

# Darien Sportsplex Spring Hockey League Rules and Regulation

## Players Equipment:

- All players must follow USA Hockey and AHAI guidelines for required equipment.
- Make sure to bring an alternate jersey in case of color conflict, home team changes during a color conflict.

## Coaches/Team Captains:

- A max of three (3) coaches allowed on the bench, no exceptions.
- Coaches are responsible for the actions of both players and fans of their team. Penalties can be assessed for player(s)/fan(s) actions.
- Protests and/or complaints can be addressed to the program supervisor **by the coaches only!** Protests must be submitted to the program supervisor in writing.
- **No reschedules.**

## Rosters:

- A max of 20 players can be rostered on a team.
- All players must have rosters certified by AHAI; all certified rosters are frozen.
- 7 up 7 down rule applies to organizations with more than two (2) teams.
- All teams must also turn in the Darien Sportsplex waiver with parent signature.

## Referees:

- Referees' will be provided by the Darien Sportsplex for sanctioned games. Scrimmages and practices are not sanctioned and therefore no referees.
- **All referees' decisions are final!** Any questions or concerns regarding the referee and/or rules can be directed to the program supervisor, **by coaches only.**

## Score Sheets:

- Score Sheets will be available to be picked up at the front desk after your game.
- Team managers are responsible for picking these sheets up after their game.
- Before each game, rosters must be filled out on the scoresheet at the front desk.

## Gameplay/Regulations

### Duration:

- Games consist of two (2) 28-minute run-time halves.
- Games will start with a 3-minute warm up.
- No time-outs.
- Teams will stay on the same half for the entirety of the game.

### Method of Scoring:

- A goal shall be scored when the puck has completely crossed the goal line between the posts and under the cross bar.
- Up to a maximum of two (2) assists shall be awarded to those player(s) who had possession of the puck prior to the goal being scored.
- ***The decision of the referee is final!***

### Forfeits, Suspensions and Protested Games:

- Each team must have a minimum of six (6) players; if a team does not meet this minimum requirement, they will forfeit that game.
- If a team plays an illegal player, someone not rostered to their team; that will result in a loss of that game.
- If a team plays a suspended player, someone who has a suspension from that team/league or another team in a different division in the Darien Sportsplex Spring Hockey League; will result in a loss of that game. The suspended player will receive an additional game suspension and the coach will receive a one (1) game suspension as well.
- Referees' discretion: if a referee(s) feels that a game is "out of control", they can stop the game.

### Ties:

- There will be no overtime play in this league. All games will end in a tie.
- Each team will be awarded one (1) point in a result of a tied game.
- Tie breakers for the standings are as followed:
  1. Wins
  2. Head-to-Head
  3. Goals Against
  4. Goals For
  5. Flip a Coin

### Penalties:

- Any player who receives four (4) penalties in one (1) game will receive a Game Misconduct.
- A Game Misconduct suspends a player from that game, plus one (1) additional game.  
Any Match Penalty will result in that players expulsion from the remainder of the season.
- Officials Misconduct suspends a player for the remainder of said game.

### Fighting:

- A fighting major will result in an expulsion from the league.
- Any player or coach who leaves the bench area, whether to get involved with the fight and/or to help break it up, will be thrown out of the league - **No Exceptions!!!**

- If the benches are cleared during an altercation, those teams will be expelled from the league and after facility review with officials and of video, a possible facility ban - ***No Exceptions!!!***
- Any player/coach who threatens or strikes an official or Sportsplex employee will be banned from the Darien Sportsplex for life - ***No Exceptions!!!***