

## Changes to the EAHC Guide Book for 2010-11 Season

(Significant changes are **BOLDED** in the book.

Grammar, formatting, clarification and consistency changes are not.

All changes listed were approved at the August 2010 EAHC Meeting except as noted in #4, #6 & #9.

Changes in #7 & #8 were partially implemented for 2009-10 season with clarifications for 2010-11.)

1. Numerous fixes to capitalization, punctuation and formatting such as fonts, indenting, spacing, section numbers/letters and tabs. Changes so that all sentences use correct grammar. None of these changes changed the meaning of any rule or regulation.
2. Consistent usage of terminology:
  - a. League -> Conference
  - b. Empire -> EAHC or Conference
  - c. Playdowns -> playoffs
  - d. You -> Team
3. Table of Contents: An easily updatable Table of Contents was created using Word.
4. Conference Dues: Page 11. Changed to \$125 from \$100. Passed February 2010.
5. Division Commissioner Responsibilities: Pages 15-16. Clarification and modifications to reflect Conference website usage.
6. Section I – Administrative: Pages 18-20. A.1.a. Clarification passed at start of 2009-10 season and not in 2009-10 book defining play in travel games. A.2. May only play on one Conference team. B. Allowance for players to play down only with a USA Hockey waiver for a verified medical condition as they have no other place to play.
7. Section II – Participating Team Rosters: Pages 20-21. A.1. Clarification to EAHC Team Roster and USA Hockey Roster procedures. A.3.a. Clarification of a legal roster size and composition.
8. Section III – Coaching Requirements: Pages 21-22. C. & D. Coaching certification verification procedures clarified, processes and possible penalties defined.
9. Section VI – Game Penalties, Subsections A-I: Pages 23-27. A. Minor penalties in Mite & Squirts are 1.5 minutes (changed in September 2009-10 but not in 2009-10 book). C. & F. & G. Clarification and consistency wording for USA versus Conference suspensions. D.6. Hearing notification can be by email in addition to phone or mail. H.3. Prohibits noisemakers. I.1. & 2. Clarification on mouthpieces and neck guards.
10. Section VI – Game Penalties, Subsection J EAHC Aggressive Play Policy: Pages 27-29. J.4.a. & b. & c. Increased limits by one (1). J.5.c. Added subsection so that Head Coaches are responsible for tracking these penalties and ensuring that suspensions are served. Identifies penalties for not tracking and serving suspensions consistent with penalty minute rules.
11. Section VII – Game Rules: Pages 29-33. B.4.a. Added precedence of playoff games over non-Conference games. G.2. Penalty Box attendant clarification. G.3. Away team may supply scorekeeper by request. G.4.a. Specifies the procedure to determine who changes jerseys when there is a conflict.
12. Section VIII – Regular Season Standings Tie-Breakers: Page 33. A. Changed procedure to clarify how to resolve ties where 3 or more teams are tied.
13. EAHC Playoff / Championship Rules and Procedures: Pages 33-35. Clarified that list of players for shootout is given to Commissioner (not put on back of score sheet).
14. USA Hockey Annual Guide: Page 38. Added new Locker Room Policy per USA Hockey.