

## WASATCH RECREATION HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Wasatch Recreation Hockey League (WRHL) is an organization of Youth Hockey Associations whose purpose is to provide organized RECREATIONAL hockey opportunities for the youth of Utah. Recreational hockey's primary focus is to provide a FUN environment for youth hockey players to learn the game and improve their skills. The goal of the WRHL should be to grow the number of youth hockey players by providing a fun and safe environment for them to learn to love the game. It is the responsibility of each Association of the WRHL to educate their parents, coaches, and players of the purpose of the WRHL shall follow the Codes of Conduct of USA Hockey.

This collection of rules and regulations are prepared and agreed upon by the Youth Hockey Associations making up the WRHL in order to provide a basis for fair play. Each Association, whose signatures are affixed below, has reviewed and agrees to these rules and regulations and the penalties which will be imposed for not following the rules and regulations. Each Association shall submit the primary contact (phone and email) for the Association (President, Program Manager) who can make decisions for the Association, a secondary contact, and the Manager for each team to the WRHL Coordinator.

Anything needing a vote will be presented to the WRHL Coordinator in writing.

The WRHL select a Coordinator, Scheduler and a Tournament Director each season. The Coordinator will schedule meetings of the WRHL Associations as required, act as the central point of communication and rule on matters contained within these policies. The Tournament Director may coordinate and organize a group of people from each Association to plan and run the year end tournament.

All Associations in attendance at meetings called for the purpose, shall vote on matters amending the Policies and Procedures or on matters not covered by the Policies and Procedures. The WRHL Coordinator, Scheduler and a Tournament Director should occur on or before June 1st of each year. For the inaugural season of 2021 – 2022, the associations of Provo City, Olympic Oval and Weber County shall be the Coordinator, Scheduler and a Tournament Director.

The following will be the areas subject to Policies and Procedures of the WRHL:

1. Teams/Rosters
  2. Scheduling
  3. 6U & 8U Age Groups
  4. WRHL Tournament
1. Teams/Rosters
    - a. The Team Divisions of the WRHL will be as determined by USA Hockey and published in the Annual Guide:  
Birth Years:
      - i. 6U, (ages 6 and younger)
      - ii. 8U, (ages 7 and 8)
      - iii. 10U, (ages 9 and 10)
      - iv. 12U, (ages 11 and 12)
      - v. 14U, (13 and 14)
    - b. Eligible league teams are DI/DII level teams that are approved by the UAHA BOD for the current season.
    - c. The WRHL will field two divisions of play; Division I is for players on the higher end of the recreational scale, but not at the Travel level or unable to play travel hockey. Division II level of play will be developmental in nature and teams should be of like composition. Any players who have previously played Travel or TIER hockey are not allowed to play in D2 divisions.
    - d. Associations will prepare "Official" Rosters on USA Hockey form 1-T. Roster changes for DI shall not be made after December 31st or an earlier date set by the State Registrar. Youth players may not be added to a roster after December 31st or as noted previously, except for medical exceptions and for non-resident players who relocate/move their primary residence to the area served by the Association. Written documentation

must be submitted to the WRHL Coordinator prior to adding the player to the official roster. After December 31st, DII rosters can remain open all season to new players however a letter must be submitted to the Coordinator for approval.

- e. All DI teams within the WRHL must submit each roster to the WRHL Coordinator by December 31st. Once the roster has been approved and signed, it will be held for the WRHL Tournament.
- f. There shall be NO "Double Rostering" of non-goalie players. During the regular season. If there are less than 9 skaters and one goalie a team may "Call Up" a player from the division lower (of the same age level and same organization) than them for the express purpose of providing their team an additional player so the game may be played. If a coach, parent or player are asked to "Play Up" and wish not to, that is their choice. The WRHL is in no way advocating a player to "Play Up" if the situation is deemed un-safe by coach, player or parent. If the situation for a "Play Up" occurs, the coach using players from another team should inform the opposing coach prior to the game and the name of the player(s) shall be handwritten onto the roster/score sheet for that game. At no time may a player from a division above them be called down.

Goalies may be double rostered only in the case where an organization has multiple teams and does not have a goalie for each team. DII teams are strongly encouraged to utilize Quick Change Goalie Gear and rotate players willing to try being the goalie for at least one period.

- g. Only players listed on the official Roster (form 1-T) for a team may play in the WRHL Tournament. There shall be no exceptions.
- h. All teams are required to play a minimum of 7 games in order to be eligible to participate in the WRHL Tournament. There will not be a home and away requirement and each association can schedule other teams at their convenience; however no more than two games between any two organizations may count towards the seven-game minimum. Organizations are encouraged to play each team in their division at least once. Each Player on the official Roster (form 1-T) are required to play 50% of the games the team participated in order to be eligible to play in the WRHL Tournament.

## 2. Scheduling

- a. Notice of any cancellation or request to reschedule shall be submitted to the WRHL Scheduler for the individual organizations involved in the change. Except in the case of severe weather which may make road conditions too dangerous to travel, Associations may not cancel or reschedule games less than one week prior to the scheduled date. Visiting Associations are responsible to contact the host team as far in advance as possible to alert them that severe weather will prohibit travel.
- b. There shall be a \$200 penalty assessed to a visiting team who does not show up to play a scheduled game. There shall also be a \$200 penalty assessed to a home team who schedules a game and either cancels the game less than 1 week prior to the scheduled date or does not show up for the game.
- c. The penalty shall be paid to the opposing team not penalized and shall be used to either offset the cost of the ice the home team has purchased to host the game, or, in the case that the home team has no-showed, help reimburse the away team for travel expenses.
- d. No Show grievances are required to be submitted in writing to the WRHL Coordinator the next business day following a no-show. This ensures proper follow-up by the WRHL Coordinator.
- e. Every "Home Team" is required to provide warm-up and game pucks for every WRHL game.
- f. Every WRHL game score sheet to be counted toward the minimum 7 game requirement is to be kept by each association. The home team will be required to submit the score sheet on to the WRHL Coordinator to input

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the game information. If the need arises for the score sheet to be reviewed, every organization must comply within 7 business days and submit score sheets to the WRHL Coordinator.

3. Mites

- a. A Mite Chairperson may be elected each year to help organize, provide education for, and implement initiatives to help grow the Mite divisions within the WRHL. This includes but is not limited to scheduling Mite Jamborees, Mite Exhibition games and encouraging participation for Mites throughout Northern Utah.
- b. Any organization fielding Mite teams may participate in WRHL games or jamborees and may be invited to the year-end tournament

4. Discipline Issues

- a. Match Penalties will be governed by USA hockey in accordance to UAHA rules.

5. WRHL Tournament

- a. The WRHL Tournament dates and venue will be decided upon by the WRHL Coordinator and the Tournament Director each year. Tournament shall be sanctioned by USA Hockey.
- b. The tournament rules & regulations including any disciplinary action within the league and under the jurisdiction of the league will be governed by the WRHL Coordinator and the Tournament Director who shall appoint a 3-member Disciplinary Panel of qualified individuals, except for Match Penalties which are referred to the State Disciplinary Committee. The Tournament Disciplinary Committee representatives may be the same representatives that already sit on the WRHL Leadership Committee; however, in no case shall a Committee member sit on a Disciplinary panel where one of their rostered players is the subject of the disciplinary action.

These Rules and Regulations of the WRHL are agreed to by all Associations signed below by authorized agents of the Association:

Ashley Valley Hockey Association      Peaks Youth Hockey

By:	By:
Its:	Its:

Cache Valley Amateur Hockey Association      Davis County Youth Hockey Association

By:	By:
Its:	Its:

Ogden Amateur Hockey Association      Utah Olympic Oval Hockey

By:	By:
Its:	Its:

Summit and Wasatch County Amateur Hockey Association

By:
Its:

Salt Lake County Lightning

By:
Its: