

Park District of Oak Park Huskies

Travel House Hockey Program

Policy Manual



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Section 1: General Policies

1.1: Mission Statement

Park District of Oak Park Huskies strives to promote teamwork, skill development and sportsmanship both on and off the ice. We also adhere to the values and ideals of the Northwest Hockey League.

1.2: Affiliates/Good Faith

It is not the intention of the Park District of Oak Park Huskies in generating any policies and regulations to be in conflict with any rules and guidelines established by the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. (AHA), USA Hockey, and Northwest Hockey League (NHL). If such conflict does exist, the affiliate's regulations will be followed.

1.3: Zero-Tolerance Policy

1.3.A:

The Park District of Oak Park Huskies holds zero-tolerance (A1) policies in regard to sexual abuse, physical abuse, hazing and locker boxing as defined by USA Hockey; for complete definitions visit usahockey.com.

1.3.B:

Any person wishing to report a violation of these areas may do so in writing or via e-mail to the hockey director or acting hockey director (7.1, A1). Accusations of any of these behaviors will be taken seriously and investigated by the Rules & Ethics Committee (7.7, A1). Any coach, manager, or parent found violating these policies will be immediately removed from the program.

1.3.C:

Officials: The NHL has produced a Zero-Tolerance Policy in conduct towards officials. The Park District of Oak Park Huskies is in full support of this policy in an attempt to maintain a sportsmanship and educational atmosphere. This policy applies to players, coaches and spectators, as well as officials. All participants with the Oak Park Huskies will follow this policy which is available in the informational packet and on-line at NHL.com.

1.4: Code of Conduct

Every participant in the program, including parents, coaches, and players have a Code of Conduct that must be followed to continue taking part in the program. Code of Conduct Forms must be signed and returned before the person is allowed to partake in any Park District of Oak Park Huskies activities and/or games.

1.5: 24-Hour Policy

There is to be no contact with the immediate coaching staff to discuss any negative concerns about the team or individual until 24 hours have passed from the time of the incident.

1.5.A:

The concerns are to be directed to the hockey director. He can be contact at 708-725-2302 or mikel@oakparkparks.com. If needed, he will contact the team manager and coaching staff to investigate the issue and determine the correct course of action. The reporter will be contacted by the hockey director with the resolution.

1.5.B:

The concern and resolution will be documented.

1.5.C:

If the person feels the concern remains and has not been addressed properly they can present the matter to the Rules & Ethics Committee who will then determine the final solution.

1.6: Violations

Violations of the zero-tolerance, code of conducts and the 24 hour policy will result in review by the Rules and Ethics Committee (and may result in immediate punishment.

Section 2: Registration Policies

2.1: Registration Procedure

2.1.A:

Returning players (including skaters who took part in spring league) will receive packets in the mail or via e-mail. For new participants, registration packets are available in person at Ridgeland Common or at oakparkhuskieshockey.com. Returning players will have priority to registration until a predetermined date when the registration opens to new participants. ALL information in the packet must be completed before the player can be registered and placed on a team.

2.1.B:

Registration with Oak Park Huskies will only be confirmed when *all* paperwork as been turned in. Making an initial payment and receiving a receipt of payment alone is not considered a registration and does not reserve a spot.

2.1.C:

USA Hockey: Every player is required to be registered with USA Hockey. You can do so at USAhockey.com. Upon completion of the registration is a confirmation page, this page must be handed in with your Oak Park Huskies registration packet. Registration forms will not be processed without USA Hockey confirmation.

2.1.D:

Confirming Team Placement: You will receive an e-mail or phone call to indicate you were successfully placed on a team, placed on a waiting list, or turned in an incomplete packet. As spots open up or new teams are developed you will be contacted if your player has been moved off a waitlist and onto a team.

2.2: Determining Priority

2.2.A:

All registrations are done on a first-come, first serve basis. Registration is first opened to returning players. Returning players are defined as people who have participated in the prior winter or spring season. After a predetermined date, registration will also become open to new registrants.

2.2.B:

Once registration is open, spots will no longer be held for returning players. This means new players may be registered over returning players who have not yet registered or have an incomplete registration packet.

2.2.C:

If two player registrations are received at the exact same time and only one spot on a team remains, the tie will be broken using the following criteria.

1. A player that has played for the Oak Park Huskies in the past will have priority over a player that has never played for the Oak Park Huskies.
2. If both players have played for the Oak Park Huskies, the player with more seasons will have priority.
3. If both players have the same amount of seniority, the player that played the most recent season will have priority.
4. If all things are equal, a coin toss will be used.

2.3: Fees

2.3.A:

Players who have participated in previous seasons must have a current account with a zero balance. Any outstanding dues to the Park District of Oak Park must be paid before registration for the new season can occur.

2.3.B:

Payment to participate in the program can be paid in one of two ways. Parents can choose to make a one-time payment in full at the time of their registration or can choose to make installment payments over the course of a three month period. A full one-time payment can be made with a credit card, check or cash. Installment payments must be made with a credit card. A \$100.00 deposit is due at time of registration and the remaining amount will be withdrawn on the first of September, October, and November.

2.3.C:

Families with more than one child participating receive no extra discount.

2.3.D:

Payment for goalie registration is a reduced amount for the fall session.

2.4: Refunds

If there is not a spot available for the player all payments will be returned to the family. Once teams have been assigned no refunds will be given out. Refunds requested due to extenuating circumstances will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the director.

Section 3: Team Information

3.1: Team Divisions

Teams are determined by birth years, not age. All years below apply to the Fall 2011-12 season. All Huskies teams are co-ed.

3.1.A:

Silver Mites: 2005 and under.

The Silver Mites are an extension of the Oak Park Huskies and serves as an introduction to travel hockey. This team provides additional practice times and a seasonal jersey. Silver Mites will also play other teams from the participating rinks.

Gold Mites: 2003-2004

Squirts: 2001-2002

Peewee: 1999-2000

Bantams: 1997-1998

3.2: Size Restrictions

3.2.A:

According to the NWHL the maximum number of participants on a team is 17 players (15 skaters and two goalies). After a team is filled with the maximum number of players, any additional registrations for that team will be placed on a waitlist. If the waitlist for a level reaches the necessary amount of registrants, an additional team may be made available.

3.2.B:

Each team will have a minimum of 11 players. This can be modified by the director in certain circumstances. In a team with only 11 players it will typically consist of 10 skaters and 1 goalie. In the case of not having a designated goalie, the coach will determine on a game-by-game basis who will be designated as a team goalie.

3.2.C:

If there is only one team at a specific level, the coaches will contact the players by phone to inform players and families meeting and practice times. If there are two or more teams at a level thus requiring a draft, the Park District will contact players notifying them about the draft time and location.

3.3: Draft Procedures

3.3.A:

In the event there are enough players to form two or more teams within size restrictions, a draft will be held to ensure the teams are of equal ability. Players that need to participate in a draft will be notified by e-mail.

3.3.B:

The draft is scheduled over a period of several hours where the players participate in different drills and are evaluated based on ability, attitude, and teamwork. All draft procedures are followed according to NWHL procedures.

3.3.C:

The coaches will call the players after the draft inform them of team assignments, meetings and practice times.

3.3.D:

If a player misses the draft or registers after the draft they will first be put on the team with the lesser amount of players. If they are equal in amount, the player will be put on the team with the lower skill total from player rankings.

3.3.E:

Special Requests: Any requests for a player to be placed on a specific team are not permitted. This includes requests due to sibling participation and carpooling.

Section 4: Player and Roster Information

4.1: Goalies

4.1.A:

Parents interested in signing their players up as goalies are strongly encouraged to talk to the director before doing so. This will help to ensure the player's ability level as goalie is comparable to the playing level for the team and age level.

4.1.B:

The Park District of Oak Park has goalie equipment that is available.

4.1.C:

Balanced ice time, or BIT (A1), for goalies will be based on alternating full games, alternating periods or equal periods per number of goalies. When there are two goalies per team the goalie is committed to playing at least half of the games as goalie. If there is only one goalie per team that goalie must commit to playing at least 2/3 of the games.

4.1.D:

If the team has a full roster the goalie will not be allowed to skate out during the non-goalie games unless one of the skaters is missing for another reason.

4.1.E:

The Huskies have hired a specialized goalie coach to come in during practice times to work specifically with the goalies. All goalies are expected to be in full goalie gear and attend these sessions instead of regular practice.

4.2: Playing Up

If needed, players will be offered the opportunity to play up based on size and skill.

4.2.A:

No player will be allowed to move up to another level if the teams have full rosters. If the level above does not have a full roster the move must be recommended by both the coach at the current level and the upper level. The move is then approved by the director, and the parents.

4.2.B:

The hockey director will make the final decision as to who is offered this opportunity and in what order.

4.3: Double Roster

No player is allowed to double roster.

4.3.A:

In the event that a team may not have enough members to compete due to unforeseen incidents (such as injury or illness), players from another team on the same level or below may be placed on the roster to play for that competition only with the recommendation of both coaches and approval from the director and parents. The skater is then considered to be doubled rostered since they remain on the original roster as well. A new official roster must be created for these situations.

4.3.B:

In the event there are two teams at one level and only three goalies, only one goalie can be double rostered to move from team to team.

4.3.C:

Restrictions: a player may only be double rostered for three events. After those three events the player can not be double rostered for the remainder of the season.

4.4: Checking Clinic

Checking is allowed only in the Bantam level. All players on this team are required to participate in a mandatory one hour checking clinic held at a time to be announced as needed.

Section 5: Practice/Game Play/Tournaments

5.1: Practice

5.1.A:

All teams have practice twice a week at Ridgeland Common. Exact times and days will be provided by the coaching staff. Players are expected to attend all practices; if they are unable to attend, coaches need to be notified before practice begins.

5.1.B:

Players need to bring all equipment necessary and be ready to step on the ice before practice starts. Players who are not prepared with necessary equipment will not be allowed to participate in that practice due to safety concerns.

5.1.C:

Only the teams scheduled to be on the ice are allowed on, skaters and coaches from other teams are not allowed on the ice until it is their time for practice. There is no 'hockey play' allowed anywhere in the building off the ice. Sticks and pucks are only to be used on the ice.

5.1.D:

Practice will begin promptly on time and end on time. Coaches are responsible for ensuring all players and equipment are off the ice at the time practice ends. The only people allowed on the ice are certified coaches and the players; parents and other children are not allowed on the ice at any time.

5.1.E:

Players should not leave the ice during practice. Some practices will be split between goalie clinics and team practices, at this time goalies are expected to practice with the goalie coach and the skaters will maintain a regular practice.

5.1.F:

Any additional practices will be communicated to the parents by the coach or team manager as communicated to them by Park District staff.

5.1.G:

No coaches or players should be on the ice during ice resurfacing. All doors to the ice should be closed and no players or coaches may sit on the players' bench boards. If a coach needs to get equipment or move a net, it should be done quickly and with the utmost alertness and safety.

5.2: Balanced Ice Time

The Oak Park Huskies adhere to the Balanced Ice Time as set forth by the NWHL. BIT requires that each player on the team has an equal amount of playing time. Three defined points for BIT are no power play lines, no penalty kill lines, and even line rotation throughout the entire game. If a player receives three penalties during a game they should be sat to avoid the possibility of the five penalty rule.

5.2.A:

Any suspicion of violation to BIT will be monitored by the Park District of Oak Park and if needed, brought to the attention of the NWHL.

5.3: Games

5.3.A:

All teams will participate in about 20 league games both home and away. Most home games will take place on Sunday mornings at the Paul Hruby Ice Arena at Ridgeland Common.

5.3.B:

The season is divided into three sections: a pre-tier schedule made of six games, post-tier with 12 games, and tournament. Each game has three periods lasting 11 minutes with no ice makes in-between periods; a full game will last about an hour.

5.3.C:

Games from pre-tier and post-tier schedules are scheduled at the NWHL scheduling meetings. It is expected that head coaches are in attendance to schedule team games. In a head coach's absence an assistant coach or manager may fill in. If no one from the team is present at the meeting the hockey director will schedule all home and away games.

5.3.D:

Playing time is determined by BIT (5.2) and we remind parents, coaches and players to reference the zero-tolerance (1.3), code of conduct (1.5) and 24 hour policy (1.6).

5.3.E:

Players are not allowed to leave the bench during the game and only certified and assigned coaches are permitted on the bench and ice.

5.3.F:

Transportation for away games is not provided by the park district. Players should expect to show up early at a time designated by the coach.

5.4: Tournaments

5.4.A:

The only tournament sanctioned by the Park District of Oak Park is the NWHL end of season tournament. The payment for this tournament is paid for in the league fees. Games for this tournament may be scheduled in a variety of areas and the schedule will be released as soon as it is available.

5.4.B:

The Park District of Oak Park Huskies Travel House program *does not* encourage participation in any other tournaments. Tournaments not sanctioned by the park district are to be determined on a team by team basis by the coaches and parents with full consent of the team.

5.4.C:

Additional tournaments must be approved by the director. The only role the director or coordinator will have in outside tournaments (other than the NWHL end of season tournament) is providing the roster and other documentation for the team. Any other administrative duties are run outside the scope of this program and therefore the program is not responsible for these acts. This includes but is not limited to: collecting money, hotel, travel, and tournament reservations and the participation of players. For USA hockey membership insurance to apply it is a reminder these tournaments should be USA hockey sanctioned.

5.4.D:

- Should a player and or family choose not to participate in the tournament they are not to be held in contempt by any other member of the team or the coaching staff.
- Any family not participating in the tournament does not pay any part of the fees associated with the tournament.
- Any member of the coaching staff found to be punishing players in any form for choosing not to participate in the tournaments will be disciplined by the director.

5.5: Other Facilities

Every participant in this program is a representative of Oak Park and the Huskies program; families, coaches and players. It is expected that each person will demonstrate positive behavior at each facility. Vandalism, stealing, taunting and other disrespectful acts towards the opposite teams, officials, or the facility are punishable. Being a part of the Oak Park Huskies' is building a positive reputation for the program.

Section 6: Jerseys & Equipment

6.1: Jerseys

Each player will receive two jerseys, one black and one white. Jerseys are being handed out each season and will be returned at the end of the season. Socks are also provided

for each player. Any additional patches for a team must first be approved by the hockey director.

6.1.A:

Jersey Handout: A jersey handout day will take place prior to the first games and all participants are expected to be present to pick up their jersey. Jerseys are first distributed by *size*. Jerseys come in both youth and adult sizes but not all numbers are in both size ranges.

6.1.B:

Jersey Numbers: *After* determining size, players are given up to three options of numbers within their size range to choose from. Jerseys are handed out on a first-come first serve basis; no numbers will be held aside for any participant.

6.1.C:

Liability: Once you've received your jersey, the family is liable for maintaining the jersey and turning in the *same jersey*. Any jersey switched between players must go through the *coaches only* who are responsible to report it to the coordinator and director to ensure records are kept accurate.

6.2: Spring Season:

6.2.A:

If players are registered for spring league at the time of the jersey collection day they are allowed to keep their jersey for the spring league. Anyone planning on participating in spring league but is not registered by the collection day is required to turn in their jersey (6.3).

6.2.B:

Jerseys for spring season will be given to the coach based on size and the coach will hand out the jersey to the players. The coach is responsible for reporting which player has which number and the family is responsible for returning the jersey. If the coach does not report the assigned numbers the coach is responsible for all jerseys and any jerseys that are missing.

6.3: Collection Day

Jerseys will be turned in by each individual on a specified collection day. If families can not attend this day, arrangements must be made within a week to return the jersey within two weeks of the collection day. For jerseys not returned within two weeks of the collection day, the family will be charged a non-refundable fee to cover the cost of a replacement jersey.

6.4: Equipment

6.4.A:

Players are responsible for providing their own equipment. Equipment required to participate is: skates, helmet, gloves, shin pad, elbow pads, hockey pants, chest protector, and hockey stick. Skaters are also required to wear neck guards. Equipment needs to be available for use before the participant's first practice.

6.4.B:

Goalie equipment is available through Ridgeland Common at no fee.

6.4.C:

Coaches and teams are not allowed to take or use any equipment without *prior* approval and check-out from the hockey director or coordinator.

6.5: One Goal

6.5.A:

For ages 8 and under the Park District of Oak Park provides a hockey rental program called One Goal. It provides all equipment needed for a hockey player which can be rented out and used only for Oak Park programs. It is used for duration of the rinks season and then returned to Ridgeland Common.

6.5.B:

A commitment of \$75.00 must be made to use a set of equipment. The \$75.00 will not be charged or cashed if the bag is returned by the due date with all the pieces in-tact. Any bag that is returned after the due date or with broken or missing equipment will be charged the deposit of \$75.00. If families decide to keep the equipment the charge of \$75.00 will be made.

6.5.C:

For safety reasons, it is important to try on the One Goal equipment before the first practice to make sure it fits properly.

Section 7: Participant Expectations

These descriptions below are not meant to be all inclusive. There may be other expectations and requirements to each position. Complete information will be given at coaches and parents meetings.

7.1: Hockey Director

The director manages the overall program operation. This includes overseeing and working with the coaches, coordinators, and team managers to encourage program growth and resolve any issues. This position is responsible for opening lines of communication through meetings, e-mails, newsletters and the website. The goal of this person is to maintain a healthy atmosphere for young hockey players to develop. The director acts as the Achieving Coaching Excellence director to provide coaches with continued education and materials.

7.2: Hockey Coordinator

The coordinator works with the director to produce the best quality program. The role is responsible for ensuring that all teams are receiving equal ice time and the benefits from the park district. This person assists with coach training and oversees the coaches to guarantee they are adhering to standards. Coordinators communicate problems, concerns, and enhancements to the director.

7.3: Coaching Requirements (head & assistant)

- Every coach must keep a current coaching certification through AHAI and USA Hockey.
- Compliance with AHAI, NWHL, and Park District of Oak Park policies and regulations (this includes all policies set forth in this manual).
- Will enforce the BIT playing policy (5.2), the 24 hour policy (1.6) and all practice and game rules (5.1 & 5.3)
- Attend all coaching and volunteer meetings as assigned by the director.
Attend the pre-tier and post-tier scheduling meeting as scheduled by the NWHL (5.3.D)
- Submit score sheet to director within 24 hours of the game as well as fax a copy to the NWHL.
- Be present, on time, and prepared for all practices.
 - If a head coach is not able to make a practice, they must notify the director and the assistant coach is responsible for running the practice.
- Follow the park district's behavior management plan for participants.

7.3.A:

Coaches are expected to act as representatives of the Park District of Oak Park Huskies program. This includes maintaining a safe and positive attitude through practice to promote teamwork, skill development, and sportsmanship. All coaches are chaperones for the players once they enter the rink until the time they exit the rink.

7.3.B:

Coaches should maintain frequent contact with the coordinator, director, as well as parents. If any problems or concerns arise they should be communicated to the coordinator and/or director.

7.3.C:

Coaches are responsible for cleaning up practice equipment and making sure the locker room is left in good condition.

7.3.D:

All coaches are *required* to attend a pre-season meeting held by the director. At this meeting coaches will receive coaching assignments, schedules and important dates. This meeting will also go over additional responsibilities of the coaches and new policies.

7.4: Coaching Placement

Coaches can request age groups however the coaching assignments are made and finalized by the hockey director. Incumbent coaches may get first choice at the level they coached the previous season. Any requests to change levels will be considered but not guaranteed. It is strongly recommended that anyone wishing to become a coach in this program spend a season first as an assistant coach. Coaches are allowed to coach their own child but any accusations of favoritism will be taken seriously and would be considered punishable.

7.5: Team Manager

The team manager is a parent who at the beginning of the season volunteers to assist in running the off-ice activities of the team. It is suggested that there only be one team manager per team. If two people request the position one will be take the lead and the

other will assist. The team manager is the liaison between the parents and coaching staff. Responsibilities of the team manager are but not limited to:

- Ensuring the 24-hour policy (1.6) is followed correctly
- Assist coaches in getting organized for all games and travel
 - Recruiting volunteer scorekeepers and people to run the clock for home games
- Communicate events and reminders to parents and assist in organizing program wide events. Encouraging parents to be involved with events and attend is important to building a strong team and organization community.
- Send in updates for the website and reporting scores to the paper.
- Attend a monthly meeting
- All team managers are required to be a part of the Rules & Ethics Committee (7.7).

7.6 Officials

7.6.A:

All on-ice officials are not hired or trained through the Oak Park Huskies. These on-ice officials are certified through USA Hockey and are assigned to each game through AHAI. Participants are reminded to reference the zero-tolerance policy (1.3.C) in regards to treatment of officials.

7.6.B:

Each team is responsible for provided a person to run the clock and one person to be a scorekeeper for each home game. Parents taking part in these positions are doing so voluntarily and are expected to maintain impartial while in the scorekeeping box

7.7: Rules & Ethics Committee

The Oak Park Huskies Rules & Ethics Committee is comprised of the In-House Hockey Coordinator, Aquatic and Rink Program Coordinator and the Aquatic and Rink Assistant Manager. The committee is responsible for upholding the standards of this club. Any violations of the Oak Park Huskies policy manual and other actions needing review will handled by the Rules & Ethics Committee.

7.7.A:

Any accusations & problems are to first be documented and brought to the attention of the hockey director before presented to the Rules & Ethics committee. Documentation can be in writing or electronic and can be sent to any team manager, the coordinator, or director. If further action needs to take place it will be done by a person within the committee who is without direct (personal or family) interest in the outcome. All problems are to be fully recorded (initial action or accusation, the investigation and the solution).

7.7.B:

The final decision as a result of the investigation is to be recorded and put into action immediately. The course of action will be handed down through the hockey direction.

7.7.C:

Any player, coach, or parent who is referred to the Rules and Ethic Committee may receive punishment up to and including removal from the program. Other discipline can

include suspensions, apologies, or other actions as suggested by the Rules and Ethics Committee

7.7.D:

All decisions are final. Any appeals must receive a 2/3 majority vote to be revisited.

7.8: Parents

Parents are responsible for supporting their players throughout the season in their skill development and encourage sportsmanship and teamwork. Parents are required to follow the 24 hour policy (1.6). As the majority of players are not able to transport themselves parents are responsible for ensuring players are to practice and games *early* so they can be in gear and ready to go on time. If a player is not able to attend a practice or game they are responsible for notifying the coach as soon as possible. Parents are encouraged to participate in extra activities and volunteer where needed. Parents in violation of the zero-tolerance policy (1.3) or code of conduct (1.4) will be referred to the Rules & Ethics Committee (7.7)

7.8.A:

Parents are *required* to attend an organization wide parents meeting. During this time they will be able to get team assignments, practice times and important dates. This meeting will also cover important information to update parents on the program and the NWHL.

7.9: Players

Huskies players are to work hard developing skills. They should always practice teamwork and sportsmanship both on and off the ice. Players should always have fun and act as representatives of the Huskies program.

Section 8: Additional Regulations

8.1: Pictures

Pictures are taken once a year mid season. While participants are not obligated to purchase pictures, it is required that each player is in attendance for the team picture. Ordering information for both team and individual pictures (if chosen) will be available before picture day and will be handed out by the team manager. Black jerseys are to be worn by each player and team. Each season the date is to be determined and will be announced several weeks ahead of time.

8.1.A:

Pictures will be distributed upon the return of jerseys at the end of the season. Any other item made to commemorate the season is done by team and is out the scope of the Park District of Oak Park Huskies. The program is not a part of producing or distributing these materials.

8.2: Clothing Orders

The Park District of Oak Park Huskies program does not produce any clothing orders for the program at this time. Any clothing orders are only to be organized and run by the team managers. All money and processing is done outside of the Park District of Oak

Park Huskies management and it is strongly suggested that team managers keep a balance sheet to be available at all times for parents request. To use the logo, color combination, the program name, or the team names requires prior approval of the clothing by the director.

8.3: Spring Season

Spring league season begins in March and runs through May. This season consists of eight games and practices take place on ice and on turf. All on ice practices and home games take place at the Franklin Park Ice Arena. Players who played in the winter may keep the same jersey for the spring league. When players register for spring league they are placed on a team that plays a level up from their birth year. Unlike the winter season, pee-wee in the spring is no check.

This policy applies to all participants of the Park District of Oak Park Huskies hockey program. It will be introduced and applied during the 2011-2012 season. The Park District of Oak Park reserves the right to review all policies and make adjustments as necessary.

Terms and Definitions

Balanced Ice Time:

Referred to as 'BIT'. Skaters will have an equal amount of playing time with other skaters; goalies have an equal amount of playing time with other goalies.

Certified Coach:

A certified coach has been trained and approved through AHAI and USA hockey to coach. Both head and assistant coaches must have this certification.

Checking:

Delivering body to body contact to an opposing player to gain possession of the puck (not allowed below the Bantam levels)

Committee:

A pre-determined group of individuals able to make decisions while remaining unbiased. This group is called upon to make the final decision of a dispute after all other procedures have taken place.

Director: person who oversees the operation of the program and handles any controversy relating to the program. This position is held by the Assistant Rink and Aquatic Manager.

Double Roster: A player on multiple teams' rosters.

Goalie: Any player who is planning on playing 50% or more games as a goal tender.

Locker Boxing: using pads or equipment to fight in the locker room

Playing Up: A skater or goalie that plays at the level above their age group

Pre-Tier: The six game schedule used to determine standings for the remainder of the season.

Post-Tier: The 12 game schedule used to the seeding for the end of season NWHL tournament.

Registration: A person interested in participating in the program turns in all required paperwork and has paid the deposit. Registering does not indicate placement on a team.

Skater vs. Player: a skater is any registrant who is not registered as a goalie. A player is any individual registered for the Huskies hockey program.

Zero-Tolerance: strict, uncompromising enforcement of rules