

# D/Rookie League Fall 2023

## Rules and Regulations

This league is a developmental league. We're all here to have fun and have jobs, families, and lives outside of hockey. In that spirit we've created these rules to foster a fun and safe environment.

Developmental League Leadership

**Nich Pariman** Swonder General Manager

**Andrea Lord** Swonder Assistant General Manager

**Captains- TBD**

### *General Rules*

1. The developmental league is an invite only league. The Captains and Rink Management will compile a list of accepted players that will be core members of the developmental league.
2. Be respectful of your teammates, opponents, referees, and arena staff at all times. Violations of this rule can lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.
3. You (the player) are responsible to let your captain know if you cannot make it to a game or games. Generally, Captains will ask prior to the game who can or cannot make it to a game, however even if they do not ask it is your responsibility to volunteer the relative information.
  - 4a. Captains are responsible for drop ins. Rink Management and Team Captains are the only people authorized to ask for substitute players.
  - 4b. Substitute Players must be on the approved list of subs. If no player on the approved list of substitutes is available both applicable captains and rink management must approve the use of another player.
  - 5a. Disputes with calls are only to be discussed with team captains. Team Captains have the authority to bring concerns to officials' attention. Violations of this rule can be penalized.
  - 5b. In the absence of a team captain the team can appoint 1 player to the referee(s) prior to the game to assume this responsibility. Abuse of officials is punishable with additional penalties and/or additional discipline including suspensions.
6. All regular season games that end in a tie will have the winner determined by a 3-person shootout.

**7.** There is a 3-goal limit per player per game regardless of ability. Additional limitations can occur if necessary and can apply to individual players. If a player scores a 4th goal or violates set limitations, the goal will be disallowed and will result in a 2-minute penalty for delay of game.

**8.** Rosters are subject to change at any point during the season in an effort to balance the teams skill level. (Therefore, we do not recommend you buy customized jerseys as you could be moved.)

**9.** All players are eligible to play up to 2 games of regular season before they have paid the rink, after 2 games they will be ineligible until they have paid. (if you have a special circumstance please see Nich Pariman at the rink and the rink may be able to work with you.)

## *Playoffs*

**10.** Playoff games that end in a tie will have the winner determined by a 5-minute sudden death 3 on 3 overtime. If still tied after 5 minutes, a 3-person shootout shall settle the score.

**11a.** No substitute players will be allowed in playoff games. If a team appears to have less than 8 skaters the team captain can appeal this rule to League Leadership by notifying Nich Pariman. Otherwise the only exception to this rule is goaltenders if absolutely necessary.

**11b.** If no player on the approved list of substitutes is available both applicable captains and rink management must approve the use of another player.

**12.** If there is a tie in record the tie breakers (playoffs only) in order shall be: Head to head record, Goals against, Differential. In the unlikely event a winner still cannot be named the two teams shall be co-champions.

## *Penalties/Suspensions*

**14.** Any player that receives two 5-minute major penalties during the course of 1 season will face review by the League Leadership in conjecture with league referees which could result in suspension or expulsion from the league.

**15.** Any player who engages in fighting (determined by referee calling a penalty for such) will incur an automatic one game suspension and review by league leadership which could result in an additional suspension or expulsion from the league.

**16.** Any penalty that results in another player being injured will face league leadership review which could result in suspension or expulsion from the league.

**17.** Any Match penalty assessed by the referee will be reviewed by league leadership and could result in suspension or expulsion from the league.

**18.** Any penalty called for Abuse of Officials will incur an automatic one game suspension and review by league leadership which could result in an additional suspension or expulsion from the league.

**19.** Players are permitted to appeal suspensions or expulsions in writing by emailing [npariman@evansville.in.gov](mailto:npariman@evansville.in.gov) to plead their case within 3 days of notification of their discipline.