



## Eclectic Hockey League Bylaws [www.Gears.beer/ehl](http://www.Gears.beer/ehl)

The EHL was formed for men and women who wish to play organized ice hockey. While games are competitive, the purpose of the EHL is for recreation purposes.

### Organization and Decision Making

The EHL Board and Commissioner, Dave Crabill, are the final authority on any rules, suspensions or disagreements. The EHL board consists of captains from each team in the league. The board will meet a minimum of three times over the season. Suggested times are November to review the play and balance of the league; January for the final roster cut off; March to discuss playoffs.

### Players Eligible To Play

All players in the EHL must submit a current USA Hockey registration. There are two Conferences. The Lager Conference is for 25 and older. The Stout Conference is for 40 and over. This is a "B" league. ***Players under 40 must not be actively playing in a higher ranked league and have any college or junior experience within the last five years.***

You can borrow **goalies** for games. They must have their USA Hockey registration but are not subject to the same scrutiny as skaters. Goalies should not have recent college, junior or pro experience. Subs can be pulled from within the league but must meet the age requirements for the conference. An occasional sub brought in from another team within the league does not need to be placed on the team roster in the HC app.

Stout teams can bring in 25+ USA Hockey players to compete in the Inter-Conference games. The Inter-Conference Games do count towards the stats.

### Rules of Play

The [USA Hockey Rulebook](#) will govern all league games.

## Team Structure

Teams may have a roster of up to 20 players. This includes substitutes. Substitutes are still required to have their USA Hockey registration. **All players must be registered through the Hockey-Community application, even subs.** Get caught with a ringer and you forfeit the game.

If a player's eligibility is in question, it should be brought to the attention of our scorekeeper. The scorekeeper has the authority to make a ruling during the game and has the power to ask an illegal player to leave the game.

## Team Fee

Team fee is \$5,000 for 23 regular season games & two guaranteed playoff games.

Games will be played on Sunday with games scheduled from Noon until 1:35 pm. First games will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Fieldhouse.

Deadline for team registrations and \$300 deposit is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Payment Plan is:

\$625.00 on Sep 15th  
\$1,250.00 on Oct 14th  
\$1,250.00 on Nov 4th  
\$1,250.00 on Nov 18th  
\$625.00 on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

Players paid in full by December 16th will be eligible for the **Hop & Barley Prize** drawing for \$50. Teams paid in full by the Dec 16<sup>th</sup> deadline receive a \$100 Skaters Bar gift card.

In the event that a team is not paid in full by the deadline, they will begin a series of increasing penalties as time goes on.

Wk 1: Start 1<sup>st</sup> period with a two-minute penalty.

Wk 2: Start 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> period with a two-minute penalty.

Wk 3: Start all three periods with two-minute penalties.

Wk 4: Start 1<sup>st</sup> period two players short for two min. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> one two min penalty start.

Wk 5: Two in the box to start 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, one in the box for a third-period start.

Wk 6: Two in the box to start all three periods.

Wk 7: Board vote on the status of the team.



## Team & Player Rules

You are here to have **fun**. The general rule, respect the rink property. Do what you can to keep it clean and safe for all players. Stay off the ice until the Zamboni is done.

**Rosters** will be frozen after January 12th. Maximum of 20 on the roster. ***Players must have skated in 8 games to skate in playoffs. Players must sign the sheet on way to the locker room and check in on Hockey Community app to be eligible for points. Managers can check in their players on the Hockey Community.***

**Penalties** consist of a 2-minute minor, 5 minutes major and 10-minute misconduct. Misconduct for players who receive 3 penalties in one game, subject to board review for additional game suspension or league ejection.

**Slapshots** are allowed, just don't try to hurt anyone.

**No checking** is allowed. A checking call is a Misconduct, out for the game and a two-minute penalty to be served by another player on that team. A second checking offense is a one-game suspension. A third offense is an expulsion from the league.

**Fighting** is not allowed. This is a recreation league. Fighting is subject to a three-game suspension with an option for expulsion from the league. A player on the team will serve a 10-minute penalty.

**Game** time is 65 minutes, with three 12 minute stop time periods and a three-player shootout to decide win or tie in the regular season. One point for each with a tie, extra point to the winner of the shootout. The first shootout goal for the winning team will be the game-winning goal in our stats. During playoffs, we will hold a five-minute sudden death 4 on 4 overtime period and then the three-player shootout if still tied. If still tied then the shootout will continue with the balance of the players until a winner is determined. No repeat shooters until the entire bench shoots.

Two **referees** will work each game. Should a referee not perform, we will prohibit them from working future games. Note: Only team captains should address problems with referees or participate in discussions in the circle by the scorekeeper.

***Red line icing rule. Must pass red line before dumping into opponent's zone.***

**Hat Trick** rule – no more than three goals per player per game will count to the scoresheet. Applies to overtime and shootouts.

**Mercy Rule**, games with a five-goal lead will go running time at 5 min left of the third period.

Must get within 3 goals to revert to stop time.

A weekly league update will be sent out. If you have someone taking pictures during a game, have them sent to [dave@gears.beer](mailto:dave@gears.beer) for inclusion in the updates. League **communication** and updates to the bylaws will be available on [www.Gears.Beer](http://www.Gears.Beer) and the Hockey Community app.

***Get the app at [www.Hockey-Community.com](http://www.Hockey-Community.com).***



# League Prize Money

(finally to the fun stuff)

Prize money will be awarded in the league as follows:

## The Hop & Barley Prize

A contest of all fully registered and fully paid players will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Team reps will provide a list of the fully paid players if the team fee isn't fully paid at that time. A deck of cards will be set up at a registration table. Eligible players will draw a card, high card wins \$50. Rank is Hearts, Spades, Diamonds then Clubs. We will draw cards if a tie.

## The St Paulie Girl Prize

\$50 Prize to the player with the lowest number of penalties. Eligible players will draw a card, high card wins \$50. Rank is Hearts, Spades, Diamonds then Clubs. We will draw cards if a tie.

## The Guzzler Prize

\$50 to a player in each conference with the most points at the end of the regular season.

## Tallboy

\$50 to the goalie in each conference with the most shutouts during the regular season.

## The Stanley Pint Prize

Custom championship beer pint glasses will be awarded to each player on the Lager & Stout Champion Teams. With a case of beer!

