Statistician & Manager Information

LLFHL

Lower Lakes Female Hockey League

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Purpose

- Review League Operating Procedures
- Provide Information on the League’s computerized tracking system (currently Ivrnet)
- Q & A
OWHA and the LLFHL

• What's the difference between the two?
  • Which group is in charge of what?
  • Who do I call when I have a problem?

OWHA

 The Governing Body for female hockey in Ontario
 Tracks ALL games played by All female hockey teams (exhibition, regular season, tournament, playoff and provincial playdowns) using FORM A
 Administers Provincial PlayDOWNS and Provincial Championships
 For problems entering Exhibition, Tournament and Provincial Playdown games (or any problem with Form A) – contact your OWHA Regional Director

LLFHL

 The league in which all teams represented at this meeting play
 Ran by the LLFHL Board under the authority of the OWHA
 Tracks all LLFHL LEAGUE games (regular season and playoffs) using Ivrnet (formerly ITSportsnet)
 Administers LLFHL PlayOFFS and LLFHL Championship Weekend
 For problems entering Regular Season and Playoff games contact convenor@llfhl.ca - the LLFHL cannot correct problems with Form A
OWHA Sanction Permit

Do I Require an OWHA Sanction Permit?

- If your team will be playing any team from outside the Province of Ontario, regardless of where the game is played, or if your team is playing any non-registered OWHA team, you must secure approval from the OWHA before confirming the game.

- The form is available once you sign into Ivrnet – go to “Compete” > “Schedule Games” > “Sanction Permit” to complete.
League Information and Communications

- **Website:** www.llfhl.ca, here you will find:
  - Executive Contact Information
  - Rules, Training Documents, Forms
- Scheduling and game statistics entered through specialized data base (currently ivrnet)
- **ivrnet website:**
  - Teams, League Liaisons, Registrars, Team Statisticians have role-specific access
  - League Executives have administrative access
  - General public have viewing access
Categorization

- Teams must play in the same category as their OWHA registration

- As per LLFHL Rule - Sections 5 and 18:
  - Teams that are recategorized up, by the OWHA, during the season forfeit their eligibility for playoffs and regular season awards and have no opportunity to play in the higher category
  - Teams can petition the League to allow them to remain in playoffs by filling out a Consideration for Playoff Eligibility Request form and submitting

- Teams that choose to play in a lower category, after scheduling; only do so for Provincials, they remain in same category for League play
Scheduling Meeting
(September 27, 2015)

- No team representation - team forfeits league entry
- All games must be scheduled to be played by January 31, 2016
- ivrnet will be opened for statisticians to upload or make changes to home team schedule until **Wednesday, September 30 at 11:59 p.m.**
- Any schedule not uploaded, League will upload the schedule and assess fine to team
- After September 30, if there is an error in the home schedule, notify the League Convenor, convenor@llfhhl.ca
Scheduling Concepts

- Associations should provide teams with sufficient ice to play games
  - A variety of ice allowing for flexibility on weeknights and weekends
  - Come to scheduling meeting with 50% more ice times than number of home games
- Teams should be prepared to use practice ice to make schedules work
- Double headers are encouraged
- Schedule longer trips early in season
- Arranging mid-point games is acceptable
Cancellations & Rescheduling

- Rule 11 outlines:
  - process for canceling and rescheduling games
  - the penalties for late cancellation and failing to reschedule

- Please make sure your teams read and understand that there are consequences for not doing this correctly.
Exemptions to Rule 11:

- Weather or Public Health Notice (e.g. H1N1) related cancellations require special procedures
  - Notification of cancellation must be made by phone call to other team, email or phone message is not acceptable, you must make contact and confirm receipt of cancellation
  - Reschedule the game within 7 days and notify Convenor of change
Schedule Completion

- All teams **must complete** their league schedule by January 31, 2016
  - Failure to do this will result in a $100/game fine
- Tournament games cannot be used
- No games can count for 4 points
- League games may be used for Provincial playdowns if game format the same, BUT only if approved by both the OWHA and the LLFHL prior to the game being played
Game Length (1)

- Peewee AA; Bantam AA, A; Midget AA, A, BB; Intermediate and Senior games – 12/15/15 minutes
- All other games – 10/10/12 minutes
- STOP TIME
- No time outs in regular season games
- Specific procedures in place to deal with games that are subject to a curfew or premature termination (see next slide)
Game Length (2)

- Curfewed games
  - Mark on game sheet before game
  - Both Head Coaches must sign off
  - Officials are notified
  - Must end when specified per arena clock – this is the timekeeper’s responsibility

- Premature termination
  - Due to Injury/Facility problems
  - Game is considered complete if puck has been dropped in the 3rd period; otherwise replay the entire game
  - Costs of replay are to be shared by both teams
League Game Pick-Up Procedures

- **Rule 7 outlines:**
  - **How Many?**
    - **maximum of 3** with total number of players on game sheet **not to exceed** total number registered on team
  - **Who?**
    - from younger age, same Category or lower; lower Category same age;
    - must be registered in League or Association House League; may be picked up any number of times
  - **When?**
    - missing players due to injury or sickness only
      - **not suspended players**
Officiating Procedures

- **How Many?**

- **Three officials must be supplied where specified**
  - Failure to do so will result in a fine...however, if only two officials show up for a game requiring three officials, the game can be played if both teams and both officials agree but, if any party does not agree, the game will be rescheduled.
  - All other divisions use a two official system unless deemed otherwise by the Executive.
  - One official CANNOT officiate a game mandated to have two or three officials.
Notification of Results

- Home team enters all scoring and penalties for BOTH teams into ivrnet database within 48 hours in the Regular Season, and 24 hours during the Playoffs
  - The correct codes and penalty times are listed under ITS Discipline Codes
- More extensive training to follow
Suspensions

- Suspensions are governed by the OWHA
  - All suspension explanations and durations listed in OWHA Handbook Appendix

- Team must notify OWHA Regional Director of all suspensions received in league and all OTHER games
  - Email stats@owha.on.ca
Serving Suspensions

- Team must file game sheets for all suspensions served, including those from tournament games, with OWHA
  - Email stats@owha.on.ca
  - Exhibition games cannot be used
- Games served must be listed correctly on game sheet (e.g. 1 of 3)
- Failure to file game sheets for suspensions served, may result in player being classified as illegal; game forfeiture and Head Coach suspension
Playoffs

- Only eligible teams allowed to participate
- Maximum of 8 teams per grouping qualify for playoffs
- Maximum of 3 rounds to get to group finalist (3, 4, 5 group divisions) or group semi-finalists (1 or 2 group divisions) for Championship Weekend
Player Eligibility for Playoffs

- Per Rule 2b: Rostered players (not pickups) are required to have played 5 regular season LLFHL games, on the team that they have been registered by the OWHA, to be eligible to participate in the LLFHL Playoffs.

- Even though there are an unlimited amount of times that you can pick up players from another team, these pick up games do not count towards the 5 game minimum as the pick up players are NOT registered on that team.

- Player Playoff Eligibility Requests will be accepted on or before 11:59 p.m., January 20, 2016, fill out and submit form to convenor@llfhl.ca

- NO REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION will be considered if received after this date.
FINAL WORDS

Please ensure that your Rep Directors, Team Coaches and Managers read all the Rules and Regulations prior to start of the season.

They are available on the website: www.llfhl.ca