



Eclectic Hockey League Bylaws **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 managers from each team in the league. The board will meet a minimum of three times over the season. Suggested times are Pre-Season, before Christmas Break, and Pre-Playoffs.

Players Eligible To Play

All players in the EHL must submit a current USA Hockey registration. The Stout Conference is for 40 and over. This is a "B" league.

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.

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 at our registration/check-in desk, 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

The team fee is \$5,450 for 23 regular season games & two guaranteed playoff games.

Games will be played on Sunday with games scheduled at 10 am, 11:15 am, and 12:30 pm. The first games will be held on September 25th at Crystal Fieldhouse.

The deadline for team registrations and a \$300 deposit is September 11th.

The payment Plan is:

\$625.00 on Sep 25th

\$1,250.00 on Oct 16th

\$1,250.00 on Nov 13th

\$1,250.00 on Nov 27th

\$625.00 on Dec 11th

Players paid in full by December 11th will be eligible for the **Hop & Barley Prize** drawing for \$50. Teams paid in full by the Dec 11th deadline receive a \$100 Skaters Bar gift card.

If 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 1st period with a two-minute penalty.

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

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

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

Wk 5: Two in the box to start 1st & 2nd, 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 8th. Maximum of 20 on the roster. ***Players must have skated in 8 games to skate in the playoffs. Players must check in at the registration desk on way to the locker room to be eligible for points. Managers can check in their players.***

Penalties consist of a 2-minute minor, a 5-minute major, and a 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 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, an 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 in 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 on 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 for inclusion in the updates. League **communication** and updates to the bylaws will be available on www.hockey.Gears.Beer.



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 16th. 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!

