

AAU Hockey Handbook



2018

‘Sports for All, Forever’

NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 1 National Committee Structure and Procedures

Article 1- National Chair - National Sports Chairs shall be elected by their National Sport Committee at the committee meeting during National Conventions in which National Officers are elected.

1. Terms are four years.
2. National election policies shall apply.
3. National Sport Chairs may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the National Officers, subject to the Right of Appeal to the National Board of Review.
4. The President, with the approval of a majority of the officers, may appoint a person to fill a vacant Sport Chair position. The appointee will serve until the next regular or special meeting of the Sport Committee, at which time an election shall be held to complete the term.

Article 2- Executive Committee Composition - The National Hockey Chair shall appoint members-at-large to serve on the Hockey Executive Committee. The number of members on the Executive Committee, and the criteria for selection to the committee, removal from the committee, and filling vacancies on the committee are at the discretion of the National Chair.

Article 3- National Sport Committee Composition - The committee will consist of the National Sports Chair, members of the Executive Committee who are elected as provided by the sport's operating rules, the elected or appointed Sport Director of each District, or a representative designated by the District Governor, and one appointed representative from each Allied member that registers members in the sport. The President may appoint up to two (2) members-at-large.

Voting - Only members of the Committee are permitted to vote. There shall be no voting by proxy. Each member of the Committee will have one vote. Only representatives from districts which registered a minimum of .5% (a half percent) of the total number of athletes in that sport in the previous year shall be allowed to vote in the National Sport Committee meeting.

Article 4- Other Committee Positions - The National Hockey Chair shall create other committees as he deems appropriate. The number of members on each committee, and the criteria for selection to each committee, removal from any committee, and filling vacancies on any committee shall be at the National Chair's discretion. The National Chair may create committees as the need arises, and may disband committees for which a need no longer exists. The National Chair selects the members to serve on committees, and makes the committee assignments.

Section 2 Sport Committee Meetings

Article 1- National Sport Committee Regular Meetings - Regular Meetings of the National Sport Committee shall be in conjunction with the AAU Convention.

Article 2- Non-Regular Sport Committee Meetings - National Sport Committee may hold a Non-Regular National Sport Committee meeting in odd years' subject to the following provisions:

- a. The meeting is called by the Chair following approval of the National Office.
- b. The National Office has the right to coordinate the meeting and choose the site for the meeting.

Article 3- National Sport Committee Special Meetings - Special meetings of a Committee are scheduled at the request of the Chair or upon written request of at least one half (1/2) of the committee members. Ten (10) days' notice is required and notice shall state the purpose of the meeting

Article 4- National Sport Executive Committee Meetings - The National Chair shall determine the date and location of Executive Committee Meetings.

Article 5- Agenda Additions -

- a. **Sport Committee Meeting Order (Agendas)** - The Regular National Sport Committee meetings, the Non-Regular National Sport Committee meetings, and National Sport Committee Special meetings shall follow meeting order (agenda format) as established by Code (Bylaw 9.5).

SPORT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

2018 AAU Ice Hockey Rules & Regulations

Amateur Athletic Union: The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) recognizes that USA Hockey (USAH) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for Ice Hockey. AAU views the standards set by USAH as guidance and/or recommendations. AAU allows its member clubs to amend and/or adapt rules to their own purposes, provided that such adaptations do no compromise safety.

AAU Hockey: Any AAU District within the AAU, for the purpose of administering the sport of ice hockey, we begin with the AAU philosophy of *Sports For All, Forever* and we set a course toward the Positive Coaching Alliance principles of *Honoring the Game!*

To these ends, AAU Hockey Districts, Leagues and/or events may adopt these following rules:

1. All Coaches, Managers and Referees shall practice the Positive Coaching Alliance – Dual-Coach principles of *Honoring the Game*.
2. All Coaches, Managers and adult club (team) personnel shall comply with state laws concerning Concussion Awareness training, certification and reporting.
3. All Teams (Clubs) shall be current members of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).
4. All Players, Coaches, Managers and Referees shall be current members of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) while participating in any AAU licensed event(s).
5. All Players, Coaches, Managers and non-athlete volunteers shall elect the Extended Benefits (AB) membership option, which is available through their AAU membership.
6. Ice Hockey players may only participate on one AAU Ice Hockey Club at a time. However, the District Sport Director may create rules allowing for House Select teams.
7. Individual AAU Ice Hockey tournaments may adopt their own rules, provided that said rules do not violate the By-Laws and/or Policies of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and further provided that said rules do not compromise a safety issue.
8. Individual AAU Ice Hockey tournaments may adopt their own rules, provided that said rules do not violate the By-Laws or Policies of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) or those of an AAU District and further provided that said rules do not compromise safety.

9. National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) playing rules have been adopted for most AAU Hockey leagues and tournaments. However, with the following exceptions:
 - a. All classifications designated for players 12 years old and younger (such as 6U, 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U & 12U) shall be non-checking Safe-Rep.
 - b. Within all classifications designated for players 8 years old and younger (such as 6U, 7U & 8U) the use of Goal Post Anchors are neither required or recommended.
 - c. Most AAU Leagues have adopted a MATCH PENALTY rule (see rules #14).
10. Uniform playing rules for Regional and/or National tournaments shall be established by AAU Hockey at the national level.
11. AAU Hockey Leagues regular season for Ice Hockey shall extend from September 1st through March 15th of any given playing year or the date set forth by the league.
12. AAU Spring season for Ice Hockey shall extend from March 16th through May 31st of any given playing year. Teams may voluntarily extend past the May 31st ending date, provided that individual players are permitted to decline.
13. At the conclusion of any given season, all players are automatically released from their teams at the earliest of; such time that the team ceases to function as a team for purposes of practice, games and/or tournaments or beginning of the next season.
14. Match Penalty:
 - a. A MATCH PENALTY shall be assessed to any Player or Team Official who commits one or more of the following actions:
 - i. Deliberately inflicting physical harm, or attempting to do so, to any Game Official, including off-ice officials.
 - ii. Deliberately injuring, or attempting to do so, any opposing Player or Team Official.
 - iii. Behaving in any manner that is critically detrimental to the conducting of the game, including spitting at an opponent, spectator, game or team official, or verbally threatening a Game Official, opposing Team Official or opposing Player with physical harm.
 - b. A MATCH PENALTY requires the immediate removal of the assessed Player or Team Official for the balance of the game and a five-minute team penalty shall be assessed.
 - c. Any youth ice hockey MATCH PENALTY issued within any 6U through 18U classification shall be reported to the AAU District Referee-In-Chief within 48 hours of the incident.

- d. Both the REFEREE issuing a MATCH PENALTY and the Head Coach of the Team with a member receiving such a penalty shall each independently report the penalty. Each may choose to provide an initial email notification to: AAU National Hockey Chair Keith Noll keithn@ausports.org or the Referee-In-Chief for the AAU District where the incident took place.
 - e. All Players, Coaches and/or Team Officials receiving a MATCH PENALTY are immediately suspended from all team activities (including Games, Scrimmages and/or Practices) until such time as a hearing is conducted and a final determination is reached.
15. It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** for the 2017-2018 that all **NON-ATHLETE Adult Personnel** (including Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Trainers and Instructors) should properly wear an approved ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions (including practice and controlled scrimmages).

USARS Rule Book can be found at:

<http://image.ausports.org/dnn/hockey/2019/2018-USARS-Rulebook.pdf>