

Greer Upstate Recreational Hockey Association
Bylaws, Regulations, House Rules for Adult Leagues

(adopted by Review Board 7-18-2021)

Greer Upstate Recreational Hockey Association LLC is a private hockey organization.

1. USA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION membership:

- A. Membership to USA Hockey will be required for all players starting September 1, 2021. Participants can become members by visiting [USA Hockey Member Registration](#) page. There are multiple benefits to being USA hockey members, including participation in a supplemental accident insurance program.
- B. GURHA's USA Hockey Member Associate code will be SCH0013.

2. Player eligibility:

- A. Anyone 18 and older is eligible.
- B. Membership can be revoked for non-payment. A hearing will be held to determine revocation of membership for inappropriate conduct towards any league official, Review Board or association directors; or inappropriate conduct towards any association of any rink where play is held.
- C. Sub players can be used after getting approval from the opponent's team captain and league management.
- D. Sub players must pay \$18 to league to play in a game as a sub.
- E. Sub rules vary by division:
 - A – When less than 9 players are dressing for a game, a maximum of 3 subs can be used to equal 9 players. Goalies are not figured into this.
 - BC, DC – When less than 10 players are dressing for a game, a maximum number of 2 subs can be used to equal 10 players. Goalies are not figured into this.

3. Hockey programs:

- A. Divisions: A, BC and DC
- B. Player league fees are \$16 per game multiplied by total games in the season (SportsEngine charges a processing fees if paid online). There are other ways to pay to avoid processing fees.

- C. 13 players plus goalies are a required minimum for a full roster. (This is how the league finances are budgeted.) If a team wishes to roster less players, the team registration fee is \$224 x number of games in the season. All players have the option to play in the playoffs as there is a winner and a consolation bracket.
- D. After registration, captains will be nominated.

4. USA Hockey rules/additional house rules:

- A. GURHA will be USA Hockey members beginning 9/1/2021, which offers support for hockey, rules and an insurance program.
- B. USA Hockey rules are being used in this league with additional house rules.
- C. Players are responsible for their own health-care costs in the event of an injury or accident on or during league play or during any GURHA event. Supplemental USA Hockey insurance will be part of the USA Hockey membership.
- D. Any team must start a game with a minimum of 6 players. Any time that a team has been reduced to 4 players, the game will be forfeited and result in a 1-0 score.
- E. Players in higher leagues may play down one league with a 50% vote from the captains. Players can be voted from lower leagues to higher leagues with a 75% vote from captains.
- F. Player safety is the No. 1 concern. Players who experience a head injury or potential concussion can be removed from play under the discretion of a referee and/or captain. Removal does not disqualify them from returning to the game. This is to ensure the player does not need further medical attention. Players must determine for themselves whether they are fit to return to the game.
- G. GURHA league management reserves the right to suspend or exclude a player, after a hearing, for conduct detrimental to the league and could result in loss of league fees.
- H. GURHA reserves the right and participants agree to be audio and/or video recorded for the purpose of reviewing incidents on ice. Games may also be recorded and edited to viewing platforms.

5. Review Board:

- A. The league's Review Board is made up of unbiased individuals not connected to the league. The league director will appoint these

representatives. As of 7/20/2021, GURHA's Review Board consists of Ice Station representative, George Fowler, referee Brian Laidler and Mike Nolan.

B. The purpose of the Review Board is:

- To adopt/change bylaws and house rules
- Review and determine further disciplinary action after match penalties, abuse of referees, major penalties, etc.

6. Referees:

A. Head referee is Brian Laidler, appointed on 07/19/2021.

B. GURHA strives to hire quality USA Hockey-certified referees who are passionate about the game.

7. General regulations include:

A. Helmets are mandatory and all straps must be fastened securely.

B. HECC-approved, full-protective equipment and face shield or cage is highly recommended.

C. Any player suspected/determined to be extremely intoxicated will be deemed ineligible for play at the referees' and captains' discretion so as to prevent injuries or other issues on the ice.

D. All players and spectators are expected to respect arena property. We ask that all members try to help maintain a clean facility. We understand trying to make the basket with the hockey tape, but since you missed, pick it up!

E. Team captains are required to review all rules with their players.

F. Team captains are responsible for validating weekly score sheets. Team captains or a team representative will be responsible for reporting correct scoring stats (G,A) on the SportsEngine site. This is for precise scoring entry.

8. Penalties and suspensions:

A. The Review Board (RB) will decide additional supplemental discipline based on USA Hockey rules and/or additional house rules. All players shall be provided a hearing in accordance with USA Hockey Bylaw 10, before additional discipline is assessed.

B. Players shall be given a 7-day notice of a hearing. The scheduled hearing will proceed whether the player is in attendance or absent.

C. The player and captain will be given the league's decision based upon the nature of the altercation and the players' history.

- D. GURHA leagues are “No Check” and “No Boarding.” GURHA leagues are No Check and No Boarding. Any infraction of the rules as determined by the referee will result in the assessment of appropriate penalties per USA Hockey Rules. Any player receiving 4 minor penalties in any game will be given a game misconduct.
- E. Game suspensions will result in the following action: 1st game suspension, player out for the remainder of the game and the next game. 2nd suspension, player out for the remainder of the game and the next two games. 3rd suspension, player out for the remainder of the game and the next three games. Any player receiving 4 suspensions will be permanently barred from league play until such time that the Review Board allows reinstatement.
- F. FIGHTING: GURHA enforces a strict ZERO-TOLERANCE policy for fighting. If the referee determines on-ice altercation as a fight, USA Hockey rules apply.
- G. RUNNING CLOCK RULES:
- Any one team that received 10 penalties in a game
 - A 5-goal differential in the third period
- H. Any player who leaves the bench during an on-ice altercation will be suspended for the remainder of the game. The referee reserves the right to impose any further penalties or suspensions at his/her discretion based on USA rules.
- I. There will be no contact with the goalie inside or outside of the crease. Any infraction of this rule could result in a penalty determined by the referee.
- J. Any verbal abuse of any official could result in game misconduct at referee’s discretion. Verbal abuse is defined as any personal threat, criticizing, insulting, or denouncing characterized by anger and hostility.
- K. Physical abuse of any official, on or off the ice, or any player given an intent to injure penalty, or fighting off the ice, or any player deemed to be a habitual offender will result in a hearing to determine the suspension of the player from the league for the remainder of the season. The league Review Board will determine the player’s eligibility for the next season.
- L. All league games will employ the two-referee format when possible.

9. Regular/playoff season format and rules:

- A. Season standings will be determined by total points. Two points for a win, one point for a regulation tie, and no points for a loss. In the event teams

have an identical number of points at the end of the season, final season standings will be determined as follows:

- Record versus each other during season
 - Goal differential
 - Least amount of penalty minutes
- B. Season/playoff games will consist of a 3-minute warm up, one minute before start of game and three 12-minute stop time periods plus one minute between periods. 3v3 5-minute running clock in the event of a regulation tie.
- C. Playoff games will not conclude as a tie. 1st overtime period will be 5v5. If still tied after 12min, 3v3 subsequent periods until game is decided.
- D. One 30-second timeout per team is allowed per game.
- E. Stats will be recorded for each game; goals, assists and points. It will be the responsibility of a designated team leader to check with score table after each game to ensure goals and assists are accurately recorded. This is to ensure accuracy of reporting all points earned. Goals for, goals against, and penalty minutes will be tracked for each team.
- F. Any game complaints/appeals must be submitted in writing to the league director at gurha.magnus@gmail.com only after a 24-hour “cooling-off” period. Game complaints may only be submitted by team captains and appeals allowed per USA Hockey rules.
- G. Hybrid blue line icing is in effect (Icing can be waived if attacking team beats defensive team to the defensive zone faceoff dot unless the puck has reached the goal line prior to attacking player crossing red line).
- H. All players are reminded that these leagues were formed to provide exercise and fun for those of us who love hockey. Habitual offenders of USA Hockey and League Rules will not be tolerated. Remember, most players have to work for a living and/or have families, and have no time for any injury, especially when an injury is intentional.

10. Waiver information:

- A. By participating in any league, you are hereby releasing GURHA, The Ice Station and their affiliates, and any sponsors, administrators, or officials of any liability due to injuries, accidents or any costs incurred for any medical-related expenses and personal injuries, including death.

11. Changes to bylaws:

- A. Changes to the bylaws can be made and adopted by the Review Board.
- B. Suggestions for rule changes are welcome by all.

Greer Upstate Recreational Hockey Association LLC:

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