



**JC
PARKS**

Adult Hockey



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Read this entire packet before registering.

ELIGIBILITY

1. *The addition of a player(s) after the program start date may be done by the team Captain in several ways:*

- *in person meeting with the hockey director at the Washington Park Ice Arena;*
- *by email to cbrown@jeffersoncitymo.gov;*
- *by calling 573-634-6547 and leaving a message with the name, cell phone numbers, and email addresses of the player(s) you wish to add.*

Substitute players must be approved by the opposing team's Captain or their appointed team representative prior to game time. Failure to do so will result in the forfeit of the offending team's game.

2. A team that has substitute players cannot outnumber the opposing team unless approved prior to game time by the opposing team's captain. Please contact your team's Captain if you are going to miss a game. Your Captain or their appointed team representative will contact the opposing team's Captain so they can approve any substitute(s).

- Registered Goal tenders may substitute for other teams without any approval from the opposing team or Hockey Director. In the event of a non-registered goal tender substituting for a team's regular goal tender, approval from the opposing team and the hockey director are required. The substitute goal tender must provide proof of registration with USA Hockey prior to game time. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit by the offending teams.
- Players must be at least eighteen (18) years of age to participate in the adult hockey league, and have sent their current USA Hockey Registration to the Hockey Director prior to stepping on the ice. All players must be able to produce positive identification when requested by an official or JC Parks staff.

HOCKEY RULES AND REGULATIONS

This program is designed to provide a quality experience for the participants by providing an opportunity to enjoy physical activity while deriving the many positive benefits of sport. It is not meant to be, and will not become, an intensely competitive program in which participants place the importance of winning ahead of sportsmanship and fun. All games will be played using the 2021-2025 Official Rules of Ice Hockey except as noted herein. You can go to your phone's app store and download a copy. The Hockey Director has final decision on all suspensions, or removal from the program. The Hockey Director will use all available resources in making their final decision.

COMMUNICATION

League information will be disseminated via email. If there are any rule changes, additions, or deletions, they will be communicated to each rostered player at least 24 hours prior to the next game. **All players will be held responsible and accountable for knowing the information in this packet.**

PLAYER/TEAM CONDUCT

1. All players and teams are expected to conduct themselves in a good sportsmanlike manner.
2. Language that is hateful, discriminatory, or threatening will result in a Match Penalty during game play.
3. Undue harassment of the official(s) or scorekeeper before, during, or after the game may result in the ejection of the individual(s) involved. Any player, or fan who is ejected from a game and reported to the Manager on duty by a Sports official or department representative will be suspended from attendance / participation in their team's next game. Official(s)

reserve the right to run the clock to keep the game on time or if a player refuses to leave the ice when ejected. **The Game Official(s) reserve the right to end games for verbal abuse or threats to their safety. If an official or employee of JC Parks is threatened, law enforcement will be notified.**

4. After an ejection, the individual(s) ejected must immediately change out and leave the ice arena. Failure to leave the ice and rink when instructed to by the game official(s), or a JC Parks employee, and/or continued harassment of the official may lead to forfeit of the offending team's game. A second ejection by the same player in a season will result in removal from the program for the remainder of the season.
5. Any team or individual who intentionally damages park property will be billed for the full replacement cost of said property and will be suspended from all JC Parks programs until such restitution is made.
6. Any team or individual who fails to heed the request of on-site JC Parks personnel regarding program operation or facility care will be suspended from all Parks and Recreation programs until he/she/they submits a written account of the incident and is reinstated by the Director or Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation.
7. If a player receives four penalties in a game they will be excused from the remainder of the game.
8. JC Parks reserves the right to lengthen any suspension for any length of time and seek the maximum penalty under USA Hockey jurisdiction, if circumstances so warrant.

SMOKING/ALCOHOL

1. Smoking or use of any type of e-cigarette/vape is not permitted in the facility.
2. Alcohol is not permitted on the ice or on the player benches. **Glass bottles are prohibited everywhere in the park and in the arena.** Players or coaches refusing to heed this rule are liable for ejection.
3. Fans and players under the influence of alcohol will be asked to leave the premises. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the game and removal of the individual from the program.

FIGHTING/ATTEMPT TO INJURE

1. Any player who strikes, attempts to strike, or verbally threatens an Official; who fights with another player; or who is ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior for the second time within one season will be suspended. This suspension is for one calendar year and includes all teams and in all sports on which that person plays.
2. Boarding will not be tolerated and will result in a match penalty.
3. Slashing may warrant additional penalty/suspensions to any player who intentionally or unintentionally swings his stick at an opponent or injures an opponent as a result of slashing.
4. A match penalty shall be assessed to any player who recklessly endangers or attempts to injure any opposing player.
5. Receiving 2 match penalties in one season will result in suspension for the rest of the season.

UNIFORMS

Please wear the appropriate color of your team. You may purchase a WPIA Adult Hockey League Jersey from the Pro-Shop. If you make and wear your own jerseys you will need approval from the Hockey Director.

- Exposed jewelry such as wrist watches, bracelets, all types of earrings and neck chains, or any other item judged dangerous by the games official(s) may not be worn during the game. Medical alert bracelets/necklaces are not considered jewelry but must be taped to the body if worn. Penalty for refusal can be ejection.

GAME PROCEDURES

1. Each team will nominate a Captain. The Captain will be the only player who is allowed to engage in the questioning of a call from an official(s). This must be done in a civil manner.
2. Each team must have at least **SIX** players ready to play at game time. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit.
3. Players are not allowed on the ice until the officials enter and signal to the players to take the ice.
4. There will be a 3-minute warm up before the game. The warm up clock will when the officials let players on the ice. The game will consist of 3 15-minute periods. The first 2 periods will be running clock and the 3rd period will be stop clock.
5. Official(s) and or the scorekeeper reserve the right to run the clock to keep the game on time.
6. Mercy Rule: After a 6-point differential has occurred the scorekeeper will no longer register points to the winning team. They will however be registered on the official score sheet.
7. In the event of a 6-goal differential in the 3rd period the clock will be switched to run time. If at any time during the 3rd period, the differential drops below a 6-goal differential, the clock returns to regular stop time.
8. Any games which are tied at the end of the 3rd period will be settled by a best of 3 shootout.
9. When any program participant is bleeding, has blood on his/her person or clothing, or has an open wound, he/she must leave the activity for appropriate treatment including bandaging as necessary to prevent recurrence. The rink has a first aid kit at the front counter. In the adult hockey league, if medical care or treatment can be administered at the rink, the individual will not have to leave the game.
10. Minor Penalties will be for 1:30, Major Penalties for 4:00 (This time will coincide with the game clock. All penalties will be in accordance the USA Hockey Official Rules.
<https://www.usahockey.com/rulesandresources>
11. Time outs will only be allowed if permitted by the game official if time allows.

PLAYOFFS/CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Playoffs: In the event of teams tied for position, head to head wins will be the deciding factor. If both teams are still tied, shootout victories or total goals scored through the season may need to be used to break the tie.
2. Substitute players will not be allowed in playoff or championship games unless approved by the Hockey Director a minimum of 24 hours in advance. Goalies can substitute without any pre-approval as long as they have turned in current USA Hockey Registration to the Hockey Director prior to stepping on the ice.

RESCHEDULING

Games may be canceled due to inclement weather or other circumstances beyond our control. If there is ice time available, the canceled game will be rescheduled at a later date. If we are unable to reschedule the game, a credit will be applied to your account for the prorated amount.

