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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and answers

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Questions as of 12/30/2021

How can I get ahold of the league's commissioner?

You can reach out to the League Commissioner via e-mail at NACHL.Commish@gmail.com

Is there a phone number for the league?

At this time, there is not a phone number set-up for the league all communications should be routed through e-mail to the commissioner or through the website.

If this changes, the website and this document will be updated.

Beer and other substance that can impair your play

Can we drink beer in this league?

If you are over the age of 21, yes.

The ice rink does sell buckets of beer at the concession counter. Therefore, you do not need to and should not carry in beverages.

What about drinking before and during a game?

The goal of the league is for you to learn how to play hockey, not to drink beer. Yes, the goal is to graduate you to go play in a "beer league". However, drinking before and during a game decreases your ability to act and therefore can pose a risk of injury to you and your peers.

Therefore, we ask that you think about being safe when you play. If a referee thinks you are too impaired to play, you will be ejected from that game. If you are ejected from two games in one session, you will be removed for the remainder of the session.

Also, if a league or rink official or referee sees alcohol on the bench, the beverages will be confiscated and the coordinator and captains will be notified and instructed to inform the team that this is not permitted.

Can you define your terms?

- *League officials* – Anyone who is helps to run and organize the league.

- *League Commissioner/ Commissioner/ Commish* – The person in charge of coordinating the league and making final decisions regarding team rosters and disciplinary actions.

- *Coordinator/ Team coordinator* – Each team will have one player who is more skilled player. This player will act as a liaison between the players on the team and commissioner. They will also act as a resource for players about playing the game, the rules and hockey culture. Think of them as your older sibling who wants to help you learn how to play the game.

- *Goaltender/ Tendency/ Tender/ Goalie* – The player who wears the big pads and defends the goal.

- *Skater* – A player who is not a goaltender.

- *Skate/ skating out* – Not playing in goal.

What happens if I am rated at a 2.5 or higher?

There are a few scenarios that can occur:

Scenario A: There are 60 skaters who are ranked below 2.5. You would not be able to register for the season.

Scenario B: There are less than 60 skaters who are ranked below 2.5. You may be asked to play if there are enough players at the 2.5 level to be spread evenly across all teams.

*** The goal of the league is to give novice players the opportunity to learn how to play and develop the skills to be competent players.

What happens when I graduate?

If there are enough players graduating at the same time, we will try to create a team to be entered into a recreational league.

Why do the teams change each session?

The idea is to create opportunities for players to learn how to play not to create teams. Also, by playing with other players you get to make more friends in the hockey community.

Can I register to play with my friend?

At this point this will not be allowed. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact the league's commissioner. Wouldn't it be more fun to play against your friends?

Why do I have to buy league jersey?

The jerseys will be reversible and you will have a number assigned to you for your time in the league. By having a reversible jersey, you will always have a light and a dark jersey. By having a number dedicated to you, we will be able to track your stats and skills. Also, with each person having a unique number, when teams are changed, then rosters will be easier to manage.

When I graduate, what do I do with my jersey?

Wear it with pride in pick-up games – because you've GRADUATED!! If it is in good condition and someone wants to buy it, you can sell it to an in-coming player.

Can I appeal my rating?

Typically, no. You will be rated by at least two raters to prevent a bias. If you are at the camp and notice that you are better than the other skaters, understand that you will be ranked higher than the other players.

Can I register for the league without registering for the camps?

Typically, no. As you will not be evaluated and therefore it will be difficult to be put on a team. If there are extenuating circumstances, please reach out to the league administrator.

Do I need a full-face shield or cage?

No, you do not need one but given the fact that players are learning how to skate, how to control their sticks, and pucks may be flying errantly a full cage shield is highly recommended.

What position will I play?

The idea is to learn how to play the game. So, try every position!! One of the reasons that you are having a higher skilled player on your team is to assist with creating the lines. Given the number of players who come to a game, you may not be playing in your first-choice position. If this happens repeatedly, talk with whomever is creating the lines.

What if I want to play in the goal and skate out as well?

We will ask you to select what position you want to play at the start of each season. Playing goalie requires some specific equipment that not everyone is able to or wants to purchase, so it is not expected that players will skate out after making this investment. If you are interested in 'tending and skating out, please reach out to the commissioner.

I signed up for one time slot for the camp. Can I come to the other session?

Typically, no. If the camp sessions are full, then that is 36 skaters on the ice at the same time. This is already a high number, so adding more skaters would "shrink" the ice and make drills harder to execute. If you sign-up and then find that your session time will not work, reach out to the commissioner.

Some of my teammates are making comments that make me or a teammate uncomfortable. What can I do?

This is against the spirit of the league and should be addressed. If you are comfortable saying something to them, do so and then let the commissioner know. If you do not feel comfortable talking to the player, reach out to the commissioner. When you contact the commissioner, please provide details about when and where the incident(s) occurred and who was involved and present during the situation.

I played my game and then someone from one of the teams for the next game asked me to play. Can I play in that game too?

If teams have a light roster (less than 8 players), the captain or another official can ask other players to play for them. Rosters are set at 15 skaters so that each team will have enough skaters each week. If a team has a light roster, then they should limit their bench for a game to 13 skaters, so as to not take ice time away from the players who are rostered on that team.

How many seasons can I play?

You can play until you are told that you have graduated. Players may sense that they are getting to be much better than their peers. Your coordinator and the commissioner will be in communication with you towards the end of the season.

Can I graduate myself?

Yes, if after playing a session you think that you are ready to go and play in a competitive league. If you do not intend on playing in the next session, please let your coordinator and the commissioner know.

So I graduated myself but I realized that I am not ready?

If you have not been graduated by the league, you can register for another session if there is space.

Can I register for the camp after I graduate?

The space in the camps is reserved for players who will be playing in the league. Therefore, it is not expected that there will be space. However, you can always reach out to the commissioner to ask.

I graduated as a skater/ goaltender and now want to play as a goaltender/ skater. Can I register and play in the season?

Yes. If you skated out and now would be classified as a novice goalie (or vice versa), then this is the league for you!! The only condition would be that you are asked not to play the position from which you graduated.

*** Also, you will probably need to buy another jersey if you are moving from skater to goaltender. You can wear the same number as your other/ original jersey.

Can I register to play as a goaltender and a skater?

No, you need to pick one position per session.

I have an issue that I want to discuss with the commissioner, can I reach out the commissioner directly or do I have to go through the team coordinator?

You can always reach out to the commissioner directly. If the commissioner may reach out to your team coordinator and others if it is determined that others need to know.

I have been skating out as a B level player and want to try goaltending. What can I do?

You should register for the league and attend the camps so you can be ranked. Then it depends on the level of the other goaltenders. If we have 4 goaltenders who are less experienced than you, you might not "make the cut". However, if you are not selected for a team and are interested in being a back-up/ substitute tendy, let the commissioner know.

I got fouled during a game. Why didn't the referee call it?

There a number of reasons why a referee did not call a penalty. They may not have seen it. They might have seen that both of you were engaged in bordering activity that could have been called.

We are asking the referees to call the fouls that they see as fouls. However, as this is a league for new players who may not be able to control the actions of their body and their stick while on skates. Therefore, some incidental contact WILL happen. If you have a question about why something was not a foul, ask your coordinator. You can also ask your C or A to ask the referee. The referee may talk to you about why a certain incident was or was not a foul. They know that you are learning and that you need to understand why things are called the way they are. But understand that DURING a game is not the time to engage in a discussion or debate.