

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



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REGULATIONS & GUIDELINES 2009/2010

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Section A – Club Membership

1. Official Club Approval

A member hockey club must be officially approved or sanctioned as such by the university or college and must present a letter of commitment from the institution's administration to the league indicating such a relationship.

2. Faculty Advisor

Each member should have an official faculty advisor who is in the employ of the institution as a full time faculty or staff member. This can be the year around contact (ph#, e-mail, etc.) Each team **MUST** have a non-player coach. All contact information including: e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and mailing addresses shall be updated annually, and submitted to the League office no later than the Spring meeting preceding that season.

3. League Affiliations

Required Membership Affiliation: All members of the league, both full and affiliate, must also hold current membership in the following organizations.

ACHA-USA Hockey.

USA Hockey provides support for the development of hockey in the United States as well as economical liability and catastrophic insurance coverage for all parties connected to college club hockey – players, coaches, game officials, etc.

Teams having *successfully* completed a minimum of one full season with the ACHA prior to requesting membership into the League shall be granted admission upon a favorable vote from the membership. Teams requesting membership into the League during their first year of ACHA membership *may* be admitted conditionally. They will play a full schedule within their region, but will not be scheduled for out of region play, and will not be eligible for the League Championship in their first season. Based on their performance/reliability/trustworthiness, they will be eligible for full membership the following season, based on a full membership vote at the spring meeting.

The ACHA Division III holds a national tournament for members. Each member must play a minimum schedule of 16 ACHA Division II or III games to be eligible for ranking and tournament play. (Consult ACHA regulations)

4. League Fees

A. League fees of \$450 per season must be paid to the league office by October 1st of the

year. League fees in arrears are payable in the amount of 50% by November 15th. The remaining 50% is due by the end of the current season. Any payment of dues in arrears after the season will be assessed interest at the rate of 20%.

B. No arrears will be allowed to exceed two years without approval by league commissioner and remainder of the voting body.

C. All funds will be used to cover administrative costs, purchase of NCAA hockey rule books, website design and maintenance, no-shows by member teams (commissioner approval) and to administer the league tournament at the end of the season.

D. Excess funds for the season remain in the NCCHA checking account.

5. Meetings

A. Meetings of the full membership of the league shall normally occur in the spring in conjunction with the league tournament. The league may also meet at other times at the request of the Commissioner or at the request of four league members, two of which must be from each conference or a majority of members.

B. In all matters, each member team shall have one vote to be cast by the authorized member of the team. The Commissioner shall be a non-voting member unless a tie breaking vote is necessary, and the Commissioner shall chair all meetings.

C. Attendance at league meetings is mandatory. Any team not represented shall be fined \$100 and/or barred from the league at the discretion of the teams represented at the meeting. In extenuating circumstances, arrangements may be made for conference call, teleconference, web cast, or other manner to ensure full representation and input of each voting member.

6. Conference Alignment

A. The league structure will be determined each year as conference membership changes, but shall typically be divided into East and West.

B. Current members are:

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Section B – Eligibility & Roster Guidelines

*** (Note: always consult the current ACHA rules and regulations) ***

1. Enrollment

A. Each student player must currently be enrolled for a minimum of a one-half time load at the member club's institution. Half time is normally considered (9) credit hours out of 15 undergraduate semester credits as per ACHA rules.

B. A student player must maintain a status of either undergraduate or graduate student to remain eligible and ACHA [GPA 2.00 cumulative] standards.

C. Graduate students credit hours required to participate is 6cr.

2. Eligibility Limit

*See ACHA eligibility regulations.

3. Registrar's Stamp on Roster

All roster submittals, including additions, must have the institution's registrar stamp (with signature) affixed to validate the enrollment status of all players and that they meet minimum credit guidelines and be submitted to ACHA-USA Hockey before deadlines each semester and/or playing of any games.

4. Roster Limits

A maximum of thirty different persons may be used during the term to comprise the roster. (Refer to ACHA-USA Hockey regulations)

5. Dressing Limit

Of the thirty players mentioned in B-4, only twenty one may dress for a given game, two of which must be goaltenders or see current NCAA rules. ACHA Division III does not penalize a team which does not have 2 goalies.

6. Roster Changes

To make additions and deletions to a team roster official, the change must be filed with the ACHA-USA Hockey . The change must be made to the roster with USA Hockey and the ACHA prior to the player participating in any games.

7. Game Roster Freezing

Each traveling team must contact the home team 48 hours before game time either by e-mail or phone to confirm game time(s), determine jersey colours, etc.

Section C – Game Procedures and Conditions

1. Game Rules

All games shall follow the current NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Rules. League exceptions to these rules are as follows:

A. Period Length- Twenty (20) minute periods with 15 minute intermissions. Run clock shall not be permitted, and overtime and shootout protocol shall be followed.

B. Uniforms/jerseys – Change rule 2-1-b to read 'The visiting team shall wear jerseys and stockings of matching color and contrasting with the home team, who shall wear matching color jerseys and stockings. Teams possessing only one set of jerseys should notify the opposing team in advance so that a contrasting color can be worn.

2. Face Masks

All players are required to wear helmets with full face masks that meet current NCAA & HECC-ASTM standards. All teams are encouraged to review NCAA rules 3-4-a through 3-4-d.2.

Current Rule Book Purchase: One (1) copy of the current NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Rules book is to be sent to each club at the beginning of the season. NCCHA league dues are utilized where applicable.

3. Game Scheduling

A. Scheduling of all league games shall take place at the league meeting in February. Teams will be able to select weekends and opponents on a weekend by weekend basis. First selection shall go to the regular season champion (based upon points), second selection to the second place team, and so on. This shall continue until all in conference weekends are determined. Scheduling may also be conducted outside those meetings as deemed necessary by the members. At the conclusion of scheduling, each member shall submit a copy of their schedule to the league office. All league games **MUST** be scheduled and played on or before the final ranking dates for the ACHA Division III.

B. Scheduling is to be arranged in such a way that no start time will prevent a visiting team from returning to campus later than 2:00AM. If this is unavoidable, the home team shall split the cost of hotel accommodations with the visiting team (this assumes 4 players per room). The aforementioned rules are voided during cross conference play, however, there **MUST** be a minimum of 12 hours between the finish of 1 game and the start of another.

*exceptions may be made with the approval of both teams and the consent of the commissioner.

4. Game Contracts

A completed ACHA game contract form between any two (2) members playing a set of regular season games **must** be completed and a copy submitted by fax to the league office prior to the start of the season. Any adjustments to the contracts, due to any reason, shall be mailed or faxed (e-mail scan also acceptable) by both teams involved to the league office with team representative's initials indicating acceptance of said change. In addition, both teams shall verify by e-mail or by phone the receipt of such adjustments.

5. Medical Release Forms

Each team is strongly recommended to create a medical release form that absolves the team and affiliated personnel from responsibility or liability in the case of any accident or injury. This includes ACHA-USA HOCKEY, team and the local institution.

6. Home & Away Games

The leagues regular season shall consist of two (2) games to be played with each club in the same conference, and one game to be played with each club out of conference up to a maximum of (6) out of conference games. Additional games may be scheduled at the discretion of the members. In order to best accommodate all member teams, the East Conference will travel West during the Veterans Day long weekend each November, and the West Conference will travel East during the Martin Luther King long weekend each January. The League Championships shall be held the weekend immediately following ACHA DIII Regional's each season. Cross Conference play will appear as follows:

For ease of scheduling:

East - SDSU, Dordt, USD, Nebraska, Creighton, ISU

West - Air Force, Mesa State, Wyoming, CC

Weekend #1 (Veterans Day Weekend – East Travels) 2010/2011 – November 12-14

Fri. Nov. 12th	Sat. Nov. 13th	Sun. Nov. 14th
SDSU @ CC	Dordt @ CC	USD @ CC
Dordt @ Wyoming	USD @ Wyoming	SDSU @ Wyoming
Iowa State @ Air Force	Nebraska @ Air Force	Creighton @ Air Force
Nebraska @ Mesa State	Creighton @ Mesa State	Iowa State @ Mesa State

Weekend #2 (Martin Luther King Weekend – West Travels) 2010/2011 – January 14-16

Fri. Jan. 14th	Sat. Jan. 15th	Sun. Jan. 16th
Wyoming @ Creighton	Wyoming @ Iowa State	Wyoming @ Nebraska
CC @ Iowa State	CC @ Nebraska	CC @ Creighton
Air Force @ Dordt	Air Force @ SDSU	Air Force @ USD
Mesa State @ USD	Mesa State @ Dordt	Mesa State @ SDSU

Which teams play each other on the road shall alternate so the opportunity exists to play in varying locations on an alternating basis each season. The determination of who shall play who at which location shall be decided upon annually at the spring meeting.

7. Game Points:

Each win shall be worth two (2) points, each loss zero (0) points, and each OTL & SOL one (1) point. If teams are scheduled to play each other more than what the league schedule requires, they will be required to submit to the league office which contests will be scored for league play prior to their first match against each other.

8. Fall & Spring Schedule

Each member must be able to play a portion of their schedule during both the fall and spring terms unless an exception is granted.

****During trip communications between teams****

(All teams will provide contact information of the home team and rink to the visiting team. If the visiting team in transit will be late, the visiting team will contact the home team and rink so that the home team has a chance to make possible adjustments. Failure to do so will be addressed in 9, 10 & 11)

9. Cancellations and No Shows:

The commissioner shall determine the status of game cancellations and no shows. Re-scheduling, if possible, shall be determined by both parties and the commissioner.
Example: 1 game for 4 points.

10. No Show Fines and Suspensions:

A. If the commissioner determines that a no show was unexcused, the team shall be reported to the ACHA Commissioner, and will be responsible for any financial damages, as well as further discipline as deemed appropriate by the ACHA DIII Commissioner.

B. One (1) no show during the season will result in suspension from the league tournament and probation for the following season. League members may impose additional loss of privileges. Two (2) no shows shall result in immediate removal from the league.

11. No Show Costs

Reimbursable expenses shall include ice time, official's fees, and other non-refundable expenses determined by the commissioner.

12. NCCHA teams should inform the next opponent of any DQ's to be served during that game(s). All DQ's shall be reported to the League Office no later than the Tuesday following the contest in which the DQ was assessed.

Section D – Officiating and Statistics

1. Referee Certification

Member teams must use referees and linesman who are ACHA certified for their particular role.

2. Officiating Systems

The following officiating systems must be used for all games:

One (1) referee and two (2) linesmen – or as determined by ACHA manual.

3. Game Statistics

Game statistics must be kept on the *approved forms furnished by the ACHA* to the home team. Electronic reporting of statistics is also required to the ACHA no later than the Sunday evening following that weekends games.

4. League Standings and Statistics

League standings will be published and distributed by the league office once a week following the first league game. Individual player statistics will be published and distributed by the league office once every week following the first league game.

Section E – League Tournament

1. Site

Dates and sites for the league tournament should be discussed and finalized during the spring league meeting. If the membership is in agreement however, it may be hosted at a centrally located neutral site each year. [League Championship to be held in Kearney, NE annually (2009)] Expenses and Revenue: The tournament shall be a league sponsored event and supported financially by the league office.

2. Format

The first two (2) place teams from each conference will participate in the tournament. (assuming enough teams are available or an alternate format will be agreed to, top 4 teams out of 6 as an example) The team with the farthest travel shall be scheduled for the late game on Friday.

A. The pairings will be based upon the place of finish in the standings of each conference.

B. In the case of ties in the regular season standings, the following will be used to determine who shall play in the tournament:

Head to head game results advantage;

If necessary, then head to head goals allowed advantage;

If then necessary, a coin toss by the commissioner.

C. A consolation game and a championship game shall be played the second day of the

tournament, resulting in a fourth, third, second, and first place winner.

3. Tournament No Show

A team designated to participate in the league tournament who is an unexcused no-show shall be fined \$200, the offending club shall be removed from the league.

4. Tournament Dates

The league tournament shall usually be held on the Friday and Saturday of February immediately following the DIII Pacific Regional Tournament, or by arrangement.

5. Awards and Trophies

Trophies for the first, second and third place teams in the tournament play shall be awarded. Medals will be awarded to members of each of the first and second place teams. The maximum amount allowed for these purchases is \$300.

Section F – Regulations and Guidelines Changes

1. Changes

A simple majority of those in attendance at league meetings is required for passage of any changes to these rules.