

EAST VALLEY ROLLER HOCKEY LEAGUE RULES

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The *East Valley Roller Hockey League (EVRHL)* is a **NON-CONTACT** league. A maximum total of 5 players from each team will be allowed to play at any point in time, resulting in a maximum of 10 players total while the clock is running.

USA HOCKEY INLINE (USAHIL) rules will be declared the rules of the *EVRHL*, in addition to the rules of the *East Valley YMCA Sports Department* and the *EVRHL*. (See below for explanation)

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

All players **MUST** be registered and paid in full prior to the start of the first game of the season. **Any player who has not completed a registration / waiver form and submitted payment will not be eligible to take part in any game until completed.** There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule. Any team using an unregistered/unpaid player will automatically forfeit that game. Partial, per game and/or prorated payments **will not be accepted.**

ONLY registered players will be allowed to play. **NO SUBSTITUTES** will be allowed. Permanent replacement players must be approved by League Authorities.

All players, within one division, may **ONLY** play for, and be on the roster of, one team. Goalies are exempt from this rule.

Goalies are eligible to skate out, if necessary, as a substitute for their rostered team, unless that goalie skates out for another team in the same division.

ANY roster changes must be approved by League Authorities or that game will be forfeited.

Each player must **play at least 3 regular season games** for the same team to be eligible for playoffs and/or finals.

Players under the age of 18 years must follow and respect the rules at all times. It is a privilege to play in this adult league, and may be taken away at any point in the season if abused.

**Note: PLAYERS WHO ARE SUSPENDED / EXPELLED FOR ANY REASON ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A REFUND REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE SUSPENSION/EXPELLTION OCCURS.*

CODE OF CONDUCT

There have been a lot of stories in the news lately about the conduct that takes place at sporting events. Unfortunately, the news has not been positive. In order to **NOT** become the next news story, the following '*Code of Conduct*' rules are being instituted into our official rules.

- **Abuse:** The *EVRHL* will not tolerate the abuse of scorekeeper, officials or players by spectators, players or coaches/captains. This includes any abusive language, racial insult, heckling, yelling or screaming at any of the above. Failure of team coaches/captains in controlling their players and/or spectators may be deemed as ground of forfeiture of play.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The game will be stopped by officials when players or spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other participants of the game. The on-rink officials will identify violators to the team captains for the purpose of removing the players or spectators for the viewing game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by League Authorities.

Inappropriate behavior shall include:

- Using obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time
- Taunting players, coaches/captains, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threatening physical violence or harm
- Throwing any object in the viewing game areas, player's bench, penalty boxes, on the rink surface or against the boards, that in any manner creates a safety hazard or disruption

Please enjoy the game and support all players, coaches/captains and officials

IT'S JUST A GAME... A WONDERFUL GAME AT THAT!

Any player found guilty of abuse will be given an **AUTOMATIC** game misconduct and a suspension pending a hearing by League Authorities. If the abuse comes from a spectator, the player for whom the spectator is there to see will be

given a game misconduct, asked to leave the rink for the remainder of the day and the spectator will be asked to leave the rink and not return indefinitely.

- **Damaging Of Property:** The *East Valley YMCA* has invested a lot of time and effort into our program. We ask that everyone (players, spectators, coaches/captains and officials) refrain from destroying the property in any way. This will not be tolerated.

Any player found guilty of property damage will be given an **AUTOMATIC** game misconduct and a suspension pending a hearing by League Authorities. If the abuse comes from a spectator, the player for whom the spectator is there to see will be given a game misconduct, asked to leave the rink for the remainder of the day and the spectator will be asked to leave the rink and not return indefinitely.

- **Area Cleanup:** Each team is responsible for cleaning up after their game is finished. Each team will be evaluated prior to and immediately following each game. Any team that leaves trash behind will be assessed a 2 minute bench minor penalty at the beginning of their next scheduled game.

EQUIPMENT

The following equipment is **REQUIRED** to participate:

- An H.E.C.C. approved hockey helmet (full cage or full visor optional)
- Hockey gloves
- Hockey shin guards
- Hockey elbow pads
- Hockey skates (goalies optional)
- Hockey stick
- Athletic protective cup

**Note: Any alterations made to an H.E.C.C. approved helmet will be considered illegal and you will not be able to participate until proper equipment is present.*

Teams will be **REQUIRED** to wear matching color team jerseys during games. Any team using a player that doesn't have a matching jersey will be assessed a **10 minute misconduct penalty** at the beginning of their game. (Matching jersey refers to the main color of the garment). Any player receiving **30 total minutes** of penalties during the season will receive a **1 game suspension**.

If a stick is ruled unsafe by a referee it shall be removed from the game. A stick is unsafe when the blade is thin enough to fit through a hole in the cage on the helmet.

If, at any time, a player loses any part of their equipment other than their stick during the action play will be immediately stopped if the situation deems necessary.

PLAYING TIMES

There will be a 5-minute pre-game warm up and 1-minute break between regulation periods in each game. Games will be played for 3 periods, each consisting of 15 minutes running time. **Games will start promptly at the scheduled starting time.** All teams are to be on the rink/benches at the scheduled starting time.

Teams must have at least 4 skaters at game time. If the team can not provide at least 4 skaters within **5 minutes** after the scheduled game time, the referee will declare a forfeit.

Teams can play 5 players without a goalie.

In the event of bad weather, you will be notified as soon as possible with status of the rink. As you know when the rink becomes wet it is impossible to play on.

Games with less than half of total playing time played will be replayed in their entirety. All other games will be stand as is.

Both teams shall meet at the end of each game and shake hands as a sign of sportsmanship. Any player who does **NOT** shake hands, or displays an unsportsmanlike conduct at the end of the game may result in a **10 minute misconduct penalty and/or 1 game suspension**, at the discretion of the referee, scorekeeper and/or staff member. Any player receiving **30 total minutes** of penalties during the season will receive a **1 game suspension**.

Play Stoppage (whistle)

A whistle to stop play will be blown for the following situations including, but not limited to:

- Period/Game time expired

- Offsides
 - When offsides, if the puck is not played immediately, the referee will ask the player to move the puck 3 times and if still not played, the whistle will be blown and a face off will be in the offensive lower face off circle.
- Puck out of play
- Goal scored
- Lose/repair of equipment
- Injured player
- Time out
- Review of the rules
- Referee deems necessary

Time Stoppage

During the last two minutes of the 3rd period, the clock will be on stop time when game is within two goals.

Regular Season Games

In the event of a tie after regulation, there will be an immediate 5-minute sudden death overtime in which the clock will run, no stop. If neither team scores, the game will end in a tie and both teams will be awarded 1 point each. If a team scores, the game will end and the winning team will be awarded 1 more point for the overtime win.

Playoff Games

In the event of a tie after regulation, the teams will play sudden death hockey. Normal game time rules will apply and the clock will be set to running time except as noted in 'Play Stoppage' above. If neither team scores, the teams will play another sudden death period. This will continue until the first team scores.

Timeouts

1 30-second time out per game will be allowed for each team.

**Note: No mercy rules will be implemented in the EVRHL.*

PENALTIES

Only players and coaches/captains shall be allowed in the bench area. This is only for the safety of our spectators. Gates to player's benches will be locked during game play.

All penalties will be served in the penalty box and penalized time will start when the puck is dropped.

A bench minor penalty may be assessed to any team, which after warned by the referee, fails to place the correct number of players on the rink and/or enter the face off circle, thereby causing a delay in any manner. The referee may also drop the puck if a player is deliberately stalling.

Coincidental minors will result in no reduction of players. The penalized players will be required to serve their entire penalties and must wait for a stoppage in play before being allowed back on the rink.

Goalies will be given one warning for shooting the puck out of play. All subsequent infractions will result in a minor penalty for delay of game and a player on the rink at the time shall sit for the penalty.

Any abusive language or heckling from any team at a referee, whether it is by a player, coach/captain, or spectator, will result in a minor penalty or misconduct. If it continues a game misconduct may be assessed, a player on the rink at the time shall sit for the penalty; the incident will be taken up with the committee and may result in further actions.

Fighting **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Fighting will result in automatic ejection of the game and the entire current season or a 5 game minimum, whichever ever is greater, including playoffs and finals. This sentence will be carried over to the following season if less than 5 games remain in the current season. This will not include any non season events including pick up, tournaments, etc. All incidents will be taken up with the committee and may result in further actions.

Minor penalties imposed on players for standing in the crease have been waived unless a referee feels a player has interfered with the goaltender attempting to stop a shot.

Checking will result in a 2-minute minor penalty. If a referee feels that a player deliberately checked an opposing player, he can assess either a double minor, 5-minute major, misconduct or game misconduct for attempt to injure.

Any player who has received **4 penalties** within a single game will automatically receive a **10 minute game misconduct** penalty and not be eligible for the rest of that game. Any player receiving **30 total minutes** of penalties during the season will receive a **1 game suspension**.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

During the course of games, no player will be allowed alcohol and/or narcotics to be used on the player's bench, playing surface and/or penalty box. If found using alcohol and/or narcotics in any of the above areas the player will automatically be ejected and suspended indefinitely pending a committee hearing. There will be no refund.

The scorekeeper is considered an official and may discuss play with a referee at any time.

The game will continue if the goal net is slightly displaced. If more than a few inches have displaced the goal net the referee can either stop play or fix the goal net if the play continues away from the displaced goal net.

Spectators should always pay attention to the action on the rink, as hockey pucks tend to leave the playing surface.

THE *EAST VALLEY ROLLER HOCKEY LEAGUE* RESERVES THE RIGHT TO END A GAME AT ANY TIME IN CASES OF FOUL PLAY, TIME CONSTRAINTS AND/OR DUE TO WEATHER OR SAFETY CONDITIONS.

Necessary actions will be taken against any player reported to the committee for not abiding by any of these rules.

Any questions, concerns, or just want to give input to help better the league, please contact Brad Werner (Brad@EYMHCAHockey.com or 818-515-6068).

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