

Interlocking House League Rules and Guidelines **2007-2008 Season**

1. The principle of equal ice time for all players is endorsed by all associations participating in the IHL. This will involve each association making every attempt to balance their teams. In the case of late registration, each association will handle the disbursement of players internally.
2. Home teams will supply and pay for ice time, referees and game sheets. The visiting coach will be supplied with a game sheet upon arrival.
3. Each team will name their roster not later than two weeks after game one of their schedule.
4. Goalies may be called up to a higher division only IF they do not play Tri-Com. If there is a surplus of goalies in a higher division, one may opt to play for the next lower division provided they do not play Tri-Com. Where there is an excess of goalies, teams may dress more than 2 goalies.
5. Games are 3 X 10 minute stop periods for Atom, Peewee and Bantam. Midget games are 3 X 15 minute periods with a 1.5 hour provision of ice time. The referees will run the clock if the game is running behind. Scheduled games following cannot be affected by previous games running over their allotted time.
6. Players receiving (3) penalties in an IHL game will be suspended for the remainder of the game.
 - A. Disciplinary action per current HNL rules.
 - B. Disciplinary matters are to be reported immediately to associations IHL representatives by the game referee and/ or coach. The IHL representative will then report to the Committee for action. The IHL chairman will contact the President of the penalized players association with their decision.

7. Any penalty received in the IHL must be served in accordance with HNL rules and guidelines. The IHL Committee reserves the right to suspend a coach who knowingly uses a suspended player. The onus is on coaches to understand the HNL rules and guidelines.
8. Home teams are to change jersey colors when a conflict occurs. Team jerseys colors are to be provided with final roster.
9. No IHL team is permitted to use "A" or "B" players. Any team that uses an "A" or "B" player will forfeit all points to date and will be suspended from IHL play for the remainder of the season. No exceptions.
10. Call ups will be permitted from Novice to Atom, Peewee to Bantam, and Bantam to Midget. Atom players may **not** be called up to Peewee. All teams may use players from other house league teams when in danger of forfeiting a game provided they are of EQUAL SKILL LEVEL.
11. Home teams are responsible for reporting game results to their IHL representative no later than **Monday** following game week. Coaches will keep a copy of game sheet for internal stats.
12. The home association will ensure that game officials and timekeepers are qualified as to credentials, age, size and relationship to players in the game being officiated.
13. The IHL schedule will begin October 15th and end when all games are played. All re-scheduled games must be played prior to year-end Tournaments.
14. The IHL year-end Tournaments are to commence no later than one week after the last scheduled game. Each association will host a division and it will be user pay based on each association's expense. Any excess funds remaining with the IHL Committee will be disbursed evenly to defray costs to hosts.

15. Any team that defaults 3 games will be subject to committee review.
16. In the event that a team has to cancel a game, 72 hours notice is required to be given to the home team. In the event that this is not possible, it is the decision of the home team whether this game can be rescheduled.
17. The host team will offer the visiting team up to 3 reasonable times to play a rescheduled game. If the visiting team declines all 3 times offered by the home team, the visiting team will forfeit the game and points will be awarded to the home team.
18. Each division will play a 20 game schedule.
19. No player will be permitted to register and play with more than one association.
20. Each association will host one-year end tournament. All IHL teams **must** be invited.
21. If after several games played a team appears unbalanced compared to other IHL teams in that division, the IHL committee will review to determine if changes should be made to better balance teams.
22. Requests to attend tournaments outside IHL will be considered if at least 2 weeks notice is given to Scheduler. In the event 2 weeks are not given, the traveling team will forfeit the scheduled game and points will be awarded to the other team.
23. Each association *must* supply a team roster; coaches contact info to other associations no later than October 31st.
24. Each association is to ensure coaches are provided with game sheets.
25. If a game is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, it is the responsibility of the home team to make up the game as early as possible.

26. If a team does not show up for a scheduled game and has not informed the IHL committee in advance, the team will default the game and the points will be awarded to the other team. The game will NOT be rescheduled.
27. All associations with teams playing in the IHL who do not have a team in Tri-Com are under review by the committee. If after a reasonable amount of games have been played and the committee feels they are too strong for the division they WILL BE REMOVED.
28. All IHL suspensions must be served at regular scheduled IHL games. Exhibition games will not count.
29. Prior to year-end tournaments, complete rosters must be submitted to the tournament coordinator. Call-ups are permitted up to a maximum of 10 players, only if the player is of equal caliber. Coaches are expected to enforce this rule.
30. Each team must have a minimum of 8 skaters and 1 goalie or they will lose by default.
31. At any time during an IHL game that the goal differential is 6 or more, no further score will be added to the board and **the clock will run**. If the goal differential should change then regular play will resume. (For example: if the score is 7-1, the clock will run. If the score should change to 7-2, the game will be played with stopped time until there is another 6 goal differential. At that time the clock will run again.)
32. Any complaints or issues regarding the IHL have to be submitted IN WRITING and will be reviewed and decided on by the IHL Committee.