



Call to Order on 17 November 2025 at 5:00 PM

Confirm Quorum of Voting Members

Kent Valley Youth Hockey - Harry Smith
Puget Sound IceSports - Donna Kaufman
Seattle Jr. Hockey Association - Marty Rubin
Seattle Kraken Youth Hockey - Martin Hlinka
Sno-King Amateur Hockey Association - Jarret Goodkin
Spokane American Youth Hockey Association - Mo Morrison
Tri City Amateur Hockey Association - Garrett Stephenson
Vancouver Youth Hockey Association - Bob Knoerl
Wenatchee Amateur Hockey Association - Bryon McDougall (absent)
Jody Carpenter, President
Tom Ogee, 1st Vice President
Nicole Adams, Competition Committee Chair
Kaitlen Williams, PNAHA League Commissioner
Carrie Barradale, PNAHA Scheduler (absent)
Gord Hancock, PNAHA League Stats Coordinator
Greg Wertz, PNAHA 10U Coordinator

Certification of National Bound Teams

A motion to certify all PNAHA National Bound Tier II teams was made by Jarrett Goodkin and seconded by Donna Kaufman. During discussion, it was noted that one 14U team had not met the requirement of completing 50% of its games by November 15, 2025. The program was asked to provide a statement outlining the circumstances, which it did. Following discussion, the motion passed.

League Operations Update - League Commissioner

Kaitlen Williams provided an update on recent meetings between the Competition Committee Chair, the League Commissioner, League Scheduler, the PNAHA Stats Coordinator, and the electronic scorekeeping vendor, TeamLinkt. TeamLinkt has assured PNAHA that it is actively addressing the identified concerns. Gord Hancock noted that, while there are structural issues within the platform, many problems also stem from scorekeeper errors that require additional program-level education. The Competition Committee Chair reported that RFPs have been issued to multiple electronic scorekeeping vendors, with responses due by December 15, 2025. Committee members were encouraged to reach out with any additional vendors that should be considered in the RFP process, with the vendor for 2026-27 being selected at the PNAHA Winter Meeting.

10U League Overview - Guest: Greg Wertz, PNAHA 10U Coordinator

Greg Wertz provided the committee with an overview of his preliminary work on the potential reinstatement of a 10U league for the 2026-27 season. The Committee discussed a proposal that would allow declared 10U Gold and 10U Silver teams to participate in the PNAHA league in a full-ice format, which would substantively change PNAHA Rule 24. Committee members expressed differing viewpoints, and several noted that the proposal should be reviewed by the PNAHA Player Development Committee before the Competition Committee advances it for consideration at the Winter Meeting. The Player Development Committee has agreed to place this matter on its agenda and will report back with recommendations following its review. It is anticipated that an additional Competition Committee meeting will be needed to continue this discussion and finalize any proposal before the December 10, 2025 rules submission deadline to the Governance Committee.

A committee member also raised concerns about Rule 24, which requires 10U tournaments in PNAHA to be played half-ice unless a non-PNAHA team registers, and then it can become full-ice. Questions were raised about situations in which an association plans and markets a full-ice tournament, secures ice, and prepares staffing, only for the non-PNAHA team to withdraw. Members noted that the current rule creates operational and logistical vulnerabilities and contains several potential pitfalls that need to be addressed.

Rule and Policy Review

The Committee reviewed several PNAHA and League Rules and agreed to advance the following proposed rule changes to the Governance Committee for further consideration:

- Rule 14 – Administrative Update: Incorporates Affiliate Registrar review for compliance.
- Final League Declaration Timeline: Moves declarations to the Spring/Summer PNAHA Meeting.
- League Play Timelines: Provides greater flexibility to align with current practice and USA Hockey allowances.
- Failure to Play a Scheduled Game: Shifts from a flat fine to reimbursement of actual costs and clarifies timelines and administrative requirements.
- Discipline in League Rules: Removes duplicative language and defers to USA Hockey disciplinary standards.
- Electronic Scorekeeping: Aligns league language with existing Guidebook provisions; adds definitions and processes for system failures.
- Minimum Age for Off-Ice Officials: Establishes a new requirement that scorekeepers, timekeepers, and penalty box personnel be at least sixteen (16) years of age.

The Committee further determined that the following items do not warrant consideration for rule changes and/or will remain as currently written:

- League Banner Language: Maintained for 14U, 16U, and 18U divisions only.
- League Authorization and Sanctioning Policy: Does not warrant consideration at this time.
- Coaching Education Program Requirements: Identified as a formatting issue rather than a league rule matter.

Next Steps and Key Dates

- The Competition Committee Chair will provide the Governance Committee with the proposed rules changes listed above.
- The Player Development Committee will convene to review and provide guidance on the developmental appropriateness of 10U full-ice versus half-ice play as outlined in PNAHA Rule 24. Once that guidance is received, the Competition Committee will reconvene—prior to December 10, 2025—to evaluate whether amendments to Rule 24 are warranted and to consider any corresponding changes to league rules for the 2026–27 season. This process will ensure that any proposed adjustments reflect developmentally sound principles and address the statewide competitive and operational considerations identified by Competition Committee members at this meeting.
- Next Competition Committee Meeting: Scheduled prior to December 10, 2025
- December 10, 2025 - Rule Change Proposals Due to Governance Committee
- January 24, 2026 - PNAHA Meeting (Ellensburg, WA) - Declarations due for 10U Festival and State B Tournaments
- January 29-February 1, 2026 - PNAHA Tier I (Wenatchee)
- February 20-22, 2026 - PNAHA HS Tournament (Tacoma)
- February 27-March 1, 2026 - PNAHA Tier II Tournament (SnoKing) and PNAHA 18U State B Tournament (Spokane)
- March 6-8, 2026 - PNAHA 10U State Festival (Tri Cities)
- March 20-22, 2026 - PNAHA 14U State B Tournament (Spokane) and PNAHA 12U Festival (Kraken)
- Next Competition Committee Meeting/s: 24 hours after conclusion of league play (to certify final standings)

Adjournment on 17 November 2025 at 6:58 PM