



## 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 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 EHL 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.

Skater Subs can be pulled from within the league and are not added to your 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 checked in by team***

***managers with the scorekeeper prior to game start.*** 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 9:00 am, 10:15 am, and 11:30 pm. The first games will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Crystal Fieldhouse.

The deadline for team registrations and a \$450 deposit is September 10<sup>th</sup>. The payment Plan is:

\$625.00 on Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>  
\$1,250.00 on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>  
\$1,250.00 on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>  
\$1,250.00 on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>  
\$625.00 on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

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 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 is 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 5th. Maximum of 20 on the roster. ***Players must have skated in 8 games to skate in the playoffs. Managers must check in their players with the scorekeeper. A sign-in sheet will be updated with your roster, player USA Hockey registration status, and jersey number.***

**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.

***Blue line icing rule. Must pass blue line before dumping into the 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.