

Flyers Cup

Rules and Procedures



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SECTION 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

GENERAL

A. Tournament - The Flyers Cup Committee, with the assistance of its member organizations and the cooperation of affiliate groups, will coordinate the Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Playoffs (The Flyers Cup Scholastic Championships) to determine champions in the AAA, AA, A, NJ/DE and Girls Divisions.

B. School District: All players participating in the Flyers Cup Tournament shall, simultaneously, reside within two "school districts"; a "public" and a "private" school district. These rules cover both districts.

A "public" school district shall be defined by the local taxing governing body, which holds legal jurisdiction over that school. This type of school district maintains established physical boundaries. In districts with more than one high school, the "district" shall be limited to the geographic area from which each high school draws its students as determined by the Board of Education having jurisdiction over that school.

Public schools shall also include Magnets, Charters, Cyber, Cyber/Charters, Vocational-Technical, and Home Schools where the diploma received by students comes from their school of residence.

A "private" school district has no set or established physical boundaries and refers to all private and parochial educational facilities.

C. Duration: The tournament shall begin at the start of the first tournament game, regardless of which level starts first. For all participants, their tournament shall end when their team has participated in their last game or the championship game.

FORMAT

The tournament format will consist of four Divisions. The schedule and rink locations are detailed in the DIVISION BRACKETS and SCHEDULE and are updated annually for each year's tournament.

A. In the AAA Division, up to eight teams will compete in a single elimination format. The teams will compete for the Flyers Cup AAA Championship. The highest finishing Pennsylvania team will automatically advance to the Pennsylvania State Championship Finals. The Finals will be played at an agreed upon site in the Eastern part of the State in even numbered years and in the Western part of the State in odd numbered years.

B. In the AA Division, up to sixteen teams will compete in a single elimination format. The teams will compete for the Flyers Cup AA Championship. The highest finishing Pennsylvania team will automatically advance to the Pennsylvania State Championship Finals. The Finals will be played at an agreed upon site in the Eastern part of the State in even numbered years and in the Western part of the State in odd numbered years.

C. In the A Division, up to sixteen teams will compete in a single elimination format. The teams will compete for the Flyers Cup A Championship. The Pennsylvania team that wins the A Flyers Cup will automatically advance to the Pennsylvania State Championship Finals. The Finals will be played at an agreed upon site in the Eastern part of the State in even numbered years and in the Western part of the State in odd numbered years.

D. In the Girls Division, up to eight teams will compete in a single elimination format. The teams will compete for the Flyers Cup Girls Division Championship. The Girls Division will be comprised of teams from the ICSHL Girls Division that meet all the eligibility requirements of the Flyers Cup.

TEAM CERTIFICATION

A. The high school must participate in designated leagues located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Delaware, or New Jersey: **SHSHL, ICSHL, CPIHL, APAC, SJHSIHL**.

B. Each team must be certified in good standing by the USA Hockey Atlantic District registrar or other identifying official.

C. Each team must have played **one-half of** its regular season league schedule against other Flyers Cup eligible teams within its member league.

D. A list of eligible teams will be published by December 1st of the year preceding the tournament.

E. All coaches on the bench in Flyers Cup games must meet the Coach Education Program (CEP) requirements of USA Hockey and the Affiliate (AAHA).

F. All players must be identified as members of the team by using the USA Hockey roster registration form (Form 1-T). Roster forms must be available for inspection at every game.

G. A birth certificate or passport (to identify individual players and verify age), or verification of date of birth on a signed USA Hockey 1-T form must be received and approved by the Tournament Director or his designated assistant prior to each team's first Flyers Cup game.

H. Teams that are in co-op agreements with open enrollment schools will participate in the AAA Division regardless of their school size designation.

I. A letter of certification from the high school Principal or Athletic Director is also required to verify that each player is eligible according to that school's eligibility requirements and does in fact attend the high school his team represents or is a 9th grader enrolled in a Junior High School that is a feeder school to the high school.

NOTE: Information requested in #2 through #6 above must also be forwarded to the Tournament Committee prior to the first-round games.

SECTION 2

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

RULE 2.1 – Eligibility Enforcement

1. Enforcement: Player eligibility shall be determined and enforced by in accordance with these rules by the Flyers Cup Committee. Individual situations not covered under these playing rules shall be forwarded to the Commissioner, who shall investigate the circumstances of the student and submit a recommendation for Committee action. Any eligibility issues not received more than 21 days prior to the first game of that year's tournament shall not be guaranteed to be approved to begin the tournament.

2. Disciplinary Action: Any Association that permits an ineligible player to participate in a league game shall forfeit that game.

Exception 1) If a team has submitted the proper documentation but allowed a player to participate in a tournament game prior to receiving written approval from the Commissioner, this shall result in a forfeit.

3. Eligibility Appeals: The process of appeal to all decisions regarding player eligibility shall be in accordance with the appeal process outlined in Section 7 of this document.

RULE 2.2 – Residency and Attendance

1. Residency: Players shall be residents of the member school district. Players playing on co-op teams shall be students at the schools in the co-op only. These players must meet the school district requirements outlined in Section 1.A.1 of these rules. Refer to Team Eligibility of these rules for partnership and co-op rules.

A child shall be considered a resident of the school district in which his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) reside. In the case of separated parents, the residence is defined as where the custodial parent maintains a residence and the school district, he/she attends if applicable (9-12 grade). The Committee defines parent as natural, adoptive, or foster and defines guardian as a legal guardian appointed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. This shall not include a voluntary affidavit executed between a parent and a perspective guardian.

2. Proof of Residency: At the request of the Commissioner, a club shall submit documentation to prove the player's residency. The criteria for verifying residency are as follows:

1. Zip Code on USA Hockey registration/official roster.
2. Dated copy of a lease or deed to the property of residence.
3. For players living at this address for less than 12 months, the player must attend a brick-and-mortar school. Students must provide a printed schedule listing their classes from the school.

2. Participation Restriction: Players shall participate for the club that represents the high school which the player is physically attending, unless he/she is enrolled in a high school program considered to be a Vocational-Technical, Magnet, Charter, Cyber, or Home School, as provided for within these rules. Any other special case situations not addressed in these rules shall be submitted in writing to the Commissioner to ensure no conflict with these playing rules exists. When a conflict does exist, these playing rules always supersede.

3. Returning Players: A player returning from a private school to his home school district without a change of residence will be eligible to play for his home school district regardless of grade level. A player whose family changes their primary residence will be subject to the transfer rules outlined in this document.

RULE 2.3 – Open Enrollment Schools

1. Players attending open enrollment schools must reside with a parent and meet the residency requirements of said school.
2. Charter, cyber-charter and home-schooled students may not play for an open enrollment school unless they reside in a designated open enrollment school boundary.

RULE 2.4 – Vocational-Technical, Magnet, & Charter Schools

1. **Eligibility:** A student attending a Vocational-Technical, Magnet or Charter School that has no hockey program may play for their home-based school. If the Vocational-Technical, Magnet or Charter School has a hockey program then he/she must play for the school that the player physically attends.
2. **Approval:** In either case, documentation must be submitted, in writing, to the Commissioner to ensure no conflict with these playing rules exists. When a conflict does exist, these playing rules always supersede. A letter from the student's school district, on school letterhead from either the principal or athletic director, shall be submitted confirming his/her attendance at the vocational-technical, magnet or charter school and stating what school is considered his "home-based" school. The student shall not participate in the tournament until approval has been received from the Flyers Cup Committee.

RULE 2.5 – Cyber and Home Schools

1. **Eligibility:** A student enrolled in a cyber-school, cyber charter school, home- school program, or privately tutored is governed by his/her individual public-school district athletic rules and regulations. Students participating in any of these types of schooling may be considered eligible for interscholastic hockey only if they are declared eligible to participate in interscholastic sports by the public-school district in which the student resides.
2. **Approval:** Such cases shall be submitted, in writing, to the Commissioner upon request to ensure no conflict with these playing rules exists. When a conflict does exist, these playing rules always supersede. A letter from the student's public-school district of residence, shall be submitted confirming his/her participation in one of these approved programs and their eligibility to participate in interscholastic sports, on school letterhead from either the principal or athletic director. Additional documentation can be requested as the League may require. The student shall not participate in the tournament until approval has been received from the league each season.

RULE 2.6 – Academic Requirements

1. **Semester Attendance:** Semester eligibility begins when the student enters ninth grade for the first time. Fifteen days of enrollment shall constitute a semester. The number of semesters of eligibility is determined by semesters of enrollment and attendance, not by semester of participation in interscholastic ice hockey.
2. **School Athletic Eligibility:** A player is not eligible to play in a tournament game if he/she is suspended, does not meet academic requirements, attendance requirements, or any other requirement established by the school district represented by their association.

RULE 2.7 – Varsity Boys Eligibility

1. Grade Requirement: Player eligibility shall be limited to grade 9 through 12.

RULE 2.9 – Girls' Varsity Eligibility

1. Grade Requirement: Player eligibility shall be limited to grade 9 through 12 or attend a feeder middle School (8th grade only) or reside in the High School District while attending a local Private High School that does not have a girls' ice hockey team. Private school girls will only be permitted to play for teams that are not co-ops or partnerships. 8th grade players shall be exempt from the four (4) year or eight (8) semester high school eligibility rule, as currently in effect for the established Boy's programs. Above defined players shall have a maximum of five (5) years or ten (10) semesters of playing eligibility.

SECTION 3

TRANSFERS AND ELIGIBILITY

RULE 3.1 – Transfer Parameters

1. Transfer Definition: A transfer occurs in any situation in which a student enrolls at or attends a school after having previously been enrolled at or attended any other school, without reference to the time interval between their departure from the one school and their enrollment at the other. A student shall not be eligible to play for the receiving district's club for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of transfer unless he or she is otherwise eligible under these rules.

2. Transfer Relevance: For player eligibility purposes, the transfer rules in this Section shall only apply to 9th through 12th grade students and all grade levels for foreign students.

3. Eligibility: An eligible student transferring within a school district is eligible immediately when he/she is transferred by executive action for other than disciplinary reasons. In all cases of transfer within a school district, the transfer student shall submit an "High School Hockey Transfer Form" to the Commissioner. Students moving from a middle school or junior high school within the same school district or to an open enrollment school do not need to submit the transfer form.

RULE 3.2 – Transfer Documentation

1. High School Hockey Transfer Form: For all transfers, the Association receiving a transfer player shall submit a completed "High School Hockey Transfer Form" to the Commissioner. This shall include all players entering the 9th grade who are changing school districts as well as all players currently in 9th through the 12th grades. The player shall be considered ineligible to participate in a tournament game until the Transfer Form is received and the approval process is completed. At that time, the transferred player becomes a permanent member of the receiving Association. The Association shall then complete the proper registration procedure in accordance with Flyers Cup and USA Hockey rules before the player may participate.

RULE 3.3 – School District Transfer

1. Approval Process: A student transferring from one school district to another shall be eligible upon completion and approval by the Commissioner of the proper transfer form when one of the following five exceptions applies. If any transfer is found to involve athletic intent, the player shall be ineligible for a period of one year from the date of the transfer, even if one of the exceptions applies.

A. Both the student and their parents, or either parent, change their legal residency to within the district to which they transfer. The new residence shall be the same for the student and his/her parent(s). The term parent shall include both natural and adoptive parents. If an adoption proceeding is pending, the student will be eligible when such eligibility is approved by the Flyers Cup Committee.

B. A legal guardian has been appointed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction and a student moves and resides with such guardian within the school district. If the appointment of a legal guardian is pending,

the student will be eligible when such eligibility is approved by the Flyers Cup Committee. A court-appointed legal guardianship shall be a legal guardian appointed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. This shall not include a voluntary affidavit executed between a parent and a prospective guardian.

C. The student moves and resides with foster parents, within the school district, with the approval of the local child welfare organization.

D. The school the student attended is abolished and the School Board, having jurisdiction over that school has not designated another school or schools in that district to which the abolished school's students are to be transferred.

E. This is a first-time transfer for the student provided all other eligibility rules are met.

2. Multiple Transfers: A player may not participate with more than two interscholastic hockey teams while in grades 9 through 12. Any player who has participated with two teams shall be ineligible for a period of 12 months from the time of the last game played before participating with a third team. For the purposes of this rule, participation with a team must be continuous to count as a single team.

3. Proof of Residency: At the request of the Commissioner, a club shall submit documentation to prove the player's residency following transfer. The criteria for verifying residency are as follows:

1. Zip Code on USA Hockey registration/official roster.
2. Dated copy of a lease or deed to the property of residence.
3. For players living at this address for less than 12 months, the player must attend a brick-and-mortar school. Students must provide a printed schedule listing their classes from the school.

RULE 3.4 – Emancipated Students

1. Eligibility: An emancipated student, whose situation is not otherwise within the terms of this section, shall be eligible in the district to which he/she transfers upon completion and approval of the proper transfer form and any additional documentation as requested by the Commissioner.

RULE 3.5 – Foreign Students

1. Definition: A foreign student is a student who is not a citizen of the United States but legally resides in the U.S. with some form of government- approved documentation and who is in full-time attendance at a member school within one of the established Flyers Cup eligible leagues. He/she shall have an appropriate visa, permanent resident card, or is a citizen of Canada.

A. Students from American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and other United States Territories are not foreign exchange students.

2. Eligibility Period: Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules or government regulations, a foreign exchange student, one having a J-1 visa, shall be eligible for a period of one year for the Association representing the school that he/she attends upon meeting the requirements and approval of the League. A student who receives a year of eligibility under this section shall thereafter be ineligible to participate on any established league-governed team.

A. Exception: A foreign student that is in the United States under any type of government-approved documentation other than a J-1 (not considered an “exchange” student) shall meet all of the requirements above but shall not be limited to one year of eligibility. Upon submission of the forms and documents required and any documents required by USA Hockey, the student may be granted eligibility for up to eight semesters, provided they meet all other eligibility rules. All documentation shall be submitted to the Commissioner. This approval process shall be completed prior to participation within the Flyers Cup each season.

3. Approval: Upon the determination of the Commissioner that he/she is a foreign exchange student, the student shall be granted one season of eligibility.

RULE 3.7 Mid-Year Interruption

1. Eligibility: A student who remains in their present school after their parents, legal guardian, or foster parents, as applicable, has changed residence to another school district, shall retain their eligibility until the end of the school year in which such change of residence occurs.

RULE 3.8 – Recruitment/Athletic Intent

1. Ineligibility Period: A student who transfers under these rules based on athletic intent shall be ineligible to play for any team for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of transfer.

2. Investigation: The Flyers Cup Committee reserves the right to investigate and refer any transfer to the Commissioner for appropriate action or recommendation to the Flyers Cup Committee. Proof of recruitment for athletic reasons shall be presented to the Commissioner. The Commissioner will follow the necessary protocol for convening the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee will conduct a hearing, render a decision, and determine appropriate punishments.

3. Appeal: Appeals of the Appeal Committee decision may be made following the procedures outlined in Section 7 – Appeals.

4. Athletic Intent Indicators: The following is an illustrative, but not exhaustive, list of situations, which may indicate athletic purpose or recruitment:

A. The student, a parent, a guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, is dissatisfied with the student’s position or the amount of playing time which they received.

B. The student, a parent, a guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, has a problem with a coach at either a personal or professional level.

C. The student, a parent, a guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks relief from conflict with the philosophy or action of an administrator or teacher relating to sports.

D. The student, a parent, a guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks to avoid, or nullify the effect of action by the previous school relating to sports eligibility.

E. There is no hockey team at the school from which the student has transferred.

F. The student follows their coach to another school to which the coach has transferred.

G. The student, a parent, a guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, desires that the student play on a less successful or lower profile team to be ranked higher among the players on that team.

H. The student, a parent, a guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, desire that the student play on a more successful or higher profile team to gain a higher level of competition and/or more exposure to college scouts.

I. The student moves with one parent, one guardian, or one or more siblings, into a rented residence in the new school district, especially where the student and/or the parent, guardian or sibling returns to the family home in the evening, on weekends or when school is not in session.

J. The student, a parent, a guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks out or is approached by the athletic personnel at the transferee school.

K. The student is a billeted player unless a court-appointed guardianship is in place between the player and the host family. This does not pertain to foreign students who have been approved by USA Hockey. A court-appointed legal guardianship shall be a legal guardian appointed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. This shall not include a voluntary affidavit executed between a parent and a perspective guardian.

L. The player's new residence and attendance at the new school is a result of the player's membership on an athletic team. This team does not have to be a scholastic team.

RULE 3.9 – Ineligible Students

1. Ineligibility Period: All students who transfer and are not eligible under provisions set in Transfers and Eligibility shall be ineligible for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year from the date of transfer. Student(s) shall remain subject to eligibility review after this period.

A. A student who transfers during the one-year period of ineligibility shall remain ineligible for the full duration of the original ineligibility period.

B. Because of the timing difficulties in expeditiously obtaining necessary paperwork, of confirming representations of eligibility, of determining whether such Transfers are opposed by any appropriate party, of promptly scheduling hearings to consider such matters, and to reduce the likelihood of participation by an ineligible student that would impact on competition and the opportunity to participate by other students, a student who Transfers after the student Practices with a school's Team shall be ineligible to participate in that sport in Contests for a period of 21 calendar days following enrollment at the student's new school. This period of ineligibility is not waivable.

C. If a student transfers after the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the league scheduled number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, will not be eligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year.

D. Waiver provisions. The Flyers Cup Committee may waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances beyond the

reasonable control of the student's family. For purposes of this provision, the following reasons WILL be deemed sufficient to meet this standard:

- A change of residence necessitated by a change in employment.
- A school-initiated administrative transfer within a school district.
- A transfer following an order of court in a delinquency or dependency proceeding.
- A change of schools caused by a military reassignment of a parent.
- A change of schools caused by release from a juvenile facility.
- A substantial change in financial condition and resources that compels a change in schools.

All other tendered reasons will be considered by the Committee on a case-by-case basis.

NOTES:

1. Because the purpose of this Section relates to the integrity and fairness of the postseason system and not to athletically motivated transfers, whether a student's transfer was in any way motivated by an athletic purpose is not a factor to be considered in granting or denying a requested waiver under this provision.
2. Because virtually all decisions to transfer are made by parents, the fact that such a decision was not within the control of the transferring student is not a factor to be considered in granting or denying a requested waiver under this provision.

RULE 3.10 - Age of Player

1. A player shall be ineligible upon attaining the age of nineteen (19) years, with the following exception: If the age of 19 is attained on or after the date of July 1 of the same year as the start of the questioned season, the player shall be eligible, age wise, to compete through the school year.

SECTION 4

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

RULE 4.1 – Teams

1. Boys' Varsity Team: Players must meet the rules for eligibility specified in Sections 2.1 through 2.6 of this document.

2. Co-op Varsity Teams: Varsity teams representing two schools will be permitted as “co-op” teams if they meet the following requirements. For cooperative sponsorship of a boys' sport, the male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 300 students or less. For cooperative sponsorship of a girls' sport, the female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to PDE of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 300 students or less.

A. All co-op teams must be approved by the Flyers Cup Committee and may remain in place for the current 2-year PIAA enrollment period.

B. Co-op teams must contain a minimum of three players from each school. Teams may appeal the three-player minimum requirement if they feel there are extenuating circumstances regarding their roster.

3. Girls' Varsity Teams: Players must meet the rules for eligibility specified in Section 2.8 of this document.

RULE 4.2 – Rosters and Adding Players

1. Roster: Players eligible for Tournament games must be among those listed on the Official Roster, submitted before the first Tournament game. Players may not be added to the roster once the final roster has been submitted. The official roster will be posted to the Flyers Cup website. Playing a player prior to this process being completed will result in a forfeiture of any games the player participated in and a one game suspension of the head coach.

2. Adding Players: . Players may not be added to the roster once the final roster has been submitted.

RULE 4.4 – Rosters

1. Rostering procedures will be established and specified in a separate league document.

SECTION 5

SUSPENSIONS AND DISCIPLINE

RULE 5.1 - Suspensions

- 1. Game Misconduct:** Any player, coach or team member who receives a Game Misconduct shall be immediately expelled from the current game and shall be assessed a suspension for the next scheduled league game.
- 2. Match Penalty:** Any player, coach or team member who receives a Match Penalty shall be immediately expelled from the current game and shall be suspended from the team pending review by the Commissioner.
- 3. Serving Suspensions:** Any suspensions received in a Flyers Cup, or as the result of supplementary discipline imposed by the Commissioner, shall be served in an officially scheduled Flyers Cup game. If a suspension cannot be served in a team's Flyers Cup games in the current year, the suspension will carryover to the team's regularly scheduled league games during the following season. Suspension(s) must be served according to USA Hockey's rules, and a match penalty may prevent a suspended player from participating in an all-star game.
 - A.** No suspended player may participate in any League scheduled regular season, playoff, or All-Star game(s) until said suspension has expired. The All-Star game will not count as part of the suspension.
 - B.** Players may practice with their team while suspended.

RULE 5.2 - Responsibility to Enforce: Serving and enforcing suspensions is the responsibility of the team.

- 1.** Head Coaches shall be responsible for knowing of and enforcing the suspension of their players, assistant coaches, and themselves. Any coach who does not enforce a suspension shall be suspended for a minimum of one game. In the case of a head coach suspension, this will result in one additional game being added to the original suspension.
- 2.** Each player and/or assistant coach shall be responsible for knowing of and serving the suspension issued to him/her. A player or coach who does not serve his/her suspension(s) shall be responsible for serving the suspension(s) and shall be suspended for one (1) additional game.

RULE 5.3 - Noting Suspensions on Scoresheet

- 1.** All players and team officials serving a suspension shall be noted by their team on the game's lineup card. If a suspension is not properly noted on the submitted lineup card, the player and/or team official shall serve the suspension during the next consecutive game. It is the Head Coach's responsibility to ensure that the name(s) of anyone serving a suspension is properly indicated on the score sheet.
 - a.** Suspended individuals should not be listed in the roster section as being on the bench. If listed, a bold line shall be drawn through the player and/or team official's name. A suspended player or coach is obligated to appear at the next scheduled game(s) (the actual number of games is equal to the suspension). Prior to the game, he is required to sign the lineup card in the area allocated for suspended players. He must also print his name, number, and team. If the team has a scheduled game, and the player or coach is supposed to sign, and he does not, the game does not count

toward his suspension. (Signing the lineup is required for 'game' suspensions, not 'day' suspensions such as a match penalty).

RULE 5.4 - Playing with a Suspended Individual

1. In addition to any discipline for failing to properly serve a suspension, any team playing with a suspended player may also be required to forfeit. This forfeiture of games shall only apply to the game(s) in which the individual should not have participated and shall not apply to additional games in which the individual participated due to any delay in recognizing the original error.

RULE 5.5 Playing with an Illegal Player

1. Any team using a player who is deemed to be an illegal or ineligibly rostered player will forfeit all games in which said player participated. In addition to the forfeiture of games, the head coach of the team involved will be assessed a one-year suspension. This does not include situations addressed in Rule 5.4 – Playing with a Suspended Individual.

RULE 5.6 -Commissioner's Review:

1. All suspensions shall be automatically reviewed by the League Commissioner for possible further disciplinary action.

RULE 5.7 – Game Penalties:

1. Penalties in a Game Rule: any player who incurs four penalties in the same game will be assessed a game misconduct and a one (1) game suspension.

2. Team Penalties in a Game Rule: any Head Coach whose team incurs twelve penalties during one game will be suspended for the next tournament or league game of that team.

RULE 5.8 – Notification

1. Official written notification of suspensions will only be issued for match penalty suspensions. These notifications will go to the team representative and to the Atlantic District. All game misconduct and other suspensions are automatic, and non-appealable according to USA Hockey rules; as such, no written notification other than the score sheet will be issued.

RULE 5.9 – Fighting and Major Penalties

1. The Flyers Cup will follow USA Hockey's Rule 615 Fighting for progressive suspensions for Fighting penalties during a season.

2. The Flyers Cup will follow USA Hockey's Rule 411 Progressive Suspensions (as amended) for progressive suspensions for all other Major penalties, except Fighting.

RULE 5.11 Match Penalty Suspensions

1. A decision will be rendered by the Commissioner according to USA Hockey and AAHA regulations. Any suspension assessed is retroactive to the day after the incident. Until a decision is rendered, the player or coach is not permitted to participate in any ICSHL activity. This includes practice. Once a decision is rendered, the player may practice, but he may not participate in any Flyers Cup or League games. This includes standing the bench as a coach or other team official.
2. Under USA Hockey and Atlantic District (AAHA) rules, Match Penalties must be forwarded by the Commissioner to the District Vice President of Suspension, Protests, and Credentials for review.
3. Match Penalties for abuse of officials will be forwarded immediately to the District Vice President of Suspension, Protests, and Credentials who will assume authority for the match penalty adjudication.

SECTION 6

PLAYING RULES

Tournament Rule Distinction: Tournament Playing Rules and regulations are stated herein and in an annual document detailing specific annual criteria.

Conformance with USA Hockey Playing Rules and Regulations: Any portion of the Flyers Cup Playing Rules may be added, amended, or deleted to conform to USA Hockey and Atlantic District playing rules and regulations. The Flyers Cup Committee shall publish the rules for the upcoming tournament prior to the selection of teams for the tournament. The USA Hockey Playing rules, as expanded in these Flyers Cup Playing Rules will apply to all Tournament Games.

Offsides Rule: As permitted by USA Hockey's June 2007, decision for high school games, all Flyers Cup games will use USA Hockey Rule 630[d] "delayed offside" rule to expedite the flow of the games.

Rule 6.1 - Game Location

1. Tournament Games will not be played at any rink that has not been approved by the Flyers Cup Committee.

RULE 6.2 – Overtime Boys' and Girls' Varsity

1. Overtime rules are addressed in the Annual Section published by the Flyers Cup Committee.

RULE 6.5 - Scoresheet

1. A league generated lineup card must be submitted by the coach of each team before each game. This card should be printed on card stock. The format and content of the Flyers Cup Lineup Card will be approved by the Flyers Cup Committee.
2. The Flyers Cup Lineup Card requires players and coaches to be entered separately in their own section. Players must be listed by jersey# and name and be listed in ascending numeric order. Any players listed on the lineup card but not playing in the game must be "scratched out" on the card.
3. Players not wearing their regular jersey numbers should be noted on the back of the lineup card prior to submission. Suspended players and/or coaches should be noted and sign on the back of the lineup card.
4. All coaches on the bench must have their CEP#'s on the lineup card before the game starts.
5. A maximum of 20 players, of which not more than 18 are skaters, shall be permitted to play in the game. A team found in violation of the maximum skater rule shall be assessed with a bench minor penalty.
6. A Bench Minor penalty will be assessed if the lineup card is not properly filled out when the game starts.
7. The Head Coach must be the 1st CEP number on the lineup card and must sign the iPad at the end of the game. A 1-game suspension may be assessed for failure to sign following the game.
8. If the Head Coach is ejected from the game, any Assistant Coach may sign the iPad.

9. Only Head Coaches listed on the official Flyers Cup Roster submission can be listed as “Head Coach” on the lineup card, unless absent from the game.

RULE 6.6 – Ten Goal Rule

1. If at any time after the completion of 2 full periods of a Tournament Game, a differential of 10 goals exists between opponents, the game will be concluded. Both teams will immediately leave the ice and adjourn into their locker rooms.

RULE 6.7 – Jersey Colors

1. The designated home team wears a white or light-colored jersey.
2. If a team has only one jersey, it is the responsibility of that team to notify their opponent and make suitable arrangements so that contrasting colors will be worn.
3. All players will be required to wear the proper team jersey and colors for each Flyers Cup game.

RULE 6.8 – Accreditation of Coaches

1. Every coach on the bench for an Flyers Cup Game must have proper coaching accreditation from USA Hockey required to coach a high school varsity team, at the level required by USA Hockey and the Atlantic District.
2. Proof of accreditation must be presented to the Commissioner prior to that start of the tournament, and available to the Commissioner at his request.
3. The Head Coach of record shall sign the score sheet at the end of the game, after it is signed by the referees, and shall have previously entered his CEP number on the scoresheet.
4. Licensed athletic trainers may be in the bench area during the game attending to players, and are not considered part of the coaching staff, but must be clearly identifiable as trainers and cannot conduct any coaching duties—opening bench doors, etc.

RULE 6.10 – Game Cancellations

1. **Scheduled Games:** Teams shall play all games as scheduled. Teams may not agree to cancel a game for any reason. All inquiries regarding game cancellations shall be made to the League Commissioner, who is the only person authorized to cancel a game. Cancellations based upon inclement weather, rink unavailability, mechanical malfunctions, or other causes beyond the control of the participating teams shall be made at the earliest opportunity.
2. **School Cancellation Policy:** In cases where a school district mandates that no athletic activities may occur when school has been canceled due to adverse weather conditions, the league shall comply.
3. **Cancellation Process:** The Commissioner, or his designated representative, shall serve as the arbitrator in cancellations due to unsafe weather by using outside sources to determine adverse weather conditions, unfavorable forecasts, and hazardous road conditions related to the game(s).
4. Only one person from each association shall communicate with the Commissioner regarding weather cancellations. This designated person shall call the Commissioner, or his designated representative, and inquire

about their game status at the earliest opportunity but not less than four (4) hours prior to the scheduled start of the game.

5. Upon cancellation of a game, the Commissioner, or his designated representative, shall post on the Flyers Cup website the status of the game.

6. Each team has the responsibility to verify that a game is canceled.

RULE 6.11 Unexpected Delays:

1. For cases resulting from unexpected delays, such as inoperative buses and traffic accidents, the team shall contact the League Commissioner or game representative, and indicate when, or if, they can make it to their scheduled game. If the game cannot be rescheduled for later that same evening, it shall be rescheduled at the earliest possible date.

SECTION 7

APPEALS

RULE 7.1 - Process of Appeal:

1. Any current, active member and/or club in good standing may appeal any decision of the Flyers Cup Committee as follows:

- A. The notice of appeal shall be in writing; must reference the decision under review, and state the relief requested.
- B. The appeal shall be filed within fourteen (14) days of the written ruling being appealed unless a specific time is otherwise set forth within these playing rules.
- C. All materials relative to the appeal must be submitted with the appeal. No documents will be accepted at the hearing.
- D. The active member or association appealing shall include a check, as a deposit with the appeal, made payable to the Flyers Cup Committee in the amount of \$200.
- E. Within seven (7) days of receipt of said written notification, the Commissioner shall contact the Club President or Representative and request a hearing.
- F. The hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days, unless panel availability creates the need for an extension, which shall not exceed fourteen (14) additional days. This timeframe shall begin upon receiving both the written request for an appeal and the required check.
- G. In the event there is a ruling by the Commissioner which also includes an investigation of athletic intent, all matters will be referred to the Flyers Cup Committee for a hearing and decision.
- H. Appeal Committee: Members of the Appeal Committee Pool shall be nominated by the Flyers Cup President. The Appeal Committee Chair shall be appointed by the President or his/her designee at the time the Panel is selected.

RULE 7.2 - Hearing Requirements:

1. The following applies to all Appeal Committee Hearings:

- A. Any team requesting an Appeal Committee hearing shall be responsible for all costs and expenses. In addition to any applicable hearing charges set out in the Process of Appeals, hearing costs shall include the fees and expenses set by the Flyers Cup Committee, with a cap of \$200.
- B. The President shall give all concerned parties at least a three-day notice of an Appeal Committee Panel Hearing. Notice of the meeting may be accomplished in writing, by e-mail and/or by telephone.

RULE 7.3 – Hearing Procedures:

1. All Disciplinary, Eligibility, and Appeal Committee hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the Unified Procedure for Dispute Resolution, as outlined in the USA Hockey Annual Guide under By-Law 10, or as amended.
2. Prior to the start of the hearing and prior to the player/association entering the room, the mediator and/or Commissioner should ensure that none of the jurors have been given any pertinent information concerning the case and should review the procedure of the hearing with the jurors.
3. The following rules shall be in effect for all portions of the hearing: Only one person at a time will testify; anyone speaking out of order will be asked to leave the hearing.
 - A. Only the Appeal Committee Members are eligible to ask questions during the hearing.
 - B. The mediator and/or jurors reserve the right to end any testimony that is irrelevant, off-topic, and or repetitive.
4. In accordance with the Unified Procedure, an audio recording device is permitted for all hearings but shall be turned off during the deliberation of the jurors.

RULE 7.4 - Appeals Hearing:

1. The Appeal Committee Panel hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Committee Hearing Procedures as set forth as outlined in the USA Hockey Annual Guide under By-Law 10, or as amended.
2. The decision of the Appeal Committee may be rendered at the conclusion of the hearing or may be deferred. The decision shall be reduced to writing and forwarded to the parties involved and the Commissioner.
3. Unless waived by the individual and/or association requesting the appeal, the Appeal Committee shall issue its decision not more than seven (7) days from the date the hearing is held; otherwise, the relief requested by the individual and/or association in its written notice of appeal shall be granted. If a final decision was rendered at the conclusion of the hearing, this shall be considered to have met this requirement.
4. The Appeal Committee hearing the appeal shall determine after the hearing whether all, a portion or none, of the deposit will be returned.
5. The Appeal Committee, upon hearing all the evidence, shall only determine if the rule(s) in question were interpreted correctly.

RULE 7.5 – Video Review:

1. The Committee has established a video review process for certain offenses. These offenses and the appeal process are detailed in a separate league document.

Appendix

GLOSSARY

Altercation – Any physical interaction between two or more opposing players resulting in a penalty or penalties being assessed. An altercation will generally occur at a stoppage of play (not within the normal process of playing the puck) and includes the gathering of two or more opposing players and requires action to be taken by the on-ice officials to separate players.

Bench Minor Penalty – In accordance with USA Hockey rules, except during a running clock situation when the individual shall be ruled off for a period of three minutes.

Class – Defines Varsity teams by their PDE male enrollment number in Class A, AA. Open enrollment teams will be classified as AAA.

Club/Member Club – The local organization responsible for the forming and daily operation of one or more teams representing a specific school or multiple schools.

Coach – A coach is a person primarily responsible for directing and guiding the play of the team. The individual listed on the official score sheet as the acting head coach for that team during play of that game. In the event the individual listed as the coach departs the players bench for any reason, this title is passed to the individual listed next as a coach on the official score sheet for that team during that game. See “*Team Official*” definition also.

Flyers Cup Committee – The governing body for the Tournament.

Game – This refers to ice hockey games scheduled by the league (ICSHL) and found on the league schedule or official adjustments to that league schedule and to all play off/post-season games. Games do not include all-star games or any form of scrimmage games.

Game Misconduct Penalty – In accordance with USA Hockey rules with any additional discipline, as outlined under Suspensions of these playing rules, for game misconduct penalties issued in any league game.

Head Coach – Individual listed as head coach on the League Team Registration Form. For score sheet purposes only, the head coach is the coach acting as the head coach for that game.

Ineligible player – An individual who is in violation of any part of Player Eligibility or Transfer Eligibility of these league playing rules.

Major Penalty – In accordance with USA Hockey, except during a running clock situation when the individual shall be ruled off for a period of 5 minutes for Boys Varsity and 4 minutes for Girls Varsity and JV.

Minor Penalty – In accordance with USA Hockey, except during a running clock situation when the individual shall be ruled off for period of 2 minutes for Boys Varsity and 1 minute and 30 seconds for Girls Varsity.

Misconduct Penalty – In accordance with USA Hockey, except during a running clock situation when the individual shall be ruled off for a period of 10 minutes for Boys Varsity and 8 minutes for Girls Varsity.

Off-Ice (Minor) Officials – Officials appointed to assist in the game operations, including the Official Scorekeeper, Game Timekeeper, and Penalty Box Operators.

Participates – Appearance of a player's name (skaters and goalkeepers) on the official game score sheets along with the player being dressed, ready to play and on the players' bench shall establish participation in the game.

Rostered – An individual's name appears on the submitted league roster for that team, or a Roster Adjustment Form has been submitted for the movement of the individual.

Proper Authority (Administrative Appointment) – An individual, assigned by the Flyers Cup Committee, to a specific responsibility and/or duty.

Shall – Indicates that an action is mandatory.

Should – Indicates that it is recommended that an action be accomplished, but not mandatory.

Suspension – Discipline in which the offender is not authorized to participate in league games for the indicated number of games. USAH suspension shall be served in accordance with their playing rules.

Team Official - A person responsible to any degree for the operation of a team, such as a Team/Association Executive Officer, Coach, Manager, Trainer, or Association Representative.

Unauthorized player – Participant in a game while that individual is in violation of any of these league playing rules, except Player Eligibility and Transfer Eligibility. See definition for ineligible player.