



Badger Bytes

Beaver County Amateur Hockey Association Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Badgers Newsletter. We hope that you find this to be a valuable source of information about the organization, the league and all things hockey. As we approach the upcoming season you should start seeing, if not already, practices, pre-season games and/or scrimmages showing up on your team's calendar. The best way to keep up with those is to use the SportsEngine app on your phone. It is also possible to see and set your availability by logging into <https://beavercountybadgers.org> and selecting your team from the **My Organizations** dropdown at the top of the screen.

Key Dates

**Practices at Brady's
Run Begin Week of
Aug 30**

**Golf Outing
Sept 26
1:30 Shotgun Start**

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Lottery Ticket Stubs
and Payment Due to
Team Mgrs by Oct 15**

Placement Timeline	
Sept 4/5 11/12 18/19	Preseason Placement Games for 12U- 18U
Sept 21	Final Placements Announced for 12U-18U
Sept 25/26	Placement Appeal Game 12U-18U
Sept 25- Oct 31	10U Placement Games to be Played

Scheduling Timeline	
Sept 18	10U Preseason
October 2/3	Regular Season 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U
Nov 6	Regular Season 10U, 8U Jamborees
November thru February	Mite Jamborees (max 10)

Playoff Timeline	
Feb 26/27	8U, 16U, 14U AA Team Playoffs
Mar 3/4/5/6	USAH MidAm State and District Tournaments
Mar 12/13	18U, 16U, 14U A & B Team Playoffs
Mar 19/20	12U Team Playoffs and 10U ODSETS

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Clear The Zone

Volunteering to be a team manager, locker room monitor, or a penalty box attendant? You will need to have the necessary clearances and background checks. You can find out what is needed along with links to each at

<http://beavercountybadgers.org/volunteer>

Smile, ya Goon!

Get that hockey smile ready. Pictures for the 10U and up age groups are going to be Wednesday September 29th. More details will be provided by email as that date approaches.

USA Hockey Rules Update

Every four years the USA Hockey Board of Directors reviews/amends the rules of play, conduct and penalty assessment. Though many changes consist of changing verbiage for consistency or clarity, the following items are worth highlighting and take effect September 1, 2021 and are effective through the 2024/25 season:

401(b) Penalties

Calls for a player to be assessed a game misconduct after 4 penalties in the same game and a coach receiving a game suspension when team accumulates 12 penalties during same game.

Expect: You may see coaches sit a player after three penalties to prevent suspension.

Major and Minor Penalty times have been pro-rated based on period length. Affiliates can grant exceptions to the published times for 14U and older. PAHL has chosen to keep penalties at 2 minutes and 5 minutes for minor and major respectively for 14U and older. The following table applies to the 12U and younger age groups.

Period Length	Minor	Major
12 Minutes or Less	1:00	3:00
12-17 Minutes	1:30	4:00
17 Minutes or more	2:00	5:00

624 (b) Icing the Puck ¹

Prohibits players at all youth levels from icing the puck while shorthanded.

Expect: Anytime during a game that a player shoots the puck from behind the center red line without touching a player from their team or a reasonable chance for the defending team to touch the puck icing will be called.

Fun Fact: Penguins Radio Color Analyst Phil Bourque has long advocated for this rule change.

630(d) Offside ¹

Eliminates tag-up offside at all Youth levels of play. Immediate offside is now applied at all levels.

Expect: When an attacking player is in the offensive zone prior to the puck crossing the offensive blue line, the play shall be blown dead and a face off at the nearest dot to where the attacking player released the puck shall occur.

Notes:

1. Does not apply to High School