

## **Greer Upstate Recreational Hockey Association**

### **Bylaws, Regulations, House Rules for Adult Leagues**

(adopted by Review Board 7-18-2021; amended 5-9-2022)

Greer Upstate Recreational Hockey Association LLC is a private hockey organization.

#### **1. USA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION membership:**

- A. Membership to USA Hockey will be required for all players starting September 1, 2021. Participants can become members by visiting [USA Hockey Member Registration](#) page. There are multiple benefits to being USA hockey members, including participation in a supplemental accident insurance program.
- B. GURHA's USA Hockey Member Associate code is SCH0013.

#### **2. Player eligibility:**

- A. Anyone 18 and older is eligible.
- B. Membership can be revoked for non-payment. A hearing will be held to determine revocation of membership for inappropriate conduct towards any league official, Review Board or association directors; or inappropriate conduct towards any association of any rink where play is held.

#### **2(a). Sub player eligibility:**

- A. All sub players must register on SportsEngine sub page. Access via [www.gurhahockey.com](http://www.gurhahockey.com). Players must have USA Hockey membership number.
- B. Captains must communicate with opposing team and league director via group text or email to let them know sub status and approval of players. We require subs to match the skill of the division.
- C. Subs must pay sub fee of \$18 prior to game time. Payment can be made through Venmo, PayPal or cash paid to League Director, Robert Magnus.

*For teams to qualify for a sub player, the following criteria must be met:*

- If less than 10 rostered players show up for a game
- No more than 3 subs per team in any one game
- With 7 or less players, 3 subs are allowed
- With 8 players, 2 subs are allowed
- With 9 players, 1 sub is allowed

- D. A team that purposefully plays a sub player that has not registered as a sub, has failed to pay, or has not been given full permission from opposing captain and director is subject to a forfeiture loss of game.
- E. If more than 3 subs are purposely played, the team is subject to forfeiture loss unless previous arrangements have been made.

### **3. Hockey programs:**

- A. Divisions: B, C & D
- B. Player league fees are \$18 per game multiplied by total games in the season (SportsEngine charges a processing fees if paid online). There are other ways to pay to avoid processing fees.
- C. 13 players plus goalies are a required minimum for a full roster. (This is how the league finances are budgeted.) If a team wishes to roster less players, the team registration fee is \$252 x number of games in the season. All players have the option to play in the playoffs as there is a winner and a consolation bracket.
- D. After registration, captains will be nominated.

### **4. USA Hockey rules/additional house rules:**

- A. GURHA is a member of USA Hockey as of 9/1/2021, which offers support for hockey, rules and an insurance program.
- B. USA Hockey rules are being used in this league with additional house rules.
- C. Players are responsible for their own health-care costs in the event of an injury or accident on or during league play or during any GURHA event. Supplemental USA Hockey insurance is part of the USA Hockey membership. In the event of an injury requiring professional care, a player should seek that first. USA Hockey supplemental accidental insurance forms are available by contacting the league director. If you do not have a primary care insurance, this limited supplemental insurance may become primary insurance if the event of an injury.
- D. Any team must start a game with a minimum of 6 players. Any time that a team has been reduced to 4 players, the game will be forfeited and result in a 1-0 score.
- E. Player safety is the No. 1 concern. Players who experience a head injury or potential concussion can be removed from play under the discretion of an official and/or captain. Removal does not disqualify them from returning to

the game. This is to ensure the player does not need further medical attention. Players must determine for themselves whether they are fit to return to the game.

- F. GURHA league management reserves the right to suspend or exclude a player from league play, after a hearing, for conduct detrimental to the league and could result in loss of league fees.
- G. GURHA reserves the right and participants agree to be audio and/or video recorded for the purpose of reviewing incidents on ice. Games may also be recorded and posted to viewing platforms.

#### **5. Review Board:**

- A. The league's Review Board is made up of unbiased individuals not connected to the league. The league director will appoint these representatives. As of 7/20/2021, GURHA's Review Board consists of Ice Station representative, George Fowler, official Brian Laidler and Mike Nolan.
- B. The purpose of the Review Board is:
  - To adopt/change bylaws and house rules
  - Review and determine further disciplinary action after match penalties, abuse of officials, major penalties, etc.

#### **6. Officials:**

- A. RIC is Brian Laidler, appointed on 07/19/2021.
- B. GURHA strives to hire quality USA Hockey-certified officials who are passionate about the game.

#### **7. General regulations include:**

- A. Helmets are mandatory and all straps must be fastened securely.
- B. HECC-approved, full-protective equipment and face shield or cage is highly recommended.
- C. Any player suspected/determined to be extremely intoxicated will be deemed ineligible for play at the officials' and captains' discretion so as to prevent injuries or other issues on the ice.
- D. All players and spectators are expected to respect arena property. We ask that all members try to help maintain a clean facility. We understand trying to make the basket with the hockey tape, but since you missed, pick it up!
- E. Team captains are required to review all rules with their players.

- F. Team captains are responsible for validating weekly score sheets. Team captains or a team representative will be responsible for reporting correct scoring stats (G,A) on the SportsEngine site. This is for precise scoring entry.

### **8. Penalties and suspensions:**

- A. The Review Board (RB) will decide additional supplemental discipline based on USA Hockey rules and/or additional house rules. All players shall be provided a hearing in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10, before additional discipline is assessed.
- B. Players shall be given a 7-day notice of a hearing. The scheduled hearing will proceed whether the player is in attendance or absent.
- C. The player and captain will be given the league's decision based upon the nature of the altercation and the players' history.
- D. GURHA leagues are "No Check" and "No Boarding." GURHA leagues are No Check and No Boarding. Any infraction of the rules as determined by the official will result in the assessment of appropriate penalties per USA Hockey Rules.
- E. Any player receiving 4 minor penalties in the same game will be given a game misconduct (for the balance of that game).
- F. FIGHTING: GURHA enforces a strict ZERO-TOLERANCE policy for fighting. If the official determines an on-ice altercation as a fight, USA Hockey rules apply. The official makes the decision regarding what is considered a fight on the ice.
- G. RUNNING CLOCK RULES:
- Any one team that received 10 penalties in a game
  - A 5-goal differential in the third period
- H. Physical abuse of any official, on or off the ice, or any player given an intent to injure penalty, or fighting off the ice, or any player deemed to be a habitual offender will result in a hearing to determine the suspension of the player from the league for the remainder of the season.
- I. Any player demonstrating chronic behavior detrimental to the league could be brought before the league's Review Board for determination of that player's eligibility for future seasons.

### **9. Regular/playoff season format and rules:**

- A. Season standings will be determined by total points. Two points for a win, one point for a regulation tie, and no points for a loss. In the event teams

have an identical number of points at the end of the season, final season standings will be determined as follows:

- Record versus each other during season
- Goal differential
- Least amount of penalty minutes

B. Season/playoff games will consist of a 3-minute warm up, one minute before start of game and three 12-minute stop time periods plus one minute between periods. 3v3 5-minute running clock in the event of a regulation tie.

C. Hybrid Overtime is still 3v3 5-minute run clock. The format will run 3v3 the full overtime unless a player scores to end the game. (There's no carry-over penalty in OT. A penalty that carries over into the OT period will result in a penalty shot.) Scenarios that will result in a penalty shot include:

- A regulation game ending a 5 on 3 = 2 penalty shots
- A 5 on 4 = 1 penalty shot
- A regulation game ending in a major penalty = 2 penalty shots
- A regulation game ending in a double minor = 2 penalty shots

Any penalty in the overtime period results in stop-clock penalty shot. Any player is eligible to take the penalty shot. During OT, in the case of coincidental minors, there is no penalty shot but both players serve time in the penalty box and return to the ice during stoppage of play. Any penalty committed during the OT period results in a penalty shot.

D. In playoff games, the 3v3 format during overtime will remain but penalties result in a power play (no penalty shots). Overtime periods are 12-minute stop clocks.

E. One 30-second timeout per team is allowed per game. No timeouts are permitted during overtime.

F. Stats will be recorded for each game; goals, assists and points. It will be the responsibility of a designated team leader to check with score table after each game to ensure goals and assists are accurately recorded. This is to ensure accuracy of reporting all points earned. Goals for, goals against, and penalty minutes will be tracked for each team.

G. Any game complaints/appeals must be submitted in writing to the league director at [gurha.magnus@gmail.com](mailto:gurha.magnus@gmail.com) only after a 24-hour "cooling-off"

period. Game complaints may only be submitted by team captains and appeals allowed per USA Hockey rules.

- H. Hybrid blue line icing is used for GURHA games. Icing shall be waived if attacking team beats the defensive team to the defensive zone face-off dot in the direction of the puck. Judgment will be made by the official whether attacking player or defensive player may reach the puck first. Icing is nullified if the goalie makes any attempt to play the puck. This rule is similar to USA Hockey icing rules.

**10. Waiver information:**

- A. By participating in any league, you are hereby releasing GURHA, The Ice Station and their affiliates, and any sponsors, administrators, or officials of any liability due to injuries, accidents or any costs incurred for any medical-related expenses and personal injuries, including death.

**11. Changes to bylaws:**

- A. Changes to the bylaws can be made and adopted by the Review Board.
- B. Suggestions for rule changes are welcome by all.

Greer Upstate Recreational Hockey Association LLC:

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