

BY-LAWS OF THE
CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA HOCKEY LEAGUE

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1. CUPHL MEETINGS

Requirements and specifications are contained in CUPHL Constitution Articles VI, VII, X, XV, XVII and XIX.

2. MONETARY MATTERS

(a) Performance Bonds: Upon approval of membership in the CUPHL, each member association shall post a \$200.00 cash bond as a guaranty of their participation in scheduled games, proper filing of game scoresheets and other participatory requirements which may be established by the Board of Directors.

(1) Any CUPHL member team which fails to appear for a scheduled game will be fined \$100.00 for each game at which they failed to appear. This fine will be used to cover the cost of the home team's ice time and the fees of referees who had been contracted for to officiate the game. Any remaining balance of the fine, after payment of ice and officiating costs, will be deposited into the CUPHL general operational account. The only exception to such fining are cases of official game postponement in which both teams are properly notified of same. When such fines are levied, they will be withdrawn from the CUPHL performance bond account, paid as previously described, and the offending (fined) team must deposit a like amount with the CUPHL Treasurer to re-build that team's performance bond to the required \$200.00 level, and thus remain a member in good standing as required by CUPHL Constitution Articles IV and VI.

(2) It is the home team's responsibility to give or mail properly executed game scoresheets to the CUPHL Statistician no later than 3 days after game completion. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 fine per incident. When such fines are levied, they will be withdrawn from the CUPHL performance bond account and deposited into the CUPHL general operational account. The offending (fined) team must deposit a like amount with the CUPHL Treasurer to re-build that team's performance bond to the required \$200.00 level, and thus remain a member in good standing as required by CUPHL Constitution Articles IV and VI.

(b) A yearly operational expense fee of \$50.00 is due and payable

- (b) (continued): by each CUPHL member association at the fall Scheduling Meeting. These monies shall be used for CUPHL expenses such as trophies, engraving, phone bills, postage, office supplies and other reasonable expenses incurred in the operation of the CUPHL, as approved by the Board of Directors. At their discretion, the Board of Directors may waive payment of the annual \$50.00 operational expense fee.

3. SCHEDULE: CHANGES, POSTPONEMENTS, CANCELLATIONS and FORFEITURES

- (a) Yearly Schedule: CUPHL game schedules shall be drawn up yearly at the fall Scheduling Meeting. Each member association's representative shall file a copy of their association's game schedule with the CUPHL Secretary-Statistician, who in turn will provide copies to all Officers and Directors. The CUPHL game season shall commence no later than 1 November and extend no later than the 3rd week of February. Extension of the playing season may be approved by the Board of Directors only for extraordinary reasons and circumstances which would not have been foreseen by prudent team or association officials.
- (b) Changes to Schedule: Any changes to the established schedule shall be coordinated through the involved teams association representatives to the CUPHL. The home team's coach, representative and association Scheduler will confer to determine available and suitable alternatives to the non-acceptable game date and/or time. The visiting team's association representative will be advised of these options and will work with the affected coach to determine the best alternative. Upon final agreement between the two teams association representatives and their affected coaches, and the home team's association Scheduler, the revised game date and/or time will be scheduled and posted. It shall be the home team association representative's responsibility to notify the CUPHL Commissioner of all schedule changes.
- (c) Postponement of Games: Scheduled games may be postponed, if absolutely necessary, for reasons of severe inclement weather, accident, or other bona-fide disruptive or calamitous conditions which a reasonably prudent coach would not have foreseen. Games shall not be postponed for arbitrary or frivolous reasons, and if such was determined to have been the case, the offending team would be subject to penalization by the CUPHL. Postponed games shall be rescheduled as soon as possible, using the procedure specified in the previous paragraph, "Changes to Schedule". No fines or penalties are applicable in legitimate postponement cases.
- (d) Cancellation of Games: Scheduled games cannot be cancelled since that would disqualify both teams from end-of-season tournament play, due to such teams playing fewer games than the other teams in that division. Cancellation of a game by one team, and appearance by the opposing team, shall constitute a forfeiture by the cancelling team.

- (e) Forfeiture and Procedure: CUPHL teams, whether home or visitor, shall be deemed to have forfeited a scheduled game if they fail to appear and play such game, due to any circumstances which were not reported in a timely manner, and subsequent official postponement not obtained. The non-absent offended team shall prepare completely an official game scoresheet with exception only to the section for the player roster and coach's name of the absent offending team. The score shall be recorded as "1" for the non-absent offended team and "0" for the absent offending team, and the game scoresheet then filed with the CUPHL Statistician in the required manner. Additionally, the statement "Game Forfeit", or other statement which includes the word "Forfeit", shall be written on such game scoresheets. The offending forfeiting team shall be fined \$100.00, which amount shall be withdrawn from the CUPHL bond account and disbursed as specified in previous paragraph 2. MONEY MATTERS, subsection (a) Performance Bonds. The forfeiting fined team must then deposit a like amount with the CUPHL Treasurer to re-build their performance bond to the required \$200.00 level, and thus remain a member in good standing as required by CUPHL Constitution Articles IV and VI.

4. RINK OR ARENA REGULATIONS

- (a) Squirt and PeeWee level games shall consist of three 12-minute periods of stop-time play, with a minimum 2-minute initial warm-up period and then minimum 2-minute rest times between periods.
- (b) Bantam and Midget level games shall be played in minimum 1½ hour time slots composed of three 13-minute periods of stop-time play, or time permitting, three 15-minute periods of stop-time play and the opposing coaches so notified. Initial warm-up time shall be a minimum of 2-minutes, and rest times between periods shall be a minimum of 2-minutes.
- (c) In event an arena is running behind schedule, the arena manager may shorten periods of play, or conduct running time periods, provided both teams coaches have been so notified.
- (d) It is recommended that ice be resurfaced before each game, and if possible, at least once during the game.

5. GAME OFFICIALS

- (a) All CUPHL host associations shall provide the two-man referee system and follow current M.A.H.A. guidelines for each division.
- (b) Squirt and PeeWee games shall be officiated by minimum Level II referees.
- (c) Bantam and Midget games shall be officiated by minimum Level III referees.

- (d) The home team shall provide sufficient competent and unbiased minor officials present in the scorekeeper's box to properly time and record each game, including the proper operation of the penalty boxes.

6. GAME REGULATIONS

- (a) Each CUPHL division's teams shall play the other teams in the same division a total of 4 times, and such series shall consist of 2 home games and 2 away games. Divisions which are divided into American and National sub-divisions due to team numbers and/or geographic location or distance, may not be required to play outside such sub-divisions except for CUPHL divisional tournament play.
- (b) Mercy Rule: A losing team's coach has the option of demanding, and being granted, the continuance of play under running time if after the 2nd period his team is behind by more than a 7-goal margin.
- (c) Only USA HOCKEY OFFICIAL SCORESHEETS shall be used to record CUPHL games. The scoresheets shall be recorded in quadruplicate by the home team officials, and shall be distributed as follows:
- (1) Original (white): CUPHL Statistician
 - (2) 1st Copy (yellow): Home Team
 - (3) 2nd Copy (pink): Visiting Team
 - (4) 3rd Copy (salmon): Referees

Association representatives should ensure that their scorekeepers prepare scoresheets properly, completely, legibly, and that sufficient pen pressure is applied so that the three carbon copies are legible. It is the home team association representative's responsibility to ensure that the originals of scoresheets are delivered or mailed to the CUPHL Statistician no later than 3 days after game completion.

- (d) No overtime periods of play shall be allowed during regular season games. Games which end in tie scores at end of regulation play shall be recorded as such for statistical purposes. Overtime periods, to break tie scores, shall be played during seasons end tournaments to determine CUPHL division champions.
- (e) Points to determine team standings shall be awarded as follows:
- 2 points for each Win
 - 1 point for each Tie
 - 0 points for each Loss
- (f) All CUPHL regular and tournament games shall be played in accordance with current USA Hockey Rules.

7. PROTESTS

- (a) Any formal protests must be filed with the CUPHL Commissioner within 24 hours of conclusion of the game in question, and must include the following:
- (1) A written report explaining the nature of the protest and the facts and specifics of what transpired;
 - (2) A legible copy of the game scoresheet in question;
 - (3) A \$20.00 protest fee, payable to the CUPHL. The purpose of this fee is to discourage spurious or inconsequential protests since the fee will be forfeit to the CUPHL in event the protest is denied.
- (b) Protests will not be considered if based solely upon a judgement call of a referee.
- (c) Only protests of actions or circumstances which directly affected the outcome (win/tie/loss) of games will be accepted.
- (d) The CUPHL Commissioner may act upon protests by personal, phone or written consultation with other Officers and Directors, or by calling a Special Meeting to decide the matter. Final decision on all protests shall be made within two weeks and the petitioner duly notified.

8. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

As specified in the CUPHL Constitution, Article XIX, these By-Laws may be amended by a minimum 2/3 favorable vote of the Board of Directors, at either the spring Annual Meeting or the fall Scheduling Meeting, provided that written notice has been given to each Director at least 10 days prior thereto.