

BAA Boys and Girls Hockey Playing Regulations

Updated as of September 2006

Eligibility

- a) Eligibility as to age will conform to that of Senior as per the B.A.A. constitution and By-Laws.
 - b) All players must meet O.F.S.A.A. eligibility rules.
 - c) All male students are eligible to play high school hockey as long as they do not play any junior, intermediate or senior O.H.A hockey from the date of the first league game. All female students are eligible to play high school hockey as long as they do not play NWHL hockey (*or other specific associations* stated in OFSAA rules).
- Any team who, knowingly or unknowingly, has played with an ineligible player on the game sheet shall forfeit that game.

Scheduling:

If the number of entries warrant, North and South Divisions will be used. A home and home schedule within each division will be used.

Officials:

- a) The home team shall provide the minor officials (timekeepers, and scorekeepers)
- b) The home team must provide one accredited referee and two accredited linesmen or two accredited referees for each game. These accredited officials should have at least level 2 O.M.H.A. certification and should be at least two years older than the oldest players.
- c) Referees should not high school students or current staff whenever possible.

Playing Rules:

- a) All games will be conducted according to the C.A.H.A. rule book
- b) The game sheet must be completed by the coaches prior to the start of the game. Only players on the game sheet are eligible to play, provided that the player is not under league suspension. Any player who comes late must be listed on the game sheet in order to be eligible to play in that game.
- c) Length of the game:
 - i) All games shall consist of three periods of fifteen minutes in duration (15-15-15) stop time. Where time permits there should be a short break between the second and third period so that the ice might be resurfaced. This arrangement should be stated between coaches at the outset.
 - ii) Straight time should come into effect if a team possesses a 5+ goal lead. Should the lead diminish to 4 or less, stop time should resume.
 - iii) When time is restricted, it is very important that both teams be notified in advance of any curfew or change in set up, Should a game be stopped by arena staff, because of time elapsed, the results at that time shall be deemed as the score; regardless of the amount of time remaining.

d) Equipment

All players must wear CSA approved equipment (including neck guards and mouth guards) as set out by the O.M.H.A. rules. Coaches please note: under recent changes

to regulation, it is a 2 minute penalty for not wearing a mouth guard or neck guard; it is a 10 minute penalty for wearing either one inappropriately.

Penalties

- a) Any form of suspension requires the completion of a suspension report (Appendix 4, BAA constitution) and follow-up per the BAA constitution. The player must meet with the coach, athletic director and principal before the player is eligible to play again.
- b) All games will be conducted according to the CAHA rule book. Variations and notes of consideration include:
 - i) Hockey Canada now assesses the following penalties for Checking From Behind:
A two minute minor plus a game misconduct.
A five minute major plus a game misconduct.
A match penalty (including a five minute penalty)
 - ii) Hockey Canada now assesses the following penalties for Checking to the Head:
A two minute minor plus a 10 minute misconduct.
A five minute major plus a game misconduct.
A match penalty.
- c) **For girls hockey only:** All involved need to be aware that *body contact* is a natural and *permissible* element in close checking hockey; only intentional *body checking* will be penalized.

d) Major Penalties:

- i) A major penalty is considered a grave infraction and, as a result, it will be accompanied by a game misconduct. The major will be served by a team mate.
- ii) If any major penalty occurs during the course of the game, the game misconduct will carry over into the next game and the player will be ineligible for at least that game. A suspension report must be filled out as per BAA constitution Appendix 4.
- iii) Should any player get a second major penalty during the season, the convenor will send a letter of concern to the coach and player explaining the consequences of a third penalty.
- iv) Should a player receive three major penalties during the season, including the playoffs, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the season (including CWOSSA and OFSAA)

e) Fighting Majors:

Fighting will not be tolerated. Any player that receives a fighting major will be suspended from further play for the remainder of the season. Should a player receive a fighting major near the end of the season, the suspension will be carried over into the next season. The minimum suspension will be five games. Suspended players are ineligible for any play-off games. (example: If a fighting major is assessed in the

second to last game in a season, then the player will be suspended for the one game plus four games of the next season.)

If a referee feels that the involvement of one or both players does not warrant season suspension then he may issue one of the following penalties;

- i) three consecutive minor penalties for roughing which means ejection from that game with no carry over to further games.
- ii) A major penalty for roughing which will include a game misconduct.

f) Unsportsmanlike Conduct Penalty

In an attempt to curb inappropriate behaviour, the referee will assess a minor penalty (or a misconduct) to any player who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct (physical or verbal) towards players, officials, and others. A second unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will result in a game misconduct; the original minor penalty will be served by a teammate.

g) Misconduct

Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated; therefore, any misconduct assessed by the referee will result in automatic ejection from the game.

g) Match penalty

- i) A match penalty may be assessed by the referee for infractions that endanger the health of the opponent such as: a) intent to injure b) dangerous play. The player will be ejected for the remainder of the game.
- ii) A match penalty will carry at least a three games suspension, so the player will miss at least the next 3 games of the season. Further, BAA may impose further penalties after reviewing the circumstances with the two coaches, convenor and the referee. The coaches of the penalized player must call the convenor after the game to begin the process. No player will be allowed to play any league game until after the BAA has assessed the situation.

Tournament / Championship structure:

The BAA play –offs will have a maximum of 3 rounds. The playoffs will be single elimination.

Scoring

- a) In regular league play, the winner of each scheduled game will receive 2 points, a tie game will give 1 point to each team. Goals for /against will be recorded as a maximum of +5/-5 goals. In games of forfeit, the non-forfeiting team shall receive 2 points, and the score 1–0 shall be entered for the sake of point standings and plus/minus. In regular season games ending in a tie, each team will receive a single point.

b) **Tie breaking procedure to determine standing after league play:**

Note: a maximum of a five (5) goal point spread, regardless of the score, will be used to determine goal differential.

- i) If two teams are tied for a playoff position:
- The team which won the game between the two tied teams during pool play shall receive the position.
 - If their league game was a tie, then the team with the greater goal differential (“goals for” minus “goals against”) shall receive the position.
 - If still tied, the following equation shall come into effect:
“goals for” minus “goals against” divided by “goals against”
The team with the higher number shall advance.
- ii) If three teams are tied for one playoff position:
- If one team defeated the other two teams during league play that team shall receive the playoff position.
 - The team with the greater goal differential (“goals for” minus “goals against”) among the three tied teams in league play, **in games involving the tied teams only** shall receive the position.
 - If still tied then the team with the greatest goal differential in all league games shall receive the position.
 - If still tied, the following equation shall come into effect:
“goals for” minus “goals against” divided by “goals against”
- iii) IF three teams are tied for more than one playoff position
- If one team defeated the other two teams during league play, it shall receive the higher position.
 - If this is not the case, or to determine the remaining positions follow the last three steps as outlined in (ii) above.
- iv) If more than three teams are tied for a playoff position
- The team(s) with the greater goal differential (“goals for” minus “goals against”) among the tied teams in league play **involving those tied teams** shall receive the position(s).
 - If ties still remain the team(s) with the greater goal differential **in all league games** shall receive the positions(s)
 - If ties still remain the following equation shall come into effect:
“goals for” minus “goals against” divided by “goals against”
- v) **In the event that any of the above do not break the tie for playoff placement, the positions will be determined by the number of penalty minutes by the teams throughout the league play and the teams with the least number of penalty minutes shall receive the position(s).**

- c) **In the event of a tie game at the end of regulation time in playoffs, the following will apply:**
- i) one ten-minute sudden victory overtime period using a three on three system shall be played until a winner is declared.
 - ii) in the event that one team is serving a penalty at the end of regulation time, it shall be four-on-three until the first whistle after the penalty has expired. At the expiration of the penalty the penalized player shall return to the ice and the teams shall play four-on-four until the first whistle at which time the teams shall revert to three-on-three.
 - iii) If the game is still tied, a three (3) player simultaneous shootout will take place. Shooters and one alternate must be declared on the game sheet **prior to the start of the game**. Substitution for an injured or penalized player is allowed. Penalized players may not participate in a shootout.
 - iv) if the game is still tied, a one player simultaneous sudden victory shootout shall take place using the same players in the same order as above.

Awards:

The BAA championship team will receive BAA medallions and the BAA plaque.

Advancement to Further competition:

The BAA champion will advance to CWOSSA competition. The two schools that advance the furthest in playoffs from A/AA will represent Bluewater at CWOSSA. If both are knocked out at the same time, then a CWOSSA qualifying game will be played.

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Clarifications - October 2008 Girls Hockey

As per OFSAA rule, mouthguards are strongly recommended but not required.

As per OFSAA rule, any player receiving four minor penalties or three stick penalties in a game, shall be removed from that game. Another player on the ice must serve her penalty time.

As per OFSAA rule, there shall be no timeouts in regular season play.