



WHAM C DIVISION NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2010

“Four out of five dentists surveyed recommend playing hockey.”

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SCHEDULE CHANGE PROCESS & FEE

While every effort should be made for teams to adhere to the scheduled game times agreed upon at the WHAM Scheduling Meeting, on rare occasions there may be a need to change or cancel a game. **Teams should be advised that rescheduling games could result in a \$75.00 game reschedule fee.** The WHAM League Handbook has included reference to this for years, but effective this season (2010-2011) teams that reschedule games will be assessed a rescheduling fee of \$75.00 by the District 1 Officials Association. Per Pam Loftus, the D1 Scheduler, District 1 has charged a rescheduling fee for years prior, but until this year, it has not been passed on to WHAM. The charge of \$75 is half of what is charged by the district and other leagues that are scheduled by the D1 Scheduler. Now that the master WHAM game schedule has been submitted and set with referees, rescheduling a game should be done as prescribed in the WHAM league handbook; but briefly, the team initiating the change needs to:

1. Arrive at consensus with the other team regarding the date, time and location of the rescheduled game.
2. Contact the district referee scheduler, Pam Loftus, at kploftus@msn.com and request the change. On short notice to cancel referees for a game, notify Pam (651-260-2606) or Kevin Loftus (651-261-6995).
3. Notify the league administrator (leagueadmin@whamhockey.org) so that the change can be made on the website.

The team initiating the change may then be charged a \$75 fee by the District 1 scheduler for the change. Teams are still responsible for paying officials for a cancelled game unless Pam receives and acknowledges receipt of a cancellation notice at least four hours in advance of the game. If weather is a factor and businesses/schools/activities are cancelled, there won't be a change fee for a game that is cancelled and then rescheduled as long as 4 hours notice is given. If it is snowing and the teams just decide they don't want to venture out, there will be a charge to reschedule the game. Pam will notify teams if a change fee is being charged and the \$75 fee must be paid BEFORE officials will be rescheduled. Teams should send the \$75 change fee to Pam Loftus at: D1 Officials Assn, 327 Hazelwood St., St. Paul, MN 55106.

EDITING PRIVILEGES FOR TEAM HOME PAGES AND STATS ENTRY

Because of website and Sport NGIN security issues there is a need to limit the number of people on each team who have privileges to enter stats and edit team home pages to two (2). Commissioners in each division will be contacting team managers to determine which two people the team wants to grant these privileges to and these will become effective December 1st. Also, website features do not allow privileges to carry over from one season to the next. Thanks for your understanding of this.

ROSTER CLARIFICATION

On each team HOME PAGE there is an official list of players and coaches who are officially eligible to play. This list gets populated by the registration software when players and coaches register with USA Hockey, MN Hockey and WHAM. This list should be the same as the names on the ROSTER tab on each team's page, however, the ROSTER tab is used for stats purposes and may differ slightly. Again, if you want to know who is eligible on each team to play or be in the bench area, refer to the list on the HOME PAGE not the ROSTER tab.



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PENALTY MINUTE REMINDER

As discussed at the Fall meeting, and in an effort to discourage dangerous and overzealous play, the league this season increased the consequences for players who receive three penalties in a single game. Please make note of the changes from last season (highlighted in blue below):

“Game Penalties & Ejections. In any regularly scheduled game, if any one (1) Player is assessed three penalties (regardless of the minutes associated with those penalties), the Player will be ejected for the remainder of that game **and will serve a one-game suspension**. If any Player should have three such ejection/suspensions within the same season, that Player will be subject to an additional two-game suspension by the Division Commissioner. All game suspensions are to be served during the Player’s team’s next Organization-sponsored game(s) (not scrimmages) regardless if those games occur post-season. If there are no further Organization-sponsored games to be played for the Player’s team in the current season, any such suspension of games will be carried over to the start of the Organization’s next season. **Team Managers are responsible for notifying the Commissioner of game suspensions and for assuring that the penalized Player serves the suspension(s).**”

TURKEY TOURNAMENT

Different from season’s past, this year’s Turkey Tournament is not sanctioned by WHAM nor USA Hockey and therefore USA Hockey insurance will not be in place for participants.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- ☞ WHAM Board meetings; held monthly; see website for dates, location and times
- ☞ **Wednesday, December 1, 2010:** WHAM night at the Minnesota Wild game; see WHAM website for info.
- ☞ **Sunday, December 5, 2010: Combined A/B/C Level Assessment;** 8:20 – 9:20 am; Charles M. Schultz/Highland Arena (St. Paul); North rink. Must register online for this session.
- ☞ **Monday, December 20, 2010:** Registration closes; last day to register in WHAM for season.
- ☞ **Tuesday, February 1, 2011:** Minnesota’s 25th Annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day; noon to 1:00 pm at State Capitol rotunda
- ☞ **Monday, February 28, 2011:** Season closes: last day games may be scheduled.
- ☞ **Thursday, March 17 to Sunday, March 20, 2011:** WHAM League Tournament; Super Rink in Blaine.
- ☞ **Saturday, April 23, 2011: Spring Meeting:** 9:00 to 11:00 am; Schwann Center in Blaine. All teams must send one representative to avoid a \$50 fine.

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