



**AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR
ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE
(AJIHL)
NATHAN WALKER TROPHY
REGULATIONS**

VERION 3.1

Welcome to the Australian Junior Ice Hockey League (AJIHL)

The Australian Junior Ice Hockey League, Nathan Walker Trophy (AJIHL) is a national league designed to provide the highest level of competition for junior players aged 16 – 20 years of age. The AJIHL is regulated by the AJIHL Commissioner who is appointed by the IHA Board.

These regulations are designed to assist coaches, players, managers, and State Associations on the various rules regarding the League.

IHA is the recognised governing body for ice hockey in Australia and is also affiliated with the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and is an active member of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF). As a sanctioned competition under the direct responsibility of IHA, it is imperative the AJIHL is conducted in accordance with the governing regulations of IHA and IIHF's regulations.

The AJIHL is governed by an AJIHL Board of Commissioners which includes an IHA Board appointed League Commissioner, IHA's Executive Members, the participating Team's State Association Delegates and IHA's Referee-in-Chief.

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INTRODUCTION

These regulations includes five sections:

- Section 1: Team Entry & Player/Officials Eligibility
- Section 2: Policies & Regulations
- Section 3: Playing Rules
- Section 4: Reports
- Section 5: Forms

Section 1: contains information for the Member or State / Territory AJIHL Organising Committee hosting, preparing and conducting AJIHL games. It refers to all forms and information required by IHA and the AJIHL Board of Commissioners to ensure league games operate smoothly and successfully.

Section 2: contains information specifically to ensure participants are completely informed on the policies and regulations for assurance that all aspects of the AJIHL are in compliance.

Section 3: contains information specifically to inform the local State AJIHL Commissioners and participating teams on the game rules of the AJIHL.

Section 4: contains instructions for the AJIHL game reporting procedure.

Section 5: contains copies of the forms used in regards to the staging, process and procedures for the league and games.

These regulations are to be adhered to at all times. If prior to an AJIHL game a need arises to alter any part there-of, permission must be obtained from the AJIHL Commissioner.

If during a series of AJIHL games a need arises to make changes, the AJIHL Commissioner and/or competing team's delegated representative will have the power to authorise these changes, and only if all competing teams are in agreement. No team is to be disadvantaged by these changes. All changes are to be included in the Game Referee's Report.

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SECTION 1

1.1 The Australian Junior Ice Hockey League (AJIHL)

- 1.1.1 The AJIHL is conducted for the sole purpose of providing a consistent and continuous high level of competition for players aged 16 – 20 years and to support the objectives and strategies of the National U20 and U18 Team Programs in their international endeavours.
- 1.1.2 The AJIHL is not recognised as a competition for state teams although they may, in fact, have rosters identical to that of a state team.
- 1.1.3 The AJIHL consists of teams who are under the direct sanction of their respective IHA member state associations.
- 1.1.4 The AJIHL is administered by the AJIHL Board of Commissioners in co-operation with IHA.
- 1.1.5 AJIHL game allocations shall be confirmed by the AJIHL Board of Commissioners who report directly to the IHA Board and Directors.
- 1.1.6 The host State Association / Territory will ensure all games are sanctioned (league & exhibition) and conducted in a safe playing environment.

1.2 Application to compete in the AJIHL's next season

- 1.2.1 A team's intention to compete in the AJIHL for the next season must be lodged with the AJIHL Commissioners office on Form AJIHL 01 no later than the deadline date as stated in these regulations.
- 1.2.2 Once supplied with an invoice, teams must pay to the AJIHL the annual affiliation member fee as set by the AJIHL Board of Commissioners.
- 1.2.3 Unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed, a bond may be set by the AJIHL Board of Commissioners and must be submitted with the application. All bond money remains the sole property of the AJIHL and is to be used for the sole purpose of the AJIHL as the AJIHL Board of Commissioners see fit and as approved by IHA. Bonds are payable by cash, direct deposit, or cheque.
- 1.2.4 A team which withdraws after confirmation of teams and league schedule has been published will be prevented from entering a team in the AJIHL for a period of one (1) year after withdrawal.
- 1.2.5 Failure to submit a team in compliance with the set minimum numbers, including the maximum number of team officials, by the deadline as set in these regulations will incur a penalty of \$500. If the fine is not paid, points for games won will be lost until the money has been paid to the AJIHL.
- 1.2.6 All team jersey designs and changes must be submitted with the team's application and be approved by the AJIHL Board of Commissioners.

1.3 Entry Application for a new team in the AJIHL

- 1.3.1 The process for application and admission of a new team to the AJIHL is:
 - a) The applicant may make informal contact with the AJIHL Commissioner for an initial discussion about their proposal, the process for application and request for the AJIHL's Team Entry Form (AJIHL-01);

- b) The applicant submits application using the AJIHL New Team Entry Form (AJIHL 05) to the Commissioner 7 calendar days prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the AJIHL Board of Commissioners seeking approval for admission to the League;
- c) The application will be referred to the AJIHL Board of Commissioners for discussion at the upcoming AJIHL Annual General Meeting. The applying team may be invited to present on behalf of the team at that meeting;
- d) At the AGM, the AJIHL Board of Commissioners will assess the application based on any comments or statements from the team seeking entry, together with the principles outlined below in Clause 1.3.2 Assessment of Applications;
- e) The AJIHL Board of Commissioners will then vote by simple majority to either:
 - i approve the application with or without conditions; or
 - ii reject the application; or
 - iii respond in any other manner that the AJIHL Board of Commissioners judges appropriate.
- f) The AJIHL Board of Commissioners will forward the application and their recommendations to the IHA Board for their consideration and approval.

1.3.2 Legal Personality

- a) Applying teams for admission to the AJIHL must be under the direct sanction of their respective State Association. Applications will not be accepted from a private enterprise, affiliate organisation, individuals, partnerships or an ice venue.

1.4 Assessment of Applications

1.4.1 In assessing applications for full membership to the league, the AJIHL Board of Commissioners may have regard, without limitation, to the following matters:

- a) maintenance and improvement of the standard of the competition;
- b) the maturity and stability of the entity making the application, including governance, finance, sponsorship, and personnel;
- c) the availability and standard of players proposed for the applicant team;
- d) the continuing viability and growth of existing teams;
- e) additional travel costs for member teams and individual player costs;
- f) the applicant's access to appropriate and secure ice time in a timely manner so as not to greatly increase the costs to the current teams;
- g) the views of member teams, state associations, and Ice Hockey Australia;
- h) the balance between growth of the AJIHL and appropriate limits on that growth; and
- i) any other matter that the AJIHL Commissioner or AJIHL Board of Commissioners considers relevant.

1.5 Player and Team Officials Eligibility

- 1.5.1 Players to be aged 20 to 16 born years of age as of midnight the 31st December of the current playing season. In addition to this, each team is allowed to also include a maximum of four (4) twenty (21) year old players are allowed per team roster;
- a) 2018/19 Season 1999 to 2002 with a maximum four (4) 1998 born players
 - b) 2019/20 Season 2000 to 2003 with a maximum four (4) 1999 born players
 - c) 2020/21 Season 2001 to 2004 with a maximum four (4) 2000 born players
- 1.5.2 Teams must register a roster listing a minimum of thirteen (13) skaters, and one (1) goaltender.
- a) Teams may register up to 25 players however can only travel and/ or play with a maximum roster of eighteen (18) skaters and two (2) goalkeepers.
- 1.5.3 Changes to a team's roster after submission will be permitted. However, any changes should be made in consultation with the other State AJIHL commissioners and not be detrimental to the league. If required, the AJIHL Board of Commissioners will make the final decision.
- 1.5.4 Due to IIHF qualification regulations, only males are eligible to play in AJIHL.
- 1.5.5 Only persons as nominated on the AJIHL Team Players and Officials Registration Forms as approved by IHA will be permitted on the players bench.
- a) Maximum eighteen (18) skaters, two (2) goalkeepers and 5 team officials at any time.
- 1.5.6 A player must play a minimum of six (6) league conference games, which includes the cross conference games, to be eligible to compete in the Finals Series. If any player does not meet the minimum number of games for any exceptional reason including, but not limited to, medical reasons, applications for special consideration to compete at Grand Finals must be made within twenty four (24) hours of the last regular season game. The AJIHL Board of Commissioner's decision is final.
- 1.5.7 Only those players and team officials as approved by the IHA Office, in writing, are eligible to participate in the AJIHL. Such approval will be requested by the AJIHL office from IHA within seven (7) days of receipt of the Team Roster.
- 1.5.8 All players and team officials must be a registered individual member of their state association and IHA and be in good standing (financial, suspensions, clearances, etc.). Registration includes any League games conducted after 1st March but will not extend into the following season.
- 1.5.9 In the interests of national development, all age eligible players that express interest must be selected in the first instance. Should one or more of the teams not have sufficient age eligible players express interest after their team tryouts, then interstate players may be "drafted" from other State associations. Those players who have been selected or have the potential to be selected to IHA's National Junior (NJT) or National Youth Team (NYT) programs should be given consideration. Consultation should take place with the NJT & NYT coaches to identify potential players from non-participating State Associations.
- 1.5.10 Wherever possible, to reduce costs State Associations should work towards entering a minimum of two teams and will ensure their teams are evenly skilled by use of a drafting system and wherever possible, even in numbers.

- 1.5.11 Players in a member state association that do not have teams in the AJIHL, and who want to play for an AJIHL team, must first obtain a release from their respective state association and make such application to the AJIHL Commissioner for consideration to be entered into the Draft. The player may be drafted to one of the AJIHL's member teams as the AJIHL Board of Commissioners sees fit. Should the player refuse to play for the team he has been drafted to, he will be removed from the draft and not be allowed to play for any AJIHL team for that season. The Interstate Player Draft will take place at an appropriate agreed upon time by the AJIHL State Commissioners.
- 1.5.12 With the exception of the two team draft system, a player who is a current member of and has played for an existing AJIHL team and wishes to play for a new team the next season, must obtain a release from his previous team before playing for the new AJIHL team. This includes those players who have moved interstate.
- 1.5.13 All players must hold Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency.
- 1.5.14 All team Coaches nominated to participate in the AJIHL must hold, as a minimum, a current IHA Level I Accreditation.
- 1.5.15 A team allowing ineligible players and/or officials to participate in the AJIHL shall incur a penalty of \$300.00 per game payable to the AJIHL. The team will forfeit any points accrued to that time when the breach of rules was discovered.
- 1.5.16 Any team official, executive member of a team or club, who is party to, or had knowledge of, or intentionally adds an unregistered or ineligible player's name or unregistered team official to a game sheet for the purpose of competing in a game, shall be:
- a) Suspended for a period of not less than one (1) year from playing or holding office with any AJIHL team; and
 - b) Reported to IHA, who may add additional sanctions as they see fit.
- 1.5.17 A player who falsifies a birth certificate, registration certificate or forges a signature and plays under an assumed name, or having knowledge that the same has been falsified, or playing on other than his/her own birth certificate shall be:
- a) Automatically excluded from playing in the AJIHL for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of exclusion; and
 - b) Reported to IHA, who may add additional sanctions as they see fit.
- 1.6 Responsibilities**
- 1.6.1 Responsibilities for the planning, procedures and processes of the AJIHL games are shared between the:
- a) AJIHL Commissioner
 - b) AJIHL Board of Commissioners
 - c) AJIHL Referee-in-Chief; and
 - d) The Host State Association.
- 1.6.2 League Schedule
- a) Teams must confirm the availability of ice on their designated weekends by the 31st July

- b) When teams are booking ice for their games, the first game of an interstate series must be no earlier than 3.00pm on Saturday and conclude no later than 7.00pm on Sunday so interstate flights can take place between Saturday and Sunday. The visiting team must have the option of flying out on the Sunday.
- c) Additionally, there must be a minimum of ten (4) hours between interstate games. Note that daylight savings affects some states and this must be catered for in the game schedule.
- d) The AJIHL Commissioner will submit a draft games schedule to the State association Commissioners for approval and confirm the schedule by no later than the 1st September.
- e) The AJIHL Commissioner must forward the AJIHL game schedule to the member teams immediately after it is constituted by the AJIHL Board of Commissioners.
- f) The League Schedule will also include the date for the intrastate Semi-finals and Grand Final series (regardless of location).

1.6.3 The AJIHL Referee-in-Chief will organise all on-ice officials for all games including the Finals Weekend. The fees to be paid for all games will be standardised to National Championship schedule of payments. Every effort will be made to have a game referee and two lines persons for all games. In the event insufficient on-ice officials are available, the game will be officiated under IHA's two (2) man system.

1.6.4 Game official's fees will be paid electronically to the official's bank account once the game sheet (s) have been approved by the AJIHL Referee-in-Chief and received by the IHA Office.

1.7 Application to host the Finals Series

1.7.1 The Final series will be conducted over a four (4) day period with the Thursday/ Friday dedicated to the cross conference games and Saturday/ Sunday being quarter finals, semi finals and finals.

1.7.2 The final series format must be;

- a) Two (2) Conference quarter finals
- b) Two (2) cross Conference semi finals
- c) One (1) Grand Final

1.7.3 Intention to host the Grand Final Series is to be made to the AJIHL Board of Commissioners at the AJIHL's Annual General Meeting.

1.7.4 Host bids must be made in writing to the AJIHL Board of Commissioners 7 calendar days prior to the AJIHL Annual General Meeting. Host bids must include, but are not limited to:

- a) total cost per team;
- b) ice time availability;
- c) proposed schedule;
- d) availability of referees;
- e) flight options;

- f) accommodation options; and
- g) medals and trophies.

1.7.5 Each member of the AJIHL Board of Commissioners may also vote on the bids by email. A decision must be made no later than the opening weekend of the series. Should no bid be received, or the only bid be unacceptable, the IHA Board will have the discretion to choose a location for the Finals series.

SECTION 2

2.1 Member Code of Conduct and Ethics

2.1.1 As a registered individual member of IHA, all individuals agree to abide by IHA's Member Code of Behaviour and Ethics. This Code of Behaviour and Ethics applies to all IHA members, including players, coaches, officials, administrators, managers, office holders and employees.

2.1.2 As members of IHA, the participants are to adhere to the following requirements in regard to their conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of IHA or a State or Territory Association and in any role they hold within IHA or a State or Territory Association.

- a) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others;
- b) Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others;
- c) Be professional in, and accept responsibility for their actions;
- d) Make a commitment to providing quality service;
- e) Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility, especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions serve as examples;
- f) Be aware of and maintain an uncompromising adherence to IHA standards, Constitution, By-Laws and policies;
- g) Operate within the rules of the International Ice Hockey Federation;
- h) Understand their responsibility if they breach or are aware of any breaches of this Code of Conduct & Ethics;
- i) Do not use their involvement with IHA or State / Territory Association to promote their own beliefs, behaviors or practices where these are inconsistent with those of IHA and the State / Territory Association;
- j) Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age in accordance with the IHA Member Protection Policy;
- k) Refrain from any form of abuse towards others;
- l) Refrain from any form of harassment towards or discrimination of others;
- m) Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity;
- n) Show concern and caution towards others who may be ill or injured;
- o) Be a positive role model at all times.

2.2 Playing Rules

2.2.1 All games will comply with the current International Ice Hockey Federation Official Rule Book as adopted by the IIHF Congress. These can be viewed at www.iihf.com

2.2.2 As permitted under the IIHF Rules and Regulations, IHA may determine changes to the rules or set additional rules as necessary for the proper management of ice hockey in Australia. The AJIHL Board of Commissioners will endeavor to work with IHA to determine if any stated changes are applicable to the AJIHL.

2.3 Safety Equipment

- 2.3.1 All safety equipment regulations are as per the IIHF Rules and Regulations.
- 2.3.2 Refer to the IHA Sports Regulations for additional safety rules in relation to Australian Competition.

2.4 Age Policy

- 2.4.1 As per Clause 1.5.1, the AJIHL is a junior competition with a maximum age of twenty (20) years and a minimum age of sixteen (16) years. The player's age is taken from midnight the 31st December of the current playing season.

2.5 IHA Anti-Doping Policy

- 2.5.1 As a member of the ASC, the AOC and the IIHF, IHA condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in the sport of ice hockey. The use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices is contrary to the ethics of sport and potentially harmful to the health of athletes.
- 2.5.2 IHA, through the assistance of its State and Territory Associations, aims to stop doping practices in sport by:
 - a) Imposing effective sanctions on persons who commit doping offences;
 - b) Educating and informing persons about drugs in sport issues; and
 - c) Supporting the drug testing programs and education initiatives of ASDA, WADA and other world drug testing authorities.
- 2.5.3 AJIHL fully supports the IHA Anti-Doping Policy and will conform to IHA's requirements.
- 2.5.4 Players taking prescribed medication must submit the Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) form to the IHA office with the Team's Registration Form verifying that the medication is necessary for health reasons.
- 2.5.5 The Anti-Doping Policy applies to all members of IHA, including players, officials, administrators, coaches, referees, office holders and employees.
- 2.5.6 The Australian Sports Anti Drug Agency (ASADA) is the National Drug Testing Authority empowered to conduct testing on athletes for the detection of prohibited substances. Testing is normally aimed at athletes competing at national and international levels and can be conducted during or out-of-competition at any time.
- 2.5.7 The following constitutes anti-doping rule violations:
 - a) The presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an athlete's bodily specimen;
 - b) Use or attempted use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method;
 - c) Refusing, or failing without compelling justification, to submit to Sample collection after authorised notification or evading Sample collection;
 - d) Violation of the requirements regarding athlete availability for Out-of-Competition Testing including failure to provide required whereabouts information;
 - e) Tampering or attempting to tamper with any part of Doping Control;

- f) Possession of Prohibited Substances and Methods unless granted a Therapeutic Use Exemption;
- g) Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method; and
- h) Administration or attempted administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method to any athlete, or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or any other complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation or any attempted violation.

2.5.8 The IHA Anti-Doping Policy is aligned with the Australian Sports Anti Drug Agency (ASADA). The Prohibited List is available on www.asada.gov.au

2.5.9 Given the complexity of this issue, it is recommended that all members obtain a copy of the prohibited list and seek the advice of their doctor before taking any substance. The ASADA Code includes the process for seeking exemptions for therapeutic reasons. If this is likely to affect the participant, they should become familiar with the exemption process.

2.6 AJIHL Game Formats

2.6.1 The AJIHL season will comprise of a minimum of fifteen (15) games per team allocated into two (2) conferences.

2.6.2 The format of games will be adjusted from season to season dependant on the number of teams registered within each conference and may contain variations of in conference and cross conference games to meet the minimum number of games required.

2.6.3 All cross conference games will be played on the Thursday/ Friday prior to the Final Series weekend.

2.6.4 All interstate games where possible should be scheduled so teams are able to fly into the host city Saturday morning and out Sunday evening.

2.6.5 Dependant on number of teams in the conference, each team may compete in;

- a) Two (2) games per scheduled travel weekend games.
- b) Three (3) games per scheduled travel weekend games.
- c) If nessacary, four(4) games (2 per day) per travel weekend
 - i The four (4) game option may require an additional nights accommodation of the Friday night to be able to meet this requirement.

2.6.6 All regular season games will be played as follows:

- a) Teams are to be allowed a minimum of five (5) minutes warm-up prior to each game.
- b) Games are to consist of three (3) fifteen (15) minute stop time periods, with two (2) minute break between periods one (1) and two (2);
 - i The ice is to be resurfaced between the period two (2) and three (3) of each game and prior to the commencement of the next game.
- c) Penalties are to be two minutes regardless if running or stop time; and
- d) A minimum of 1.5 hours should be allowed for the completion of the games
- e) If tied at the end of regular season games, the game will go immediately to shootout following AIHL rules.

- 2.6.7 Quarter finals, Semi-finals will operate in accordance regular season games but, if tied at the end of regulation time will have a 5 minute sudden death overtime and then proceed to shootout.
- 2.6.8 Grand Final game will be three (3) 15 minute stop time periods with ice resurfacing between each period. If not decided after regulation time there will be a ten (10) minute Sudden Death overtime followed by a shootout.
- 2.6.9 As every game requires a result, each game will have the points applied as follows:
- a) Regulation time win = 3 points
 - b) Shootout win = 2 points
 - c) Shootout loss = 1 point
 - d) Regulation time loss = 0 points

2.7 Disciplinary Tribunal Guidelines and Regulations Governing Suspensions

- 2.7.1 It is the responsibility of the team officials to obtain the final game report after each and every game to ensure a player and/or team official is not under report for suspension. Failure to do so does not constitute not being informed.
- 2.7.2 Penalties that constitute suspension from further play are to be applied as per the IHA's Suspension Penalty Schedule. If a tribunal is required, the tribunal shall be conducted in accordance with the IHA's Constitution and Competition Tribunal & Disciplinary Regulations. Refer to Clause 2.8 of this document and the IHA Competition Tribunal & Disciplinary Regulations.
- 2.7.3 In the event that a tribunal is required, the location of the tribunal may be either;
- a) Via teleconference organised by the AJIHL Commissioner (preferred method) or;
 - b) Directed to be held by the State Association where the relevant incident(s) occurred.
- 2.7.4 The Tribunal Panel will consist of a Tribunal Chairperson and two independent persons nominated by the Chairperson. The Tribunal Chairperson will be the AJIHL Commissioner or a person nominated by AJIHL Commissioner.
- 2.7.5 The tribunal shall be held as soon as practical after the game when the incident was cited and prior to the commencement of the next game of the charged player's team.
- 2.7.6 It shall be the responsibility of the Tribunal Chairperson to view all evidence and have all necessary witnesses, including the game referee (if practicable), present at the appointed time and place for the tribunal.
- 2.7.7 Referees making reports against a team, the team's officials or players arising out of a game at which they have officiated, must:
- a) Ensure the incident is recorded on the Official Game Sheet. This should be done immediately at the end of the game in which the alleged offence occurred, prior to handing the Official Game Sheet to the Official Game Scorer and the AJIHL Game Host Organiser.
 - b) At the conclusion of the game, the AJIHL Game Host Organiser and the Official Game Scorer must advise both team managers of the names of any players or officials who have received an automatic suspension or are to be cited before a Tribunal.

- c) Immediately following the game and leaving the ice, the AJIHL Game Host Organiser, Game Scorer and Game Referee must complete all relevant reports as annexed in the IHA's Competition Tribunal & Disciplinary Regulations.
- d) Once a report has been posted by the Game Referee, it cannot be withdrawn.
- e) It shall be the responsibility of the charged or reported person or appropriate officials of the player's team, to collect all supporting documentation (e.g. details of the charge or report) prior to leaving the venue. In the event that this is not possible, these documents will be available from the Tribunal Chairperson.

2.8 Suspension Penalty Schedule

- 2.8.1 The Suspension Schedule for penalties awarded in IHA games is to be applied by all IHA governing bodies.
- 2.8.2 Where a player receives a match penalty by the game referee for one of the offences listed in the IHA Suspension Schedule, the corresponding Automatic Suspension applies without the need to refer the matter to a Tribunal.
- 2.8.3 At the same time, the application of an Automatic Suspension does not remove the right of the player to request an appeal into the matter if they disagree with the decision. Where "Tribunal" is listed against an offence, then the matter must go before a Tribunal for decision regardless.
- 2.8.4 An AJIHL suspension must be served in an AJIHL league game. The player is not to participate in any other IHA sanctioned games (including games in other divisions) until the penalty is served.
 - a) Penalties awarded at an AJIHL game, which are not fully executed during the AJIHL season, are to carry over into the corresponding league/division in the player's home state until the number of games awarded is served.
- 2.8.5 Suspension compliance must be verified by submission of signed Game Sheets to the AJIHL Commissioner, IHA Office and IHA Referee-in-Chief in which the suspension has been served.

2.9 Damages

- 2.9.1 The costs of repair for any reported damages, other than accidental, where possible, will be paid by the AJIHL and those costs will be recovered from the offending team's respective state association.
- 2.9.2 Damage claims must be verified and authorised by the team's state association and, wherever possible, by the offending team's manager.
- 2.9.3 Failure to pay for damages may result in exclusion of the offending player, official or team from further participation in the AJIHL, subject to investigation.
- 2.9.4 The exclusion will be imposed by the AJIHL Board of Commissioners which may also recommend to IHA that the offenders be suspended.

SECTION 3

3.1 Final Series

3.1.1 Each team will ranked in one (1) to three (3) within their conference.

- a) If in the case of where a team does not play a Home and Away series due to travel costs that team will play a double point Home Game.
- b) If any teams are tied for points, the outcome of the games played between the tied teams will be the decider.
- c) If teams are still tied, the least goals against for the games between them will be the decider.
- d) If teams are still tied then the least goals against during the regular season will be the decider.
 - i Please note that double point games do not count for double goals.

3.1.2 The top two (2) teams in each conference will go straight to the semi final games while the 2nd and 3rd placed team will contest the Conference Quarter Finals.

- a) Conference Quarter Final Southern Division (CQFSD) 2nd V Souther Division 3rd
- b) Conference Quarter Final Norther Division (CQFND) 2nd V Northern Division 3rd
- c) Semi Final 1 Southern Division 1st V Winner CQFND
- d) Semi Final 2 Northern Division 1st V Winner CQFSD
- e) Final Winner Semi Final 1 V Winner Semi Final 2 (Home team is determined by highest ranking at completion of round games).

3.1.3 Quarter Final and Semi Final games will consist of;

- a) Three (3) x fifteen (15) stop time periods
- b) Two (2) minute break between periods one (1) and two (2)
- c) Ice resurface between periods two(2) and three (3)
- d) If tied after regular time, the game will go to a five (5) minute sudden death “stop time” overtime; and
- e) If still tied, then to a shootout as per AIHL rules.

3.1.4 Grand Final games will consist of;

- a) Three (3) fifteen (15) minute stop time periods
- b) Ice resurfaced between each period
- c) If tied after regular time, the game will go to a ten (10) minute sudden death “stop time” overtime; and
- d) If still tied, then to a shootout as per AIHL rules.

3.2 Overtime rule

3.2.1 Overtime will not be played in regular season games.

- 3.2.2 Quarter Final and Semi Final games, a five (5) minute sudden death “stop time” overtime will be played after an intermission of three minutes.
- a) The teams will defend the same goals as in the third period.
 - b) The game will end when the five (5) minutes has expired or when a goal is scored with the scoring team declared the winner.
 - c) If no goal is scored in the overtime period then the Game Winning Shots Procedure will apply.
- 3.2.3 Grand Final games, a ten (10) minute sudden death “stop time” overtime will be played after an intermission of three minutes.
- a) The teams will defend the same goals as in the third period.
 - b) The game will end when the ten (10) minutes has expired or when a goal is scored with the scoring team declared the winner.
 - c) If no goal is scored in the overtime period then the Game Winning Shots Procedure will apply.
- 3.2.4 All overtime periods will be played at a numerical strength of five (5) skaters and one (1) goalkeeper.
- 3.2.5 The IIHF Sport Regulations will apply in respect to penalties being served during an overtime period.
- 3.3 Game winning shots procedure**
- 3.3.1 If no goal is scored in the overtime period then the IIHF Game Winning Shots Procedure will apply. The following procedure will be utilized:
- 3.3.2 If the score is tied after a regular round competition, the game will go to a shootout as per IHA’s regulations as per the following:
- a) The goalkeepers shall defend the same goal as started in the first period.
 - b) The home team shall have the option of shooting first or second. The teams shall alternate shots.
 - c) The procedure will begin with three (3) different shooters from each team taking alternate shots.
 - i The players do not need to be named beforehand and shall proceed in the order as the coach selects.
 - d) All players are eligible to participate in the shootout unless they are serving a penalty and must remain in the penalty box or in the dressing room until the end of procedure.
 - e) Once the shootout begins the goaltender can be replaced. No warm up shall be permitted for the substitute goaltender.
 - f) The shootout will be best of three (3)
 - i After each team has taken their three (3) allocated shots, and if the score remains tied, the shootout will proceed to a “sudden death” format.

- ii At the completion of the best of three (3) shootout, teams may use the same player(s) in the “sudden death” format.
- g) Regardless of the number of goals scored during the shootout portion of the overtime, the final score will be reflected by a one (1) goal difference with the score sheet listing the name and number of the player that made the “Game Winning Goal”.
 - i The losing goaltender will not be charged with the extra goal against.
 - ii The player scoring the game winning goal in the shootout will not be credited with a goal in his personal statistics.
- h) If a team declines to participate in the shootout procedure, the game will be declared as a shootout loss for that team. If a team declines to take a shot, it will be declared as a “no goal”.
- i) The IHA Game Winning Shootout Results Form is to be completed and attached to the game sheet.

3.4 Statistics

3.4.1 At the end of each session of play, the IHA Championship Director will update all statistics and post the results on IHA’s AJIHL website.

3.4.2 The following statistics are to be kept for all AJIHL games:

- a) game results,
- b) team standings,
- c) point scorers,
- d) goalkeeper statistics, ie.
 - i Save % - (Total Shots minus Goals) divided by (Total Shots),
 - ii G.A.A. - (Total Goals) divided by (Total Minutes Played), and
- e) penalty minutes.

3.4.3 Goalkeepers must play a minimum of one hundred & twenty (120) minutes to be eligible for an award.

3.4.4 Players must play a minimum of six (6) regulation season games to be eligible for an award.

3.5 Trophies and Awards

3.5.1 A League Champions Trophy has been named the Nathan Walker Trophy and is designed to annually accommodate the names of the winning team’s officials and players.

3.5.2 IHA will supply the following awards/medals as per the following:

- a) Every participating player and team official on the roster of the team which wins the Grand Final will receive an AJIHL Gold Medallion in recognition of their achievement;
- b) Every participating player and team official on the roster of the team which loses the Grand Final will receive an AJIHL Silver Medallion in recognition of being the “runner-up” in the Grand Final.

- c) The game officials in the final game will also receive an AJIHL Gold Medallion in recognition of their services to the final game.
- d) An award will be granted for the league's highest "point" scorer (goals & assists).
- e) An award will be granted for the season's Top Goalkeeper based on the statistics of each goaltender and who will have played a minimum of 6 games including the inter conference games in combination with input from the AJIHL State League Commissioners.
 - i If tied, the League Commissioner will determine the winner.
- f) An award will be granted for the Most Valuable Player of the winning team in the Finals Series as determined by the winning team's coaches.
- g) An award may also be determined by the AJIHL Commission for Rookie Player of the Year

SECTION 4

4.1 AJIHL Reports

- 4.1.1 All games are to be recorded on IHA's Official Game Sheets with a copy provided to the competing teams after each game.
- 4.1.2 The Game Referee, must within three hours report and submit to the IHA Office and Referee-in-Chief a copy of the game sheets by email scan to iha@iha.org.au, including all applicable forms for updating the league's statistics.
- 4.1.3 By COB Monday the Game Referee must post:
- 4.1.4 The original Game Report Sheet and any reporting forms to the AJIHL Referee-in-Chief for payment of officials;
- 4.1.5 A full report of all Tribunals, and the outcome of such Tribunals; including
- 4.1.6 A written report outlining any problems, difficulties and recommendations for AJIHL.

4.2 Injury Reporting System

- 4.2.1 Team Managers or Medical Officers of teams who participate in IHA sanctioned events are required to complete a AJIHL Injury Report Form (AJIHL 04: IRF Form) whenever an injury occurs during an event and a copy is to be forwarded to the IHA Office for processing.
- 4.2.2 The definition of an injury is:
 - a) a player missing a practice or game because of an injury sustained during a game or training;
 - b) suffering a concussion;
 - c) any dental injury; or
 - d) any lacerations which requires medical attention.
- 4.2.3 A copy of the AJIHL IRF form is attached to these regulations and is to be used for all reporting of injuries.
- 4.2.4 The form for each injury is to submitted to the IHA Office immediately after each form is completed for data accumulation.
- 4.2.5 All information gathered on the forms is strictly confidential.

SECTION 5

5.1 Forms



AJIHL 01: AJIHL ANNUAL TEAM ENTRY FORM

According to the AJIHL's Regulations a team has previously been an AJIHL member and wishes to participate in the AJIHL the next season must formally confirm their intent to participate in writing to the League Commissioner no later than the deadline date as stated in these regulations.

As such wehereby nominate
a team to be known as, to compete in the 20.....
/ AJIHL season.

In making this application we agree to abide by the Rules of IHA, the IIHF and the AJIHL, which may be altered from time-to-time. The Team Roster will be forwarded on Form AJIHL 02 to the AJIHL Commissioner and IHA Office as per the deadline date as stated in these Regulations.

For and on behalf of the aforementioned team:

Print name).....

Position).....

Signature).....

Date).....



AJIHL 03: AJIHL TEAM OFFICIALS REGISTRATION FORM

AJIHL Team: **Home State:** **Date:**

We the undersigned team officials declare, on our honour that:

- a) we are under the jurisdiction of our State Association that has appointed us;
- b) neither the IHA, AJIHL, nor the Host State Association or territory may be held liable for an injury or illness howsoever that may arise and that it is our responsibility to accept the risk and/or to satisfy ourselves that such risks are covered by our State Association or Territory;
- c) we may be held liable for damages to third parties or property arising from our actions and that it is our responsibility to accept that risk and/or to satisfy ourselves that such risks are covered by our State Association or Territory;
- d) we agree to abide by and observe the IHA Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations (Including those relating to Anti-Doping) and the decisions of the IHA and the AJIHL Commissioner in all matters including disciplinary measures, not to involve any third party whatsoever outside of the IHA in the resolution of any dispute arising in connection with the AJIHL and/or the Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations and decisions made by the IHA and AJIHL relating thereto excepting where having exhausted the appeal procedures within the IHA and AJIHL in which case we undertake to submit any such decision to the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);
- e) we agree to be filmed, televised, photographed, identified and otherwise recorded during the AJIHL event under conditions and for the purposes now or hereafter authorised by the AJIHL in relation to the promotion of the AJIHL and ice hockey events organised by the AJIHL and that all photographs and moving images taken by us at the AJIHL games, including those of athletes competing within the AJIHL game venues, shall be used solely for personal and non-commercial purposes, unless prior written consent of the IHA and AJIHL is obtained;
- f) we authorise the AJIHL to use personal data provided for broadcast and/or display on Radio, Television, Film, the Internet and/or any other visual, electronic or printed publication in connection with the AJIHL games and/or activities in general and thus waive my rights of protection under any current or future privacy laws related to such data;
- g) we are aware that the AJIHL may have to fulfill commercial obligations with regard to AJIHL games and that such obligations require that State Associations, Territories and their representatives, officials and players fulfill related obligations and hereby agree that we shall abide by and avoid any infringement thereof and in all aspects will indemnify the AJIHL and/or reimburse the AJIHL for any loss, claims, demands, actions or causes of actions that may be brought as a result or failure to abide by the IHA and AJIHL Statutes, Rules, By-Laws, Regulations, and/or decisions of the IHA or AJIHL relating thereto.
- h) We acknowledge that a maximum four (5) Team Officials is permitted per team.

Surname	Given Name	D.O.B.			Citizenship	Position	Accreditation Coach Level	Signature
		(dd)	(mm)	(yy)				

The State Association of confirms the appointment of the above named officials for AJIHL team, and confirms that the personal data is correct and has advised the appointed officials of their duties and responsibilities.

Authorised Person's Signature: Printed Name:

Date:



AJIHL 04: AJIHL INJURY REPORTING FORM

Purpose

As a significant tool in IHA's Risk Management objectives to reduce injuries to participating playing or team official members, the IHA Injury Report Form is designed to record all injuries sustained while participating in IHA National Championships regardless if they are of a minor or serious nature. The information will be processed to determine what measures can be implemented to prevent or at the very least reduce recurring injuries.

Injury Definition

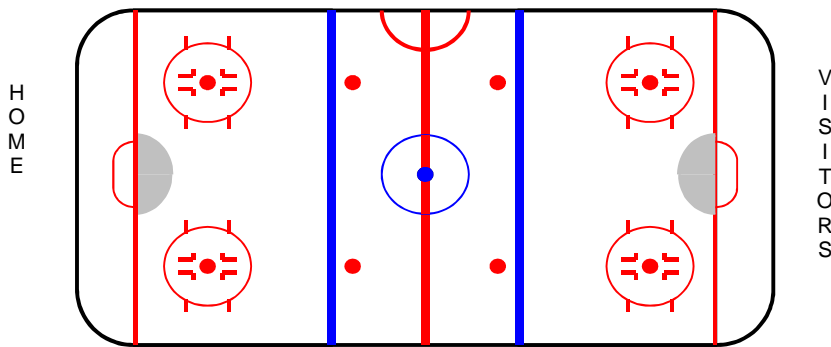
1. An injury is considered reportable if a player misses a training or a game because of an injury sustained during a practice or game whilst at a national championship.
2. The player does not return to play for the remainder of the game following an injury.
3. All concussions.
4. Any dental injury.
5. Any facial laceration.

Game #: Team: Date:..... / /

Player's Name: Age: Position: Center Wing Defence Goal

Zone of Injury

Mark the area of the ice surface where the injury occurred. Note that Home and Visitor ends are marked to identify offensive and defensive activity.



Cause of Injury

- Body Check
- Check from behind
- Check to the head/neck
- Stick contact
- Puck contact
- Unintended collision
- Fighting
- Non-contact
- Other
- Was a penalty called Y N

Equipment

- a) Full Face Mask Y N
- b) Visor Y N
- c) None Y N
- d) Mouthguard Y N
- e) Neck Guard Y N

Location of the injury:

- | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Head <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Forearm <input type="checkbox"/> | 24. Buttocks <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Face <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Wrist <input type="checkbox"/> | 25. Pelvis <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Neck <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Hand <input type="checkbox"/> | 26. Groin <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Throat <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. Thumb <input type="checkbox"/> | 27. Genitals <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Jaw/Chin <input type="checkbox"/> | 17. Fingers <input type="checkbox"/> | 28. Hip <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Teeth/Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> | 18. Chest <input type="checkbox"/> | 29. Thigh <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Eye <input type="checkbox"/> | 19. Abdomen <input type="checkbox"/> | 30. Knee <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Ear <input type="checkbox"/> | 20. Kidneys <input type="checkbox"/> | 31. Leg <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Shoulder <input type="checkbox"/> | 21. Upper back <input type="checkbox"/> | 32. Ankle <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Upper arm <input type="checkbox"/> | 22. Lower back <input type="checkbox"/> | 33. Foot <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Elbow <input type="checkbox"/> | 23. Coccyx <input type="checkbox"/> | 34. Toes <input type="checkbox"/> |

Assessment:

- a) None
- b) Contusion
- c) Sprain - ligament
- d) Sprain - muscle
- e) Laceration
- f) Dislocation
- g) Fracture
- h) Concussion
- i) Other

12. Was the injury - Minor: Acute: Severe:

AJ Time Lost: (The amount of time the player was out of play)

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1. Return the same game: <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Return the same day: <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Out for the Championship: <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. One week or more: <input type="checkbox"/> |
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AJIHL 05: AJIHL APPLICATION FOR NEW TEAM ENTRY

Team Name:.....

Home State:.....

Team Colours:.....

Team Home and Away Jersey Designs: (attach images)

Home Rink:.....

Km from nearest airport:.....

Ability to obtain ice time for games as per AJIHL's regulations (Supporting evidence could include letters from the rink manager guaranteeing that ice time could be sought during the timing of the AJIHL season):.....

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Proposed promotion plan:.....

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Proposed team staff including coach and manager and their qualifications, experience, and if a coach, their accreditation level:

a) Team Manager:.....

b) Head Coach:.....

c) Assistant Coach:.....

Number of currently registered AJIHL Junior aged players (by age) in your home state as verified by the IHA Office:

a) 20 years:.....

b) 19 years:.....

c) 18 years:.....

d) 17 years:.....

e) 16 years:.....

List of potential players for the team roster (minimum of fifteen (15) players and an AJIHL and/or AIHL team they have previously played for, if any, including any other information of relevance).