



# *Spring Hockey 2017 Rules*

## **Center Ice Arena, Delmont**

### **April 3, 2017 - June 11, 2017**

Welcome to Spring Hockey! The purpose of the AHA / Center Ice Spring League is to provide a program for local hockey players to keep playing and developing their skills during the off-season and to have fun! There is no guarantee of skill matchup between the teams in each age division. **We ask that all teams, coaches, and parents work together to provide an enjoyable experience for the players, and display good sportsmanship.**

There are two changes for 2017.

At Midget and Bantam levels, we will play a 3 on 3 format. This will open up the ice and allow players to focus more on skills and less on body contact.

At the Pee wee and Squirt level, we will have 3 placement games to start the season. This will determine the best competitive play for all teams to ensure that there are not significant skill differentials between teams playing against each other. We need players and teams to make this successful, so please spread the word about our program.

Game schedules, and any updates or changes will be posted on [www.ahabadgers.com](http://www.ahabadgers.com), in the AHA bulletin board, and emailed to the team manager and coach.

To keep things running smoothly, please take note of the following:

1. To maximize ice usage, ALL GAMES WILL PLAY 12-12-15 MINUTE PERIODS.
  - a. Game slots are 70 minutes. Please note the ending time on the schedule for your game and use the curfew clock.
  - b. No time outs and no overtime
2. All games will be played under USA Hockey rules. This includes Rule 411 covering major penalties and all other playing rules in the USAH 2013-2017 Rulebook. Zero Tolerance will be enforced for players, coaches, and parents.
3. Additional spring rule concerning game misconducts:
  - a. The first game misconduct a player receives will result in a one game suspension
  - b. All subsequent game misconducts will result in a two-game suspension
  - c. Further discipline may be enforced for repeated infractions.
4. Any Match Penalties will require a hearing with the Spring Hockey Discipline Board.
5. All players will be required to wear appropriate neck guards and mouth guards.
6. The team noted on the game schedule as the home team is responsible for the clock and the scoresheet. The white original scoresheet copy is to be turned in at the front desk immediately following each game. The home and away copies should be distributed to the appropriate team managers. (scoresheets will be available at the front desk when you arrive for your game)
7. The team to team handshake should take place after the game.

8. Any time the score in a game reaches a 7-goal differential or more, the scoreboard should remain at a 7-goal differential until the team that is behind scores. If a team is winning by 7 goals or more at the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, then the stop time converts to a running clock (penalties are 2 minutes running time), until the team behind brings the score to under a 7-goal differential. There are no 3 min penalties during the running clock time.
9. Referees will all be USA Hockey certified.
10. EMTs will be present at all games.
11. Teams will need to leave keys to obtain entrance to locker rooms at the rink and will be held responsible for any damage that occurs to rink property.
12. Jerseys should be issued by the first game weekend. If your team's jerseys don't arrive on time for the first game, please wear light/white practice jerseys for the home team, and dark/black for the away team.
13. The roster addition deadline for Spring League is May 5, 2017. We will not accept any additional players after that date. Only registered Spring Hockey players that are on the USA Hockey roster are permitted on the ice for your team during practices and games. No player substitution is permitted for games. A substitute goalie can be obtained when necessary. Please communicate your need via email to [springhockeydelmont17@gmail.com](mailto:springhockeydelmont17@gmail.com).
14. If any questions or problems arise, please have coach or team manager only (not individual parents) e-mail [springhockeydelmont17@gmail.com](mailto:springhockeydelmont17@gmail.com).

### **Special Rules for 3 on 3 (Midget and Bantam)**

1. Games will be played as 12-12-15 minute periods, stop time.
2. Penalties will result in a penalty shot, with the clock being stopped.
3. While Body Contact is encouraged, Body Checking is not permitted (non-checking).
4. Following a scoring play, the referee will submit the scoring information to the score keeper. The face-off will occur at center ice.
5. There is no center ice red line, so there is NO ICING.
6. Penalties will be enforced. Multiple game misconducts may result in additional game suspensions or expulsion from spring league (all monies are forfeited by the offending player).