



Ottawa Travellers Hockey League Official Rules, Regulations and Practice of Procedure

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PART A - RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. RULES OVERVIEW

- 1.1. **Hockey Canada Rule Book:** Unless otherwise indicated in the Rules and Regulations, the Ottawa Travellers Ice Hockey League rules are based on the 2005/2006 Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules. Rules and Regulations stated below either supplement, highlight or override the rules found in the aforementioned Hockey Canada rules.
- 1.2. **Player Responsibility:** Players are responsible for being familiar with the Travellers Hockey League Rules and regulations outlined below, and those in the Hockey Canada rule book.
- 1.3. **Rule Changes:** The Travellers reserves the right to make any changes and/or additions to the league rules at any time during the season. These rule changes may include changes to fines and suspensions.

2. TRAVELLERS LEAGUE OFFICIALS

Travellers League officials include both on-ice and Travellers off-ice officials and staff, or any other person from time to time deemed by the League to be suitable to report on a matter or to submit evidence, if required, and, all of whom have the authority to report to the League on any matter. Timekeepers are considered off-ice officials and the two terms may be used interchangeably in this document.

3. COMMITTEES

The Travellers Hockey League may set up and authorize a committee(s) and the conditions and mandate under which each committee may operate, to deal with any matter or issue of importance to the league.

- 3.1. **Rules Committee:** The rules committee is an ad hoc committee that is made up of a minimum of the League Convenor, a 2nd League official, the Referee-in-Chief and up to 8 Team Representatives from either the Travellers Summer or Winter Leagues. The committee has the role and responsibility to identify and present all of the “pros” & “cons” with regard to any matter of concern regarding any rule and regulation, and to make recommendations to the League. Final decisions on any matter rest with the League and the Travellers Athletic Club Executive.
- 3.2. **Disciplinary Committee:** The Disciplinary Committee is an ad hoc committee that is made up of a minimum of the League Convenor, a 2nd League official, the Referee-in-Chief and up to 8 Team

Representatives from either the Travellers Summer or Winter Leagues. The committee has the role and responsibility to deal with matters of discipline and appeals, if requested to do so by the League, and to identify and present all of the “pros” & “cons” with regard to any decision that needs to be made regarding a matter of discipline or an appeal, and to recommend to the League. Final decision on any matter rests with the League and the Travellers Athletic Club Executive. A committee member is not permitted to participate in a matter, which involves his team, a player on his team, or his division.

4. **BONDS, FINES AND ADMIN PENALTIES**

- 4.1. **Team Bonds:** At the beginning of the season, all teams must submit a bond with the league, in the amount designated for that season.
- 4.2. **Team Bond Deductions:** During the season, various amounts may be deducted from the bond to cover “fines”. Fines given to players will come off of that player’s team bond. The League may ask a team to “top-up” the bond at any time to bring the balance back to the designated amount. Admin penalties may be levied should the bond not be topped up as requested and in a timely manner.
- 4.3. **Team Bond Carry-Forwards/Refunds:** At the end of a season of play, the team has the option to have the team’s bond remain in trust with the League, to be applied to a subsequent season, or to request its return. Should the team leave its bond in trust with the League, that team will be given registration priority for the up-coming summer or winter season, until 30 days before the expected start-date for the up-coming season (or the date designated by the league for that up-coming season), after which all new or returning teams will be accepted into the League only if space is still available and on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 4.4. **Bond Ownership:** The person who wrote the cheque (if known), or the team rep owns the bond, not the team. If a team or team rep requests a return of the team bond, the refund cheque will be made out to the person who initially wrote the bond cheque (if known), or to the team rep. Therefore, should there be a change of team rep, a new bond must be submitted by the new rep, or permission must be granted by the previous rep to transfer the bond to the new rep.
- 4.5. **Personal Bonds:** Individual players may be asked to post personal bonds to allow them to continue to play in the league. Personal bonds may be any size deemed necessary by the League and will be accompanied by a written agreement, which the player must sign and return to the League prior to playing. The league reserves the right to place any player, at any time, on a personal bond.

- 4.6. **Fines:** All fines (including individual player fines for full-time players or spares), unless otherwise determined by the League, will be taken off of the team bond. Proceeds from fines will be used to offset costs for Team Rep Awards and the year-end awards.
- 4.7. **Admin Penalties:** The Travellers Hockey League reserves the right to impose on-ice penalties resulting from off-ice administration issues. Admin penalties can be applied for any reason deemed necessary but would typically be applied for financial issues such as NSF cheques. Admin penalties are initially 3-minute minor penalties applied to the offending team at the beginning of the first and second periods of play. An Admin Penalty will continue to be applied game after game until the issue has been resolved. One player from the offending team must serve the penalty the same way as they would a regular minor penalty. The offending team is short-handed during the admin penalty.
- 4.8. **Late Payment Fines:** There will be an automatic fine in accordance with the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#) should a team for whatever reason not have submitted a required payment cheque to the League's designated address by midnight of the day preceding the payment due date.
- 4.9. **NSF Cheques:** An NSF cheque will result in an automatic fine in accordance with the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#).

5. **INDIVIDUAL PLAYER REQUIREMENTS**

- 5.1. **Individual Player Registration/Waiver:** All players and team officials participating in the Travellers League must register and sign the league waiver, or, submit the online registration/waiver form prior to the player's first game. Those playing on multiple teams must submit a waiver for each team. It is the responsibility of the team rep to ensure that all of his players sign and/or submit the league waiver.
- 5.2. **Age:** All players must be at least 19 years of age prior to the start of the current season. Any team found using an underage player will be subject to fines as per the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#).
- 5.3. **Valid Identification:** All players must have valid photo identification with them in the dressing room on game day. The Travellers League considers a drivers license, health card, student card, or a government access card valid ID, provided that they include a photo. The league reserves the right to check ID at any time. Any player who fails to produce a valid ID upon request by a League official may be prevented from playing.
- 5.4. **Illegal Players:** Any player determined by the League to be ineligible to play for any reason is deemed to be an "illegal" player and will be suspended from play immediately, and the team may be subject to forfeiture of game(s) during which the ineligible player played, fines and/or penalties as per the

[Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#). Any League official has the authority to prevent any player from playing, or continuing to play, if the game is underway.

6. **TEAM REQUIREMENTS**

6.1. **Full-Time Players (regulars):** Teams may not list more than 20 players (full-time or spares) including goalies at any one time. Full-time rosters must be submitted before the start of the season during the registration process. Players may be added and subtracted at anytime throughout the regular season, but all players (regulars or spares) must register online with the league before playing their first game. A player may only play as a full-time (regular) player for 1 team per division. Players are, however, allowed to spare for any number of teams in any number of divisions (including divisions in which they are already a full-time player). When sparing in the same division, individual statistics accumulated as a spare will be recorded separately. For playoffs, a player may only play on his full-time team and may not spare on any other team in the same division. If a player does not have a full-time team, he may still only spare for one team in a division in the playoffs.

6.2. **Spare Players:** During the regular-season, spare players do not have to be cleared by the league before games, but they have to register online beforehand for each team that they spare on, and we require teams to use only players that are an appropriate caliber for the division they are sparing in.

7. **EQUIPMENT**

7.1. **SKATER & GOALIE EQUIPMENT**

7.1.1. **Goalie Helmets and Masks:** All goalie helmets and masks must be CSA approved (CSA approved cat-eye masks are acceptable). All paint jobs must have been done by a manufacturer-approved and/or CSA approved paint shop and must meet manufacturer warrantee and CSA requirements. A goalie who is found to be playing with a non CSA approved face mask may be fined in accordance with the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#), and will not be able to play again until he acquires an acceptable mask.

7.1.2. **Skater Helmets and Facial Protection:** All skaters shall wear CSA approved hockey helmets. Skaters are not allowed to wear the old-style "Gretzky Helmets". Players must have proper chinstraps fastened to both sides of the helmet. Tape, string or any other non-standard chinstraps or modifications to chinstraps will not be permitted. Modified and/or painted helmets are not

permitted as they void manufacturer warranties and as such are no longer CSA approved.

Although it is recommended, players are not required to wear cages or visors.

7.1.3. **Improper Equipment:** Players without proper equipment will not be permitted to play. Any player participating in a league game, who is notified by an on or off-ice official of an equipment violation, is prohibited from returning to the ice until the violation has been corrected.

7.1.4. **Shoulder Pads:** Although they are recommended, skaters are not required to wear shoulder pads.

7.2. TEAM JERSEYS

7.2.1. **Jersey Set Definition:** A matching set of jerseys is defined as one where all jerseys are identical in colour, pattern and logo, and where all jerseys are properly numbered as per the rules below. Each set of jerseys must consist of at least one matching/identical jersey per full-time player on the team, at least one matching [oversized] goaltender's jersey, and preferably an additional matching jersey for spare goalies.

7.2.2. **Number of Sets:** All teams are required to have two sets of jerseys, one light and one dark.

7.2.3. **Numbering:** Each skater must have a proper number on the back of their jersey, which is different from all other numbers on the team. Numbers must be clearly legible and must be securely fastened to the jersey. Goalies are not required to have a number. Tape will not be accepted as a means to create a number on a jersey.

7.2.4. **Jerseys for Spare Players:** Jerseys for spares will be considered acceptable if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) Colour is identical
- (b) Pattern is identical (or reasonably similar)
- (c) Proper numbering as per above

Note: Spare jerseys do not require matching logo. Blank, properly numbered practice jerseys matching in colour are acceptable.

7.2.5. **Spare Goalies Jerseys:** Notwithstanding the above, spare goalies are not required to have identical jerseys as per the definition above but should wear jerseys that are close in colour to the team they are playing on for that game.

7.2.6. **Fines for 'Illegal' Jerseys:** Any jersey that that does not conform with the above will be considered illegal. The team of any player(s) who wear illegal jerseys will be subject to fines in accordance with the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#).

7.2.7. **Colour conflicts:** Unless otherwise mutually agreed by both teams, the visiting team must change jerseys in the event of a colour conflict (ultimately determined by the off-ice official). The home team may choose to wear their favourite jerseys, whether the jerseys are light or dark.

8. FACILITIES

8.1. PARKING

- 8.1.1. **Parking Passes:** Each team rep will receive parking passes for the various playing facilities at the beginning of each season. University of Ottawa and the Civic Centre share the same pass, and separate passes will be supplied for Carleton University.
- 8.1.2. **Parking at Carleton University:** The Carleton parking passes contain an information strip, which you must swipe at the gate if the gate is down. You can use parking lot 3 only. The passes are good only when the Travellers League has games and they must be hung from the rear-view mirror or prominently displayed on the dashboard at all times.
- 8.1.3. **Parking at the University of Ottawa:** The Ottawa U parking passes can be used at the parking garage attached to the sports complex located at the corner of King Edward and Mann Avenue. The parking passes are good on any nights when the Travellers League has games. Parking pass must hang from the rear-view mirror or be prominently displayed on the dashboard.
- 8.1.4. **Parking at the Civic Centre:** Parking passes are only good for the parking area to the right and behind the football end-zone, when entering from Bank Street, and are only valid on nights when the Travellers League has games. On some nights, you will have to present your parking pass to the parking booth attendant who will note your license plate. As a courtesy to the attendant, please write your license plate number on the pass if you only use the pass for one vehicle. Parking pass must hang from rear-view mirror or be prominently displayed on the dashboard.

8.2. DRESSING ROOMS

- 8.2.1. **Room Keys:** Keys for the dressing rooms at Ottawa U and Carleton must be obtained at the respective kiosks. At the Civic Centre, the time keeper will drop off the key along with the roster sheet prior to your game. At the Civic Centre, keys must be left in the lock after your game so as to allow easy retrieval by the time keeper.
- 8.2.2. **Clearing Rooms:** Dressing rooms are to be cleared within thirty minutes of completion of each game.

8.2.3. **Alcohol and Smoking:** Alcohol and smoking are strictly prohibited in all of the dressing rooms at all of the facilities we use. Teams violating these rules will face a \$100 fine for the first offence and may face ejection from the league (without refund of fees paid) for a second offence.

8.3. **STOPPAGE OR CANCELLATION OF GAMES**

8.3.1. **Fog, Poor Ice or Facility Conditions:** A League official may at his discretion order a game not to be played or to be stopped for any reason whereby the safety of players is of concern. Should both team reps agree, they also have the right to cancel or stop the game should they feel their safety would be compromised. In either of the above cases, all players must leave the ice surface immediately. Re-scheduling of the game would be at the option of the League.

9. **TIMING OF GAMES**

9.1. **Period Lengths:** The game clock shall start counting down from 26 minutes as soon as the Zamboni and rink staff are off the ice and have closed the gate behind them. The second period will start immediately after the first period ends and will count down from 23 minutes.

9.2. **Warm-up:** There will be a 3-minute warm-up period at the beginning of the first period. Teams will be encouraged to face-off at the 23-minute mark.

9.3. **Stop Time:** The last 2 minutes of the second period will be stop time if the score is within 1 goal.

9.4. **Penalty Shots:** The game time will stop on all penalty shots and will re-start upon completion of the shot.

9.5. **Other Clock Stoppages:** It will be to the discretion of the off-ice officials as to whether the clock is momentarily stopped due to injury or other delay (ice problems, rule explanations etc).

9.6. **Displaying Large Goal Difference:** At the discretion of the timekeeper, large goal differences of 5 or more goals may not be displayed on the time clock.

10. **GAME REQUIREMENTS**

10.1. **LINEUPS**

The team rep will obtain the roster sheet from the timekeeper and must write the number of each player beside the player's name and submit it to the timekeeper prior to the game. Failure to provide the lineup to the timekeeper prior to the end of the warm-up may result in a delay of game penalty. The team rep must ensure that the lineup is correct and it must only include players that will be playing in

the game, unless the team rep has advised the timekeeper that a player will be arriving late. If/when a player arrives after the game has begun, either the player or the team rep must identify the late player to the timekeeper before the late player plays his first shift. Players cannot be added after the game is over.

10.2. MINIMUM NUMBERS OF PLAYERS

- 10.2.1. **Start of Game:** A team must have at least 5 skaters plus a goalie on the ice at the 23:00 minute mark ready to begin play. Failure to do so may result in a delay of game penalty; however, games may be started with a sixth skater (with no goalie privileges) until the goalie arrives.
- 10.2.2. **No Goalie to Start:** If no goalie is ready and on the ice by the 10:00 minute mark of the first period, the game will be forfeited to the team that has enough players. The timekeeper, however, has the authority to overrule on any possible forfeit and order that the game be played, even if the 12:00 minute deadline has expired. In the event of a forfeit, teams may be given the option to use the ice to play a friendly game with or without referees.
- 10.2.3. **Injury to Goalie:** A team whose goalie is injured and unable to continue to play, will be allowed to use an extra skater on the ice (with no goalie privileges).
- 10.2.4. **Forfeits:** Any team which is unable to ice enough players, as per the above rules, to allow for a proper game will be assessed a fine as per the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#).

11. GAME PLAY

- 11.1. **Entering Ice Surface:** Players may enter the ice surface only after the maintenance staff has fully closed the Zamboni gate. The time keeper may impose a minor penalty(ies) to team(s) if any player steps onto the ice prematurely (before arena staff is office and gates are closed). These penalties are included in the player's penalty totals.
- 11.2. **Civic Centre:** After the game is underway, players are not permitted to enter the playing surface via the main gate after it has been closed to start the game, unless there is someone there to close and secure it afterwards. Failure to close and secure it afterwards may lead to a delay of game penalty. Players are instructed to turn left and walk around the ice surface on the rubber mats and enter via the home bench during a stoppage in play.
- 11.3. **Bench Selection:** Benches are assigned based on home and visitor designations. The game schedule indicates whether a team is considered the home or visiting team. At the civic centre, the home bench is

located on the left as you enter the ice surface.

12. ON-ICE PLAYING RULES

- 12.1. **Off-sides:** The red line will not be used when considering two line passes.
- 12.2. **Icings:** The determining line for an icing call will be a team's defensive blue line. Icing will be waived off if the puck passes through the crease.
- 12.3. **Slapshots and Body Checking:** Slapshots are allowed in all divisions. Body Checking is not allowed in any division.
- 12.4. **Player Changes:** Players must always change “on-the-fly” during running-time and stop-time except after a goal, after a penalty call, or if play has stopped due to an injury. Players are NOT allowed to change after an icing call. Violations of this rule could result in a delay of game penalty.
- 12.5. **Puck Contact with Goalie Mask:** The referee may choose whether or not to stop play after the puck has made contact with the goalie’s mask.
- 12.6. **Serious injuries:** Any player considered by an on or off-ice official, or the team rep to have incurred a serious injury prior to or during the game (in particular a head injury), will not be permitted to continue to play. The onus is on the team rep and the player to assess and ensure when the player is able to return without further risk.
- 12.7. **Non-Players on Bench:** A maximum of three “coaches” will be allowed in a team’s bench area during the game. Coaches must stand safely behind the boards and they will be subject to the usual penalties that may be called by referees against coaches for disruption to the game or for improper conduct.
- 12.8. **Fans:** The team rep is responsible for the conduct of his team’s fans in the stands. Should the conduct of a team’s spectators be deemed inappropriate, the on or off-ice officials will ask the team rep to ask them to leave the arena or to cease the inappropriate conduct. Should problems continue, a team may be subject to unsportsmanlike conduct penalties and/or to fines in accordance with the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#).

13. PENALTIES & EJECTIONS

13.1. PENALTY ASSESSMENTS

- 13.1.1. **Minor Penalty:** 3 minutes
- 13.1.2. **Major Penalty:** 7 minutes plus game ejection. Further discipline may result.
- 13.1.3. **Accidental Major Penalty:** 7 minutes, no ejection.

13.1.4. **Misconduct Penalty:** 10 minutes. Further discipline may result.

13.1.5. **Game Misconduct/Gross Misconduct/Match Penalty:** Immediate ejection. 10 minutes will be added to the penalized player's PIM total. Further discipline may result.

13.1.6. **Game Ejections:** Referees may choose to eject a player from the game at any time. 10 minutes will be added to the penalized player's PIM total. Further discipline may result.

13.2. **THREE PENALTIES IN A GAME**

Any player receiving 3 penalties during the same game will be ejected. No suspension will be levied for receiving 3 penalties in a game. The ejected player must leave the ice surface and go directly to his dressing room. At the discretion of the timekeeper and referees, the ejected player may be permitted to sit in the box for the remainder of the game. Any goalie receiving 3 penalties in a game will not be ejected from the game.

13.3. **SERVING A TEAMMATE'S PENALTY**

13.3.1. **Serving Another Player's Penalty:** Teams are not required to have a player serve a teammate's penalty except when:

- a) A penalty has been assessed to a goalie.
- b) A penalty has been assessed to a player who has to leave or has been ejected from the game.

13.3.2. **Game Ejection With Coincidental:** Teams are not required to have a player serve a teammate's penalty when the player has been ejected and/or has received a coincidental minor with an opposing player.

13.3.3. **Serving Another's Double Minor or Major:** Whenever a player is unable to serve his penalty after receiving a major penalty or a double minor, his team must have someone in the penalty box before the penalty expires (the second penalty in the case of a double minor). His team has the option of putting someone in the penalty box at any time during that penalty during a stoppage of play. However, if a team waits too long and fails to have a player in the box at the time of expiration, the team is not allowed to have a player enter the ice surface from his bench. In this case, the team will continue to play short-handed until the next stoppage of play. Entering the ice surface from the bench in this situation may result in a too many men penalty.

13.4. **PENALTIES -MISCELLANEOUS**

13.4.1. **Conduct In Penalty Box:** Players are expected to remain calm and refrain from slamming doors and/or smashing the glass or further penalties and/or suspensions may result.

- 13.4.2. **Delayed Penalties:** Delayed penalties which result in a goal being scored, will be recorded on the official game sheet as a penalty against the player who committed the infraction.
- 13.4.3. **Grabbing Face Mask:** A player who pulls an opponent's hair or who grabs the facial protector, helmet, or chin strap of an opponent and uses this to inflict punishment or injury shall be assessed a Match penalty as per the CAHA rules. A suspension may also be levied.
- 13.4.4. **Shorthanded Delayed Penalties:** In circumstances where a team is shorthanded and a delayed penalty is called against that team, resulting in a goal, the penalized player in the penalty box will leave the box and the player who committed the most recent infraction will serve his full penalty.
- 13.4.5. **Goaltender Ejections:** The goalie is the only player on the ice who is not automatically ejected for three penalties or for a more serious offence such as a major or misconduct. It will be at the discretion of the on-ice officials to determine whether the goalie in question could be a threat or a liability for the remainder of the game. Goalies in these outstanding circumstances will be subject to a possible league suspension.

14. SUSPENSIONS

14.1. SUSPENSION OVERVIEW

- 14.1.1. **Right Reservations:** The Travellers Hockey League reserves the right to suspend any player for any injurious, dangerous or objectionable on or off-ice offence that may have gone unnoticed by the on-ice officials, was not called, or was called a only minor penalty at the time. The Travellers Hockey League reserves the right to suspend any player for any length of time for any injurious or offensive on or off ice offence. The Travellers Hockey League may honour suspensions received in other area leagues.
- 14.1.2. **Posting Suspensions:** The league will attempt to post suspensions within 48 hours. When a suspension is posted, team reps will be contact by email.
- 14.1.3. **Suspension Carry Forwards:** The Travellers reserves the right to carry-forward suspensions from previous seasons.
- 14.1.4. **Playing on More Than One Team:** Unless otherwise decided by the League Executive, if a player plays on more than one team in the League, the suspension will also apply to the other team(s) he plays on.
- 14.1.5. **Sparing While Suspended:** A suspended player may not spare for any other team while his suspension is still being served.

14.1.6. **Suspended While Sparing:** Any player suspended while sparing will serve his suspension, if applicable, with his regular full-time team. If a spare player is not a full-time player on any other team, he will not be allowed to spare again for a period of time to be determined by the League. The League reserves the right to fine the team in accordance with the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#) in the event of a spare player being suspended.

14.2. **SUSPENSIONS ASSESSMENTS - ABUSE OF OFFICIALS**

14.2.1. **Incessant verbal abuse of on-ice officials:** Any player who is expelled for “incessant verbal abuse” of on-ice officials will receive a minimum 2 game suspension.

14.2.2. **Threat of physical abuse of on-ice official:** Minimum 6 games.

14.2.3. **Physical abuse of on-ice official:** Permanent expulsion from the league.

14.2.4. **Verbal abuse of off-ice official:** Minimum 3 game suspension.

14.2.5. **Threat of or physical abuse of off-ice official:** Permanent expulsion from the league.

14.3. **SUSPENSIONS ASSESSMENTS - GAME PLAY/MISCELLANEOUS**

14.3.1. **Misconduct Penalties in Last 10 Minutes:** Any misconduct in the last ten minutes of a game may result in a minimum 1 game suspension & any misconduct after the conclusion of the game may result in a minimum 2 game suspension.

14.3.2. **Intent to Injure:** Minimum 3 games suspension.

14.3.3. **Grabbing Helmet:** A player who is ejected for grabbing the helmet or hair of an opponent will receive a minimum 2 game suspension.

14.3.4. **Discriminatory Slur:** Minimum 3 game suspension.

14.3.5. **3rd Misconduct in league play:** Minimum 1 game suspension.

14.3.6. **Subsequent suspensions:** Each subsequent suspension will be given an extra game.

14.4. **SUSPENSIONS ASSESSMENTS - FIGHTING**

14.4.1. **Voluntarily fighting:** If both participants willingly fight, they will be suspended for a minimum of 2 games for the first offence. The second offence will yield a minimum suspension of 4 games and any subsequent offence may result in expulsion from the league.

14.4.2. **Involuntary fighting:** Any player who proceeds to fight with any other player who does not wish to fight will receive a minimum 5 game suspension for the first offence. A second offence will result in expulsion from the league.

14.4.3. **Aggressor designation:** A minimum of one game will be added to a player's suspension if he is deemed to be the instigator or aggressor.

14.5. **SUSPENSIONS ASSESSMENTS - POST-EJECTION/OFF-ICE CONDUCT**

Any and all players, upon ejection from the game for any reason whatsoever, must immediately proceed to the dressing room. He may not stay and watch the remainder of the game behind the glass (unless given permission by an on or off-ice official). He may, however, return to watch the game from the stands after changing into his street clothes. Ejected players who cause disturbances, may be subject to the following suspensions:

14.5.1. **Disrupting flow of game after ejection:** Minimum 1 game suspension.

14.5.2. **Disrupting flow of game after ejection by littering the ice surface:** Minimum 2 Games.

14.5.3. **Refusing to leave ice surface or go to dressing room:** Minimum 2 Game.

14.5.4. **Entering the dressing room of opposing team or on-ice officials in a confrontational manner:** Minimum 5 Games.

15. **PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY**

15.1. **Skater Playoff Eligibility:** Players must have played 7 regular season games as a skater in the winter or 5 regular season games as a skater in the summer with a team to be eligible to participate with that team during the playoffs as a skater. Games played as a goalie will not count as games played as a skater. In the playoffs, a player may only play on his full-time team and may not spare on any other team in the same division unless otherwise approved by the league. Skaters who play in the playoffs who are not eligible, unless otherwise approved by the league, will be considered illegal. The team may be subject to fines as per the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#) and/or the League reserves the right to forfeit the team's game, to adjust the score, or to change a win to a tie or a loss.

In the event of an emergency shortage of players in the playoffs, the team rep may make a special request to the league to permit a player who has not played the required number of games. The league may allow the player should there be enough evidence to suggest that the player is of equal or lesser caliber than the average player in that division.

15.2. **Goalie Playoff Eligibility:** A goalie must have played at least 4 games with a team to be eligible to play for that team during the playoffs. If a team's full-time goalie has a legitimate reason for not being available for a playoff game, a spare goalie may be used but he must be of the same or lower caliber as the Division he is playing in and he must be approved in advance of the game by the league Convener.

Spare Goalies not approved in advance by the league may be subject to fines as per the [Schedule of Fines and Penalties](#) and the league reserves the right to adjust the score, or to change a win to a tie or a loss.

PART B - SCHEDULE OF FINES AND PENALTIES

16. ADMINISTRATION

- 16.1. **Late Payment Fines:** There will be an automatic \$50 fine should a team for whatever reason not have submitted a required payment cheque to the League's designated address by midnight of the day preceding the payment due date.
- 16.2. **NSF Cheques:** Should a team's cheque be returned NSF, an automatic \$35 fine will be deducted from the team bond. A 2nd NSF cheque will result in a \$50 fine. Any team making 3 or more NSF cheque, regardless of the number of seasons in the league, will be fined \$75 for any additional NSF cheques

17. PLAYER FINES

- 17.1. **Playing While Suspended:** The following will result if any team is found to be using or attempting to use a suspended player:
- a) If the suspended player played, his team's score will be "0" and no players on that team will be awarded any point for goals or assists earned during the game.
 - b) The team may be fined up to \$100.
 - b) The suspended player will receive an additional 3 game suspension.
- 17.2. **Suspended While Sparring:** Any team whose spare player receives a suspension may be subject to a fine of up to \$100.
- 17.3. **Underage Players:** Any team found to be using or attempting to use an underage player, unless otherwise authorized by the league, may be fined up to \$100.
- 17.4. **Team Using Illegal Players:** Any team found to be using an illegal player or one playing under an alias during the regular season will be fined \$50 per player. During the playoffs, the fine is \$75 per player. The League reserves the right during regular season or playoffs to forfeit games, and/or to award a win or tie to the other team. A forfeited game will be scored 2-1 and no goalie or player stats will be recorded.
- 17.5. **Team Using Illegal Goalie During Playoffs:** A team found to be using a goalie during the playoffs who was not pre-approved by the league will be fined \$25.

18. **PENALTY MINUTE FINES:**

The league reserves the right to place any player on a penalty minute fine structure at any time. The league may chose a per-minute structure or a per-penalty structure:

- 18.1. **Per-Penalty Structure:** If the player in question surpasses 60 minutes (50 in summer) in penalties, he will from that point on, be assessed a \$5 fine for each subsequent minor penalty and a \$10 fine for each serious infraction (major, misconduct, etc). Upon exceeding the penalty limit, he will have his penalty total reduced by 12 minutes should he then play 4 consecutive games without earning a penalty. Games during which a player is not in attendance do not count as a game without penalties. The league reserves the right to reduce any individual's allowable penalty minute maximum before that player's first game if the player went over the penalty minute maximum in his previous season of play.
- 18.2. **Per-Minute Structure:** A player may be required to pay a fine based on the total number of penalty minutes received (as opposed to number of penalties). A pre-determined dollar amount for each penalty minute will be set by the league. Payments will be taken either from the team bond or that player's personal bond.

19. **FORFEITS**

Any team which is unable to ice enough players to allow for a proper game will be assessed a \$150 fine. Payment of this fine is on the honor system between teams and is based on the contractual agreement between teams who play in the Travellers League as indicated in the Travellers League Contract signed by each team. Payments are to be handled between the two team reps, and collection, if necessary, is the responsibility of the aggrieved team. The league's role will be to urge the forfeiting team to pay the other team and will, at the request of the aggrieved team, impose Admin Penalties until the payment has been completed. The league will not allow a team to return for future seasons if they have not completed a forfeit payment.

20. **EQUIPMENT & JERSEYS**

- 20.1. **Illegal Helmets:** Any goalie or skater found to be playing or to have played without a CSA-approved helmet may be subject to a \$25 fine.
- 20.2. **Illegal Jerseys:** Each jersey that is considered to be illegal (does not meet numbering and/or identity rules) may result in a fine of \$5 being deducted from a team's bond (a maximum of \$5 per jersey and a maximum of \$25 in total per game). For example, if 3 jerseys are considered illegal, a fine of \$15 would be levied.

- 20.3. **Alternate Sets:** Should the visiting team not be able to produce an alternate set of jerseys, a \$25 fine will be deducted from the team bond. Should the home team accommodate the visiting team in this situation by using an alternate set, the \$25 fine will be credited to the home team's bond. An alternate set may be provided by the league should one be available at the time (\$25 fine still applies).
- 20.4. **Lost Equipment or Jerseys:** In the event that the team does not return equipment or jerseys borrowed from the League, the league will fine the team the greater of the full value of replacement of each lost article, or \$25.

PART C - LEAGUE OPERATING PRACTICES

21. **STATISTICS**

- 21.1.1. **Assists:** The Travellers will record no more than one assist for each goal scored.
- 21.1.2. **Forfeits:** A team defaulting a game will lose by a score of 2-1.
- 21.1.3. **Reporting Goal or Assist Errors:** Requests to adjust goals or assists will only be accepted when submitted by the team rep during the game only. Please be sure to correct the ref as soon as possible after the goal has been reported by the referee.
- 21.1.4. **Website:** Game results, standings and statistics are posted regularly on the Travellers' website.
- 21.1.5. **Game Sheets:** Game sheets will be posted on the Travellers website in downloadable PDF format.
- 21.1.6. **Regular-Season Tie-Breakers:** The following tiebreakers will be used to determine playoff seeding if two or more teams are tied in points at the end of the regular season:
- a) Head-to-head win-loss record.
 - b) Goals differential against other tied teams.
 - c) Fewest goals against.
 - d) Most goals scored.
 - e) Fewest penalty minutes.
 - f) Coin toss
- 21.1.7. **Playoff Tie-Breakers:** In the event of teams being tied in points at the end of a playoff round-robin, final regular-season standings will be used as a tie-breaker.
- 21.1.8. **Shootout:** A shootout will be used as a tie-breaker in semi-final and final games should the score be tied at the end of regulation time. Each team will get three shots. Each team rep will choose three different players from their team to participate. Players will shoot simultaneously on opposing goaltenders. If still tied after three shots, a sudden death shoot out will go into effect

until a winner is determined. Only players that have not been previously selected will be allowed to shoot. Players that have been ejected from the game may not participate in the shootout. After the entire team (excluding goaltenders) has had the opportunity to shoot, teams will be allowed to reuse players in the same order as before. This format will continue until a winner has been determined.

21.1.9. **Coin Toss:** A witnessed toss of a coin may be used to break ties in points should they not be able to be broken by the aforementioned tie-breakers. Also, a coin toss may be used should time not permit a shootout at the end of a tied playoff game. In both of these instances, team reps may agree to use another reasonable tie-breaker option should it be approved by the League.

22. DIVISION RE-ALIGNMENTS

22.1. **When:** Division re-alignments, should they be necessary, will occur no later than after all teams have played each other once in their division (complete round-robin). Additional re-alignments may occur at any time thereafter during the season should it be necessary.

22.2. **Point Carryovers:** No team may move from one division to another (either up or down) with more points than the totals of the highest team or less points than the lowest team. A team's record will be adjusted if necessary.

23. AWARDS

23.1. **Trophies/Plaques:** Plaques or trophies will be presented to the team finishing first in the playoffs in each division.

23.2. **Top Goalie:** Top goalie honours will be given to the goaltender in each division who has played at least 10 games in winter or 7 games in summer on the same team and maintain the best (lowest) goals against average at the end of the regular-season. In the event of a tie, the goalie that played more games on the one team will be awarded the title. There will be one top goalie per division.

23.3. **Top Scorer:** Top scorer honours will be given to the skater who has the highest number of points at the end of the regular-season. In the event of a tie, the skater with fewer games played will be awarded the title. There will be one top skater award per division.

APPENDIX A - NEW ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO RULES

- December 11, 2008 – Addition of Per-Minute penalty fines as outlined in the penalty minute fines section.
- September 20, 2008 – Modification to NSF penalties.
- April 8, 2008 - Modification to skater playoff eligibility: Added the stipulation that games played as a goalie will not count as games played as a skater. Players must have played the minimum number of games as a skater to be eligible to play as a skater in the playoffs.
- April 8, 2008 - Modification to penalty minute fines: “The league reserves the right to reduce an individual’s allowable penalty minute maximum before that player’s first game if the player went over the penalty minute maximum in his previous season of play.”
- April 8, 2008 - Round-robin no longer used as a tie-breaker for semi-final games.
- May 22, 2007 - Document released to public