

Proposed JAHA rule changes – please submit any comments to info@juneauhockey.org no later than September 15th!

CHANGES MADE TO SECTION A:

JAHA is going to pilot a system of providing the scorekeeper a current list of eligible players and after team rosters are frozen, providing pre-populated scoresheets with team roster information. This means that the scorekeeper and on-ice referees will know that if a name is on the scoresheet and/or the current list of eligible players, that player has been registered by JAHA. This negates the need to issue JAHA stickers each season and minimizes time spent filling in game rosters.

A. ELIGIBILITY

[Subsection 4 is deleted in its entirety.]

CHANGES MADE TO SECTION C:

It has been proposed that given the re-expansion of JAHA Co-ed tiers to include Tier D that full slap shots be allowed in both Tiers A (Expert) and B (Advanced).

The thought behind the proposed change is that it would enhance game flow by eliminating a potential whistle for an above-the-waist windup. It was also suggested that “above-the-waist” is a very subjective measure and was inconsistently whistled.

C. GAMEPLAY

2. SHOTS

No sticks are allowed above the waist on the wind up or follow-through of any shot except in expert **and advanced** tiers, as designated by the JAHA Board, where a full slap shot is allowed in accordance with applicable USA Hockey rules.

CHANGES MADE TO SECTION D:

The current “Roster Freeze Date” is the fourth week of league play. This means that during the first four weeks of the season, players may be moved freely between teams—considering player requests of course—by the Tier Representative to assist competitive parity. Article V, Section 2 of the JAHA Bylaws requires a Tier Committee Meeting to occur during the second week of the season to discuss team parity and address “major discrepancies” at that point, with further Tier Committee Meetings called as needed.

Note that the Bylaws do not contain a roster freeze date.

The purpose of this change is to adjust the “Roster Freeze Date” rule to reflect a number of games rather than a number of weeks, to allow for a more fair observation of teams. This does not change the JAHA Bylaws—a Tier Committee Meeting must still be held during the second week of the season—but the rosters of a team are only

“frozen,” i.e. requiring a vote of the Tier Committee and approval of the President, after four games have been played by all teams in a tier. This change also updates an outdated reference to the JAHA Bylaws.

D. TEAMS

1. ROSTER FREEZE DATE

For regular seasons, all league team rosters are frozen after ***four games have been played by each team in the tier***. Any player changes after this point may only be made by the Tier Representative in consultation with Team Representatives and with approval of the President. A player must be removed from a roster to add another player. Players will normally be replaced with players of similar playing ability, but exceptions may be made to maintain competition and parity per ***JAHA Bylaw V.2***.

For special seasons, such as the Holiday Jamboree season or as otherwise designated by the JAHA Board, rosters may be adjusted as necessary by the JAHA Board Registrar, with approval of the President, throughout the season.