



WESTERN COLLEGIATE ROLLER HOCKEY LEAGUE

LEAGUE OPERATIONS MANUAL

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I. WHAT IS THE WCRHL?

The Western Collegiate Roller Hockey League (WCRHL) is an organization of College/University affiliated programs in California, Arizona and Nevada. The WCRHL is a proud member of the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (NCRHA), which serves as the governing body of collegiate roller hockey in the United States of America.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The Western Collegiate Roller Hockey League shall unify and promote the sport of college roller hockey in California, Nevada, Arizona and other Western States by providing competitive, recreational, informational, educational and leadership opportunities for all interested parties.

III. MEMBER ORGANIZATION STANDARDS

See the WCRHL and NCRHA By-Laws for details.

IV. TEAM ELIGIBILITY AND STANDARDS

See NCRHA League Operations Manual

V. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND STANDARDS

See NCRHA League Operations Manual

A. Use of Ineligible Players

- i. Any team using an ineligible player in any WCRHL-sanctioned game shall forfeit those games in which the player participated.
- ii. Teams penalized under this rule are subject to suspension of membership benefits by action of the League Director, WCRHL Board of Directors and/or NCRHA Board of Directors.

B. B Division Eligibility

- i. During the regular season, players may move freely between B Division teams from the same college/university, provided they play no more than 5 games maximum per weekend.
- ii. Players must adhere to all B Division Eligibility requirements set forth in the NCRHA League Operations Manual.

VI. RULES OF PLAY

The WCRHL will use the rules of play specified in the NCRHA Rule Book for all sanctioned games. Any rules not covered in the NCRHA Rule Book will default to the rules of USA Hockey InLine. Teams are responsible for obtaining copies of the Rule Book each season (available online at www.ncrha.org).

A. WCRHL Rule Differences

- i. Mercy Rule – In addition to the 8-goal lead running clock, the WCRHL shall enact the 10-goal mercy rule. Once a team gains a 10-goal lead in the 3rd period of the game, the mercy rule is in affect and the game is over.
 1. Players of the losing team have the option to utilize any time remaining up until the beginning of warm-ups prior to the scheduled start time of the following game.
- ii. Forfeit Fees – All teams forfeiting games will pay the league a \$100 fine per game forfeited. All forfeit fees are due prior to the next event.

VII. PLAYER SUSPENSIONS AND APPEALS

A. The Suspension Process

- i. See NCRHA League Operations Manual

B. National Enforcement

- i. See NCRHA League Operations Manual

C. Alcohol and Drug Policy

- i. The WCRHL will not tolerate or condone drug or alcohol use by its players, coaches or Club members.
- ii. It is the policy of the WCRHL to maintain an environment free from drug and alcohol abuse and its effects; thus, regardless of age, all participants of the WCRHL shall not partake in the consumption of alcohol or the use of illegal drugs at WCRHL-sanctioned events.
- iii. The possession, use, sale or distribution of drugs or alcohol and/or being under the influence of either substance by program members during WCRHL-sanctioned activities will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the WCRHL.

D. Suspension Appeal Policies

- i. See NCRHA League Operations Manual

E. Suspension Appeal Procedures

- i. See NCRHA League Operations Manual

- ii. While a Suspension Appeal is in process, the suspended participant is completely ineligible to participate in any WCRHL or NCRHA sanctioned games. This includes games played in another NCRHA Member Organization.
- iii. Appeals are not automatic. There must be a basis for the appeal that meets appealable standards.
 - a) A suspension must be for a total of two or more games before an appeal can be initiated.
 - b) The Representative of the participant's team submits appeal.
 - c) The appeal must contain all mitigating support by the participant.
 - d) Only one appeal may be submitted and must contain all pertinent information.
 - e) No additional information or amendments will be permitted once the appeal is submitted.
 - f) Appeals are to be addressed to the WCRHL League Director and Regional Referee-in-Chief, in writing. Appeals can be sent via email to bedwards@wcrhl.com and ric@wcrhl.com or by mail (see below).

VIII. REGULAR SEASON PLAY

See NCRHA League Operations Manual

A. Number of Games per Season

- i. Division I teams will play a regular season of 20 games.
 - a) Division I teams will play against other Division I teams and possibly Junior College teams.
 - b) Games played against opponents from other Member Organizations will not count towards WCRHL teams' Regular Season Record.
- ii. Division II teams will play a regular season of 16 games.
 - a) Division II teams will play against other Division II teams, possibly Junior College teams and Division III teams.
- iii. Junior College teams will play a regular season of 16 games.
 - a) Junior College teams will play against other Junior College teams, with the remainder of their season played against Division I and/or Division II teams.
- iv. B Division teams will play a regular season of 16 games.
 - a) B Division teams will play against other B Division teams and Division III teams.
- v. Division III teams will play on an event-by-event basis.
 - a) Division III teams may play between 2 and 4 games per event.
 - b) Division III teams will play against other Division III teams, possibly B Division and/or Division II teams.

- c) WCRHL League Director will work with Division III team to determine opponents.

B. Number of Games per Event

- i. Teams will typically play in 4 games per event, unless:
 - a) Requested by the team and approved by the WCRHL League Director
 - b) Requested by the WCRHL League Director and approved by the teams affected for one or more of the reasons below:
 - Lack of rinktime
 - Abundance of rinktime
 - Travel scheduling
 - Team matchups needed

C. WCRHL All Star Competition

- i. The WCRHL will host All Star Games for the following Divisions:
 - a) Division I
 - b) Division II
 - c) B Division
 - Junior College Division players will be placed in the Division I or II All Star Game, depending on which teams they play most in the Regular Season
- ii. All Star Games are typically held on a Saturday in the second semester, at a regular season event.
- iii. All Star Rosters will be determined by League Director, with input from WCRHL Staff and from each Team Representative.

D. Tie Breakers

- i. Should two or more teams be tied at the end of the Regular Season, the WCRHL shall use the following order of tie breakers to determine their seeding:
 - a) Total Wins (2 teams may be tied in points but one has more wins than the other)
 - b) Head to Head Record
 - c) Goal Differential
 - d) Goals Against (least)
 - e) Goals For (most)
 - f) Penalty Minutes (least)
 - g) Coin Toss

IX. POST-SEASON PLAY

See NCRHA League Operations Manual

A. Team Selection for Regional Championship Tournament

- i. Number of Teams per Division
 - a) For all Divisions:
 - 2-3 teams per division – No Regional Championship Tournament – Regular Season Series dictates Nationals seeding
 - 4-5 teams per division – top 3 teams to Regionals
 - 6-7 teams per division – top 4 teams to Regionals
 - 8-11 teams per division – top 6 teams to Regionals
 - 12-15 teams per division – top 8 teams to Regionals
- ii. Regional Championship Tournament Team Eligibility
 - a) See NCRHA eligibility rules
- iii. Regional Championship Tournament Player Eligibility
 - a) See NCRHA eligibility rules
 - b) All players with B Division eligibility remaining are eligible to compete for any B Division team from their college/university at the Regional Championship Tournament.
 - c) At the Regional Championship Tournament, players are locked to each B Division team for the duration of the event. College/universities fielding multiple B Division teams in the Regional Championship Tournament must submit rosters prior to the event, stating which players will play on which team.
- iv. Tournament Format
 - a) The Regional Championship Tournament is a 3-game minimum
 - b) 3 team format
 - Teams will play each other 2x
 - Re-seed
 - Seed 1 vs Seed 2 for Championship

c) 4 team format

- Teams will play each other 1x
- 1v4, 2v3 semis?
- Winner vs Winner for Championship?

d) 6 team format

- Teams will be separated into 2 pools of 3 teams each
- Pool A – Seeds 1, 4, 6
- Pool B – Seeds 2, 3, 5
- Teams will play each other 1x in their pool
- Pool A Seed 2 vs Pool B Seed 3
- Pool B Seed 2 vs Pool A Seed 3
- Pool A Seed 1 vs Winner B2/A3 - Semi
- Pool B Seed 1 vs Winner A2/B3 – Semi
- Winner vs. Winner - Championship

e) 8 team format

- Teams will be separated into 2 pools of 4 teams each
- Pool A – Seeds 1, 4, 5, 8
- Pool B – Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7
- Teams will play each other 1x in their pool
- Seed 4 in each pool will not advance past Round Robin
- Pool A Seed 2 vs Pool B Seed 3
- Pool B Seed 2 vs Pool A Seed 3
- Pool A Seed 1 vs Winner B2/A3 - Semi
- Pool B Seed 1 vs Winner A2/B3 – Semi
- Winner vs. Winner – Championship

f) All round robin games will end in a tie. Should 2 or more teams be tied after round robin, the tiebreaker system in Article XIII, Section D will be applied prior to seeding.

B. Team Selection for NCRHA Collegiate Roller Hockey National Championships

- i. Division I
 - a) Bid 1 – AUTOMATIC BID – Winner of Regional Championship Tournament
 - b) Bid 2 – Team with best Regular Season Record
 - c) All other bids – based on points system, see below
- ii. Division II
 - a) Bid 1 – AUTOMATIC BID – Winner of Regional Championship Tournament
 - b) Bid 2 – Team with best Regular Season Record
 - c) All other bids – based on points system, see below
- iii. Junior College Division
 - a) Junior College Division bids are not automatic
 - b) When Regular Season Record is used:
 - Bid 1 – Team with best Regular Season Record, between JC teams only
 - Bid 2 – Team with 2nd best Regular Season Record, between JC teams only
 - Bid 3 – Team with 3rd best Regular Season Record, between JC teams only
 - c) When Regional Championship Tournament finish is used:
 - Bid 1 – Winner of Regional Championship Tournament
 - Bid 2 – Team with best Regular Season Record, between JC teams only
 - All other bids – based on points system, see below
- iv. B Division
 - a) Bid 1 – AUTOMATIC BID – Winner of Regional Championship Tournament
 - b) Bid 2 – Team with best Regular Season Record
 - c) All other bids – based on points system, see below
- v. Points System for Nationals Seeding
 - a) Regular Season Win – 2 points
 - b) Regular Season Tie – 1 point
 - c) Post-Season Win – 3 points
 - d) Post-Season Tie – 1.5 points
 - e) Only games played against WCRHL teams within your division (ie. Division I) count towards the Points System
- vi. All bids other than automatic bids are voted on by NCRHA Selection Committee.

X. WCRHL LOGO

The WCRHL Logo is the sole property of the Western Collegiate Roller Hockey League. Any commercial use of the WCRHL Logo must be approved by the League Director. Unauthorized or inappropriate use of WCRHL logo by any member or non-member will be subject to disciplinary action to be determined by the WCRHL Board of Directors.

The NCRHA and member teams are permitted to use the WCRHL logo in promotional materials, on web sites and on apparel provided: the logo is not altered, “WCRHL” or “Western Collegiate Roller Hockey League” is clearly visible either on the logo or in its immediate vicinity, and promotional items are in accordance with the WCRHL Player and Team agreements.

For clarification, contact the League Director.

XI. ADMINISTRATION

Note: The following descriptions are only maintained for informational purposes. For official job descriptions and officer information, consult the WCRHL Bylaws. The WCRHL reserves the right to combine/delete staff positions at any time, following the WCRHL Bylaws.

A. Board of Directors

- i. The Board of Directors manages the business and affairs of the WCRHL and has the authority to establish policies and procedures for the operation of the organization and its services.
- ii. The duties of the BOD are delineated in the WCRHL Bylaws and include: appointment of the League Director/President, receipt of reports from the League Director/President, control of the financial plan for the organization, oversight of programs and appointment, supervision and receipt of reports of committees.

B. League Director

- i. The Board appoints a League Director who is the administrative officer of the organization.
- ii. The League Director is responsible for the administration of approved WCRHL activities and subject only to policies and orders issued by the Board or by any of its authorized committees.
- iii. The League Director serves as the representative of the organization where the Board has not designated another person as an organizational representative.
- iv. Specific responsibilities of the League Director include chairing of the WCRHL Board of Directors, representing the WCRHL in matters with USA Hockey InLine and the NCRHA, and general promotion of the WCRHL to the public and other members of the industry.
- v. The League Director is nominated and appointed by the Board of Directors and is responsible directly to the Board.

C. Assistant League Director

- i. The Assistant League Director is appointed by the organization to assist the League Director in his duties.

- ii. Responsibilities of the Assistant League Director include fostering relationships with new and current clubs, school officials and other interested parties, representing the WCRHL on the NCRHA Board of Directors, and other duties assigned from time to time by the League Director and the Board.
- iii. The Assistant League Director is nominated by the League Director, approved by the Board of Directors, and is responsible to the League Director in the performance of duties.

D. Regional Referee-In-Chief (rRIC)

- i. The Regional Referee-In-Chief is appointed by the organization to facilitate referee and rules development.
- ii. Responsibilities of the Regional RIC include fostering relationships with new and current officials, coordination with the NCRHA Referee-In-Chief regarding referee development and education, and other duties assigned from time to time by the Board.
- iii. The Regional RIC is nominated by the League Director, approved by the Board of Directors, and is responsible to the League Director in the performance of duties.

E. Event Supervisor

- i. Event Supervisors are appointed by the organization to facilitate WCRHL events.
- ii. Responsibilities of an Event Supervisor include facilitating WCRHL events, including team check-in, player/team on-site issues, on-site coordination with the facility, working with the Regional Referee-In-Chief and League Director in disciplinary situations, and other duties assigned from time to time by the League Director and the Board.
- iii. Event Supervisors are nominated by the League Director, approved by the Board of Directors, and is responsible to the League Director in the performance of duties.

XII. DIRECTORY OF PERSONNEL

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