



# UNION ARENA WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE RULES

(as of August, 2022)



## SCHEDULE:

- Season will run from mid-October to mid-March.
- Games will be held on Sundays at 5:30pm & 6:45pm.
- There are no playoffs in the WHL.

## REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY:

- All team registration requirements must be completed by October 3<sup>rd</sup> with appropriate payment.
- Every player must register online *prior* to playing their first game, even if it is their only game for the entire season. Any Subs not already rostered on a team must register prior to the game to be considered eligible.
- All players must be at least 18 at the start of the season. Players turning 18 during the season may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Current High School players are not permitted to play, regardless of age.

## RULES, SUSPENSIONS, ADDITIONAL PENALTIES and LEAGUE MANAGEMENT:

- USA Hockey rules govern play, with the following exceptions/notes plus any additional changes made by the Arena over the season.
- The captains/managers of each team will assist Union Arena management, the league commissioner, and the game officials to ensure a safe and fun league by taking responsibility for the actions of their respective teams and helping to alleviate illegal and unsafe play.
- **Penalties:** Players receiving four penalties in a single game will be automatically suspended for one game, the date of which will be determined at the Commissioner's discretion. A second infraction involving the same player will result in a three-game minimum suspension and a hearing to determine if a longer suspension is warranted.
- **Suspensions:** Referees may eject a player from the game immediately for a range of reasons, including but not limited to unsportsmanlike conduct, use of any foul language, and/or behavior directed directly, or indirectly, at an official or UA Staff.

- Any player that is ejected from a game will automatically receive an additional one-game suspension, to be served at a date and time of the Commissioner's discretion.
- Game Officials have full authority to control the game at their discretion to ensure it is safe and fun for all participants.
- The League Commissioner, along with the GM of Union Arena, will have final say in all decisions and may, with or without, the recommendation of the officials suspend players for conduct detrimental to the Arena and/or the League.
- Fighting, stick work, and dirty and dangerous play will not be tolerated and may result in immediate suspensions and/or expulsion from the League. There are no refunds to players who are suspended.
- Should a player, in the discretion of the Arena, not belong in one of the leagues due to skill level and/or style of play, the Arena reserves the right to remove that player from the League. The Arena may offer a place in a different league.
- The Arena may amend rules and league operations as needed over the course of the season.

## **GAMES:**

- All games will be three 15-minute stop periods.
- Game will move to running time in the third period as soon as there is a six (6) goal differential and will continue running regardless of scoring.
- Games will have one referee and one scorekeeper.
- If a team has fewer than eight skaters at game time, they may borrow players from another team in the League to reach up to eight skaters.
  - Once a team has eight or more of their own players dressed, subs will be asked to stop playing.
- Captains will be responsible for finding a replacement goalie if their goalie is out.
- There are no timeouts.
- There will be no overtimes for games tied after regulation play.