passes**

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## SCHEDULING

### 1. SCHEDULING:

Move this clause to the TEAM PLACEMENT section.

- J. 10U teams will be grouped by the PAHL Placement Committee for a 6 game preseason. Following the completion of the preseason games the 10U teams will then be regrouped and scheduled for a 14 game regular season for standings and qualification for ODSET playoff tournaments.

**No Vote needed as it is just moving the clause within the rules document**

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## SCHEDULING

### 3. NUMBERS, LENGTH, AND TIME OF GAMES:

- H. Youth team 18U, 16U and girls 19U division players must play a minimum of 10 of the 20 total (or 50% if the total game schedule is less than 20) PAHL regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs. Exceptions **for injury situations only** must be approved by the PAHL Executive Board.

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Todd Chamberlain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Tiffany Webb – Vote 21-0, rule passes**

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## GAMES

### 3. REFEREES:

- D. A referee or linesman for a PAHL regular season game or a PAHL playoff game must satisfy the following requirements.
- CANNOT be a parent, step parent, brother, sister, or live in the same household of a player, **or of any team** in the same skill level of an age division.
  - CANNOT be a coach of either team.
  - CANNOT be a player in the same age division.
  - CANNOT be a coach in the same skill level of an age division
    - These rules may be waived by the mutual agreement of the coaches prior to the start of the game and must be written and signed by both coaches on the score sheet.
    - ~~Failure to sign the agreement will result in a forfeiture of the game by the offending team.~~
  - Violation of the above rules must be reported to the PAHL Discipline Committee for consideration. **Possible consequences include fine of \$100 to the offending **home** association, and/or game forfeit.**

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Glen Siniawski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Jennifer Hewitt – Vote 21-0, rule passes**

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## PLAYOFFS

### 1. SEASON CHAMPS:

- C. The presentation of the season championship ~~awards~~ **banners only**, either immediately prior to the first playoff game/open division game, off the ice prior to the first playoff game or after the playoff game, will be determined by the head coach. The head coach may also choose to waive a presentation ~~and instead hand out the awards at another time.~~ **Medals to be provided to the team to hand out to the players after the game.**

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Glen Siniawski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Dan Pfeilstucker – Vote 21-0, rule passes**

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## PLAYOFFS

### 6. GAME RULES:

C. Single elimination format qualifying playoff games tied at the end of regulation time will be decided as follows. **Teams must change ends before the 1st overtime session begins and remain in the same net throughout all overtime sessions.**

- vi. Five minute sudden death 5 on 5 overtime.
- vii. Five minute sudden death 4 on 4 overtime.
- viii. Five player shootout (home team choice to go first).
- ix. Sudden death shootout. First unanswered goal wins. The entire player roster (except goalies) must be used, to the number of players on the smaller roster of the two teams playing, before repeating any shooters. The five players participating in the first shootout may not shoot until that point.
- x. There will be a one (1) minute time out between each overtime period.
- xi. Any player with unserved penalty time at the end of the overtime periods will not be permitted to participate in either the five player shootout or the sudden death shootout.

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Jennifer Hewitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Tiffany Webb – Vote 21-0, rule passes**

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## DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

### 3. INELIGIBLE PLAYER/COACH:

B. A player who is not rostered with USAH will result in:

- i. The immediate suspension of that player until the proper PAHL and USAH roster processes are completed.
- ii. The immediate suspension of the head coach for each game that the player participated in up to a maximum of three (3) games, **to be served as defined in section IX.4.E.**
- iii. Forfeiture of all games said player participated in.
- iv. If documentation is provided by the association evidencing administrative error in the rostering process, game forfeits and/or coach suspensions may be waived by the PAHL Executive Board. **Fines of \$100 per player, per game, will be assessed if forfeits are waived.**

E. A player/coach who has outstanding unserved game misconducts will result in:

- i. The immediate suspension of the player/coach until all outstanding game misconducts have been served. The player/coach will have to serve the outstanding suspensions in the next game played, and will also be required to serve an additional one game suspension for each one, **to be served as defined in section IX.4.E.**
- ii. In the case of a player, the immediate suspension of the head coach for each game that the player participated in up to a maximum of three (3) games.
- iii. In the case of a player, forfeiture of all PAHL games said player participated in, **up to a maximum of three (3) games.**
- iv. The serving of suspensions must be recorded on the original game score sheet to count as served.

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Tiffany Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Ryan Gidel – Vote 18-2-1, rule passes**

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## DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

### 4. SUSPENSIONS:

F. A player or coach will receive additional penalties under the following game misconduct situations.

- i. If a player/coach receives a game misconduct following the conclusion of play, they will receive an automatic additional one game suspension.
- ii. If a game is concluded prematurely because of multiple altercations on the ice or a bench clearing brawl incident, or if these incidents occur at the natural end of the game, the following penalties will apply in addition to any assessed to the players by the referees.
  1. Both head coaches will receive a one game suspension.
  2. Players may be assessed additional penalties under USAH supplementary discipline rule provisions if deemed necessary by the PAHL Discipline Committee.
  3. The second occurrence for a team will result in a three game suspension for the head coach and a discipline hearing by the PAHL Discipline Committee for the entire team with additional penalties to be determined. (Hearing to be scheduled within fourteen (14) days of the infraction).
- v. **Additional suspensions rendered by PAHL Rules must be served in PAHL games; preseason, regular season, or playoffs.**

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Todd Chamberlain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Glenn Berkenfeld – Vote 21-0, rule passes**

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# COVID-19 RULE CHANGES

All rule changes approved due to Covid-19 expire at the end of the 2020-21 season, except for the following which are listed here for possible adoption going forward.

## GAMES

### 10. HANDSHAKE AND EXITING THE ICE:

COVID-19 RULE ADJUSTMENT FOR 2021 SEASON - The Handshake is waived for this season. In it's place both teams will line up on their respective blue lines for a celebratory stick tap.

- A. The handshake will take place after the game.
- B. If an incident occurs during the handshake, both players and coaches may be issued a game misconduct by the referee. If a player is involved in a second incident during the PAHL season, the player(s) and involved coach(s) will receive a 3 game suspension.
- C. The referees are the only parties permitted to waive the handshake and send teams directly to the locker rooms. Refusal by the coaching staff to shake hands will result in a one (next) game suspension to the head coach

**Should the stick tap replace the handshake permanently ?**

**\* No motion or vote, reverts back to the original handshake rule**

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## PLAYOFFS

### 2. PLAYOFFS – QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS:

- B. The number of teams eligible to participate from each division will be as follows and will include approximately 40% of each division, with a minimum of 4 teams.

### OPTION 1 – PREVIOUS RULE

10 teams or less	Top 4 make playoffs
11 to 14 teams	Top 6 make playoffs
15 or more teams	Top 8 make playoffs

COVID-19 RULE ADJUSTMENT FOR 2021 SEASON – The number of teams that qualify for playoffs will be increased as noted below for the Qualifying divisions. If at season's end a qualifying team is unable to send the required minimum of players to play due to Covid, the next team in the division ranking will move up to play.

### OPTION 2 – COVID RULE

8 teams or less	Top 4 make playoffs
9 to 12 teams	Top 6 make playoffs
13 or more teams	Top 8 make playoffs

### OPTION 3 – NEW OPTION

9 teams or less	Top 4 make playoffs
10 to 13 teams	Top 6 make playoffs
14 or more teams	Top 8 make playoffs

## SUPPORTING STATS:

### 19-20 SEASON:

There were 7 qualifying divisions with a 6 team format. None of those divisions experienced the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> place team making the final game.

There were no 8 team divisions.

### 20-21 SEASON:

There were 13 qualifying divisions with a 6 team format. Two of those divisions experienced a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> place team making the final game.

There were 2 qualifying divisions with an 8 team format. Both of those divisions experienced a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> place team making the final game

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**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Glen Berkenfeld, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Jon Langer – Vote 21-0, Option 3 rule passes**