

The League Constitution

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CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

The name of the organization shall be The Scott Hockey League.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to create and maintain an adult, recreational, **no checking/no fighting** ice hockey league regardless of skill level or experience. The Scott Hockey League follows the rules of its current Bylaws and rules of the game as stated in the USA Hockey rule book. The most notable difference being the SHL will utilize blue line icing, instead of the center red line. This organization will conduct itself in a manner that is free of racial discrimination. The organization will provide equal opportunity and treatment for all members and prospective members regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age, or national origin.

This is a “Gentlemen’s League” (ladies are welcome as well) and thereby follow a “Gentlemen’s Code of Conduct”. Its purpose is to promote the enjoyment and appreciation of the game of hockey in a competitive – yet friendly – environment.

- Be competitive and play your best, but remember, all we’re playing for are bragging rights and your name on the Cup.
- This is a “no check” league. This means no body checking (stick/poke checking to steal the puck is o.k.).
- Everyone has to get up the next morning to go to work, school, etc., and we don’t want players hurt and having difficulty getting out of bed.

- The flow of each game should be dominated by skating, passing, and shooting – not hooking, slashing, holding and hitting.
- Three penalties (of any combination) in the same game will earn you a night off – even if the next game is a playoff game.
- Watch your language – even when on the bench. Voices carry in the arena and someone’s mom or kids can probably hear you in the spectator gallery.

Article III

Membership

The Scott Hockey League membership is open to the general public.

Article IV

Officers

Officers of The Scott Hockey League shall be a President, Vice President/Operations Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Information Technology Officer. These officers shall perform the duties herein specifically provided for and also those specified by the Bylaws and other such duties as are usually incident to their office.

Article V

Executive Committee

Administration, disciplinary and business obligations of The Scott Hockey League shall be conducted by the Executive Committee, consisting of Officers of The Scott Hockey League and the Captain from each existing team of players. The President will act as Chair of the Committee.

Article VI

Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the general membership or of the Executive Committee, at such time and place as determined by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the Bylaws. Additional meetings may be called for special purposes.

Article VII

Bylaws and Amendments

The Constitution of The Scott Hockey League and its provisions shall be carried out according to the current Bylaws. The articles of this Constitution and its Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a simple majority vote of the members present provided that notice of such proposed change was given to the membership in any form or media at least 2 week prior to that meeting.

Article VIII

Adoption

This constitution and its Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by a majority of The Scott Hockey League Officers.

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Article I

Membership

Section 1 - Membership:

A member is defined as any player who participates and plays on any of the teams of The Scott Hockey League and has paid dues and/or fees in full.

Section 2 – Eligibility:

All active players must be at least 18 years of age prior to signing a Scott Hockey League registration form. Individuals younger than 18 years of age, but at least 16 years of age are eligible to play with a parent or legal guardian *also playing in the league* as an active member in good standing.

Section 3 – Joining, Resignation, Termination, and Removal from Play:

- a. **Joining:** Any person wishing to become a active player of The Scott Hockey League must complete an Online Registration Form via the Scott Hockey League website (located at www.scotthockey.com).
- b. **Joining after the draft:** Once the draft of players has concluded, all rosters will be considered frozen. No players will be added to any team for any reason, except for the instance of replacing an injured AND non-returning player. In that case, a player from the waiting list, who had been cut from tryouts, and is of equal, or lesser, playing ability, may be added to the team roster, pending approval from the Executive Board. If the new player is accepted, they must completely fill-out and sign a League Registration Form, present it and payment of *prorated* fees to a member of the Executive Committee. If the new member does not have a Scott Hockey jersey, they may use one of The Leagues spare jerseys until such time one can be ordered and purchased during the normal process.
- c. **Resignation:** Any person wishing to resign may do so at any time. No fees, of any kind, are returned to the player who resigned.
- d. **Termination:** Membership in this organization will be terminated:
 - 1) If the member fails to meet financial obligations.
 - 2) For misconduct, as specified in the Bylaws.
 - 3) For any other valid reason when recommended by an Officer or member of the Executive Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.
- e. **Removal From Play:** All current officers have the authority to remove any active player from any scheduled game if that player actions result in intent to injure, discrimination of any kind, disregard for

sportsmanship or rules of the game, abusive language to fans, players, scorekeepers or referees, or conduct that brings discredit upon other Scott Hockey League members.

Section 4 – Equipment:

- a. All active players will be required to provide, purchase, order, use and/or wear, at a minimum, the following equipment items at all times when playing in any game of The Scott Hockey League:
 - Helmet (face guard is highly recommended)
 - Gloves
 - Elbow Pads
 - Pants
 - Shin Pads
 - Skates
 - Stick
 - Scott Hockey Jersey
- b. All active players shall wear a Scott Hockey League jersey. (Since the ordering process takes several weeks, active players should have two (2) jerseys to use until their ordered jersey arrives; one blue/dark and one white/light).
- c. Jerseys are paid for at the expense of each active player at their initial sign-up as a member. Price will be posted on The Scott Hockey Leagues website, <http://scotthockey.com>, and prior to each sign-up session.
- d. Numbers on the jersey for all new active players will be determined after each sign-up to avoid having too many of the same numbers in The Scott Hockey League at any given time. Each new active player will be given the opportunity to request preferred numbers, *but it is not a guarantee that any of those numbers will be provided.*
- e. Numbers will be in the range from 00 to 99 (With the exception of #28).
- f. Jersey number 28 has been retired from The Scott Hockey League; no other numbers will ever be retired from The Scott Hockey League in the future.
- g. The white Scott Hockey League jersey will be worn when a player's team has been designated the home team (listed second) on the game schedule. The blue Scott Hockey League jersey will be worn when a player's team has been designated the away team (listed first) on the game schedule.
Example: Lightning (blue) vs. Habs (white)

Section 5 – Dues and Fees:

- a. **Dues and Fees:** All active players shall pay dues and fees, amount set forth by the Executive Committee, and advertised on The Scott Hockey League's website, at the beginning of each session. Dues and fees will be applied towards, share of ice time, referee and scorekeeper expenses, club provided equipment (i.e., practice and game pucks, water bottles, etc.), and any other equipment deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. Cash or checks will be accepted.

b. Refunds:

- 1) If an active player is removed from a team by the Discipline Council, they will not receive a refund of any money.
- 2) The Scott Hockey League will not provide financial reimbursement to any active player who leaves anytime during a session for any reason. However, under extreme conditions, if a permanent replacement player can be obtained, and at least one third of the session remains (4 games, based on a 12-game total session), partial reimbursement *may* be considered based on a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Reimbursement will be limited to the prorated amount of the replacement player's due and fees, based on the remaining scheduled games and other activities or expenses.

Article II

Meetings

Section 1 – Annual Meeting:

General membership meetings will be held prior to each session or at least during the month of December to hold League Officers elections, if needed.

Section 2 – Quorum:

- a. **Officers:** The presence of 3 of the 5 Officers is required to constitute a quorum.
- b. **Executive Committee:** The presence of three fourths members is required to constitute a quorum.
- c. **General Membership:** The presence of two thirds of all members of The Scott Hockey League is required to constitute a quorum. **(Eliminate?)**

Section 3 – Officers:

The Officers of The Scott Hockey League shall meet prior to each session. The Officers may, at the request of any officer, hold meetings at any time of the year upon sufficient written notice to all other Officers.

Section 4 – Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of The Scott Hockey League shall meet prior to each session and annually prior to a general meeting to conduct all matters pertaining to the purposes and best interests of the league. The Executive Committee may, at the request of the President, hold meetings at any time of the year upon sufficient written notice to all members of the Committee.

Section 5 – Drafting of Active Players:

- a. After the second day of sign-ups and prior to the first game of each session, all active players will be redrafted for placement on one of The League teams. No players will be protected by any given team or captain.
- b. Draft selections will be made by the current team captains.
- c. Draft selection order for each team will be determined by the team's captains the day/night of the draft.
- d. No more than 15 players, including one goalie, will be drafted per team.
- e. The League Secretary will keep track of the last team to make a pick during each draft day/night for the purpose of player(s) joining a session after the start date (see Article I, Section 3a of these Bylaws).

Section 6 – Special Meetings, Notices:

Special membership meetings may be called at the discretion of The Scott Hockey League Officers or Executive Committee or upon written petition of two thirds of the current membership. Public notices of

special membership meetings must be given. Public notice will be given by posting in on The Scott Hockey League website, <http://scotthockey.com>. A majority vote of the members present is required for passing any resolution, except as otherwise provided.

Article III

Officers

Section 1 – Duties of Officers:

a. The duties of the **President** include:

- 1) Preside over all meetings of the Officers, Executive Committee, Discipline Council, and general/special meetings of the membership. He/She shall call special meetings of the membership, supervise elections, appoint committees as deemed necessary, prescribe their functions, and appoint a chair for the committee.
- 2) Be The Scott Hockey League's liaison to ice-rinks or any other outside organizations The Scott Hockey League may have business with (unless delegated to another board member or as specified in other board member responsibilities).
- 3) Serve as commissioner for leagues administered solely by The Scott Hockey League.

b. The duties of the **Vice-President/Operations Officer** include:

- 1) Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- 2) Recruit new members and advertise.
- 3) Serve as Operations Officer:
 - (a) Recruit individuals to serve as referees and scorekeeper.
 - (b) Schedule all referees and scorekeeper for all games.
 - (c) Ensure all referees and scorekeeper receive training prior to each session

c. The duties of the **Secretary** include:

- 1) Maintaining the written Constitution and Bylaws.
- 2) Maintaining the written minutes from all meetings and making them available to all members upon request.
- 3) Disseminate any pertinent information to the members.
- 4) Assume the duties of the Treasurer in his/her absence.

d. The duties of the **Treasurer** include:

- 1) Receive, deposit, disburse, maintain a record and account for all funds of the organization, and prepare the publication of all monthly statements of the financial status of the organization. A financial status report will be given to the membership at each general membership meeting.
 - 2) Track individual member's payments and adherence to dues.
 - 3) The books of the treasurer will be reviewed at least 2 weeks prior to termination of office. The results of this review will reflect the new treasurer's acceptance of said books. Cost of all financial reviews/audits is the responsibility of the organization.
 - 4) Maintain a list of all The Scott Hockey League assets and ensure total accountability during and at the end of each session.
 - 5) Act as the point of contact of all League fund raisers.
 - 6) Assume the duties of the Secretary in his/her absence.
- e. The duties of the **Information Technology Officer** include:
- 1) Maintain The Scott Hockey League website.
 - 2) Ensure all League information, schedules, statistics, team rosters, etc, are posted and updated on the website on a weekly basis.
 - 3) Assume the duties of the Operations Officer in his/her absence.

Section 2 – Election of Officers:

- a. All Officers shall be elected at a December organizational meeting. Nominations may be made by the floor or self. Elections require a majority vote of the votes cast; and in case a candidate does not receive a majority, then a run-off vote shall be held for the top two candidates. Votes will be cast by secret ballot and members must be present to vote.
- b. Members eligible for holding office must be able to serve for at least 9 months of their term and must have been an active member for at least 6 months.
- c. A majority vote of the members present shall be needed before any proposed action becomes valid. A majority shall be half plus one of the members present. The President shall vote only in case of a tie.

Section 3 – Vacancies Among Officers:

When occurring in the office of the President, position shall be filled by special election. Other officers will be filled from by Executive Committee or by appointment by the President for the remainder of the term. Should

two or more officers vacate in roughly the same period (2 months), a special election will be held to fill the vacancies.

Article IV

Executive Committee

Section 1 – Duties of the Executive Committee:

- a.** The Executive Committee shall meet when deemed necessary by the organization, or the President, but at least prior to each session. The actions of the Executive Committee require a majority vote in order to be valid. Proxy votes will not be permitted.
- b.** The Executive Committee shall have the authority to authorize expenditures of any money remaining, not greater than \$1,000, for other expenses. Any amount over this requires a majority vote of the members.

- c. The Executive Committee shall recommend policies, supervise programs, rule on membership, enforce the constitution, handle financial responsibilities, and resolve grievances/complaints/suggestions submitted by the members.

Section 2 – Election and Vacancies:

a. Elections of Captains:

- 1) All Captains shall be elected or reaffirmed prior to each session. Nominations may be made by the floor or self. Elections require a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- 2) Members eligible for holding office must be able to serve for at least the upcoming session and must have been an active member for at least 3 months.
- 3) Vacancies: When occurring in the position of a team captain, shall be filled by appointment by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee, for the remainder of the current session.

Article V

Discipline Council

Section 1 – Duties of the Discipline Council:

The Discipline Council, comprised of the Executive Committee, will review all complaints to determine what disciplinary actions (specified below) are warranted. A quorum of the Executive Committee is required to convene a Discipline Council, and actions will be decided by a majority vote of the Discipline Council members present. Any actions, on or off the ice, resulting in intent to injure, discrimination of any kind, disregard for sportsmanship or rules of the game, abusive language to fans, players, scorekeepers or referees, or conduct that brings discredit upon other Scott Hockey League members, will be evaluated by the Discipline Council. **NEGATIVE SPORTSMANSHIP BEHAVIOR OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY THIS LEAGUE FOR ANY REASON. ALL QUESTIONABLE ACTIONS AND WILL BE DEALT WITH SWIFTLY AND SEVERELY!**

- a. The Discipline Council may take the following actions in response to a formal complaint:
 - 1) Dismiss the complaint
 - 2) Issue a warning
 - 3) Suspend the player for one or more games (as appropriate)
 - 4) Suspend the player for the remainder of the session or indefinitely.
- b. The Discipline Council will act upon the complaint prior to the next scheduled game. In the unlikely event the review doesn't occur in time, the player will be allowed to play until the review is complete.
- c. The Scott Hockey League will not provide financial reimbursement to any player for suspended games.
- d. The Scott Hockey League will publish all suspensions, mitigation's, warnings or dismissals to the membership. However, the Discipline Council will not disclose the details of its deliberations to respect the privacy of the parties involved. This process assures league members that complaints are being acted upon promptly and fairly, regardless of whether or not they ultimately agree with the outcome.
- e. If any suspension occurs at the end of a session, any games due to be served shall be carried over and be served at the beginning of the next session the player signs-up and pays for.

Section 2 – Complaints:

- a. All complaints must be submitted through a member of the Executive Committee. Complaints may be submitted against any player on another team, including the captain. The complaint must be lodged to the Executive Committee before the next game is played.
- b. If a complaint is lodged by a team captain, against a team captain, the two affected team captains (the one against whom the complaint was lodged, and the one lodging the complaint) will not vote.
- c. A Referee may make a complaint to the Executive Committee regarding a player, even if a penalty was not awarded during the game. This also includes negative verbal comments made by any player, at any time. The member of the Executive Committee will submit the complaint to the Discipline Council for action.

Section 3 – Actions:

- a. Players will be notified by their team captain that a complaint has been lodged against them. Players have the right and the opportunity to present any mitigating or extenuating circumstances for consideration to the Discipline Council through their team captain. Failure to get a players side of the story is not cause to delay the review, unless the council deems so.
- b. The following rules regarding disciplinary actions will apply. If players participate in separate leagues as members of The Scott Hockey League, the Discipline Council may apply these rules separately to each league

- 1) Any player receiving a game misconduct is removed from that game and is automatically suspended from the next scheduled game. Further, if the penalty is issued because of an infraction against a referee, the player is suspended for the remainder of the session.
- 2) Any player who receives three (3) or more separate penalties in a game is removed from that game and is automatically suspended from the next scheduled game (two penalties awarded at the same time may be considered under mitigating circumstances).
- 3) Any player suspended twice in a session is suspended for the remainder of the session.
- 4) Any player involved in fighting (throwing punches, with bare fist or gloved, with the intent to injure another player) or using their stick as a weapon with the intent to injure another player will be barred from the club, indefinitely.

Article VI

Games, Standings, Playoffs, Championship and The deKernal Cup

Section 1 – Games:

- a. For each 6 team session scheduled and played, each team shall play 10 regular games and 2 playoff games.
- b. For each 7 team session scheduled and played, each team shall play 12 regular games and at least 1 playoff game.
- c. All games will be 3 periods long. Each period shall be 12 minutes long, using a stop clock.
- d. Each game shall be scheduled for 1 hour of play.
- e. All regular session games will end by one team winning, one team losing or both teams tied.

Section 2 – Standings:

- a. A team's ranking within a current session will be based on the following in the stated order:
 - 1) **Total Points Earned** - Determined by total wins and ties. Two (2) points awarded for a win, One (1) point awarded for a tie.
 - 2) **Number of Wins** - If two teams have the same points, then their placing within the standings will be determined by the total number of wins during the entire regular session.
 - 3) **Head-to-Head** - Competition between the two tied teams.
 - 4) **Fewest Goals Against in Head-to-Head** – The **least** amount of goals allowed during the head-to-head competition

- 5) **Least Total Team PIM** – The least amount of total penalty minutes for the entire team
- b. In the case of tie in the standings between **three or more teams**, the tie breaker will be based on the following, in the order stated:
- 1) Total Points
 - 2) Number of Wins
 - 3) Fewest Goals Against – for the entire session
 - 4) Most Goals For – for the entire session
 - 5) Least Total Team PIM

Section 3 – Playoffs:

- a. At the conclusion of each **Six** (6) team session, the top four teams will play for the Championship and The deKernal Cup.
- (1) Week 1: (Away vs. Home)
 - a. 7:30 pm – Team #4 vs. Team #1
 - b. 8:45 pm – Team #3 vs. Team #2
 - (2) Week 2: (from games listed above – highest ranking team is the HOME team):
 - a. Championship Game: Winner (1a) vs. Winner (1b)
- b. At the conclusion of each **Seven** (7) team session, the teams in the top four (4) positions will play for the Championship and The “deKernal Cup”. Teams in the lower three (3) positions will play for the “Toilet Bowl”. The playoff schedule will be as follows, with higher seed as home team:
- 1) Week 1:
 - a. 7:30 pm – Team #4 vs. Team #1
 - b. 8:45 pm – Team #3 vs. Team #2
 - c. 10:00 pm – Team #6 vs. Team #5
 - d. BYE: Team #7
 - 2) Week 2 (from games listed above):
 - e. Championship Game: Winner (1a) vs. Winner (1b)
 - f. Consolation Game: Loser (1a) vs. Loser (1b)
 - g. Toilet Bowl: Winner (1c) vs. Team #7
 - h. BYE: Loser (1c)
- c. If any of the following games listed in Section 3a1a, 3a1b, 3a2a, ends in a tie, the following will take place:
- 1) A Five (5)-minute OT, with Sudden Death – first team to score wins.
 - 2) A Five (5)-Shot shootout - with each team taking 5 shots
 - 3) A Sudden Death Shootout - alternating shots until a winner is determined..
- d. If a player is serving a penalty when time expires, and that penalty time has not completed, that player is deemed ineligible to participate in the shootout.

Section 4 – Championship:

- a. The winning team from Article VI, Section 3, paragraph a(4) or b(2a) will be declared the Champion of the session.
- b. The deKernal Cup will be awarded to the winning team; they must follow The Leagues Bylaws concerning The deKernal Cup.
- c. A monetary award, determined by The League Officer, can be awarded to the captain of the winner team. This award must be used to purchase food and/or non-alcoholic drinks for the players of the team.

Section 5 – The deKernal Cup:

- a. The winning team will have a team photograph with the deKernal Cup on the ice after the championship game.
- b. Each winning team will have their team and player's names engraved on the keg.
- c. The winning team has the option of keeping the deKernal Cup until the final registration date of the following session.
- d. The deKernal Cup can be shared amongst the winning team however the captain sees fit, however care must be taken transporting the Cup.
- e. The deKernal Cup will never be disassembled.
- f. The deKernal Cup will always remain a challenge competition and not the property of any one team, even if won more than once.
- g. No body parts are allowed to touch the deKernal Cup other than hands and mouths.

Article VII

Financial

Section 1 – Fiscal Calendar:

All fiscal affairs of The Scott Hockey League shall be conducted on the basis of the calendar year.

Section 2 – Authority to Compensate:

The Executive Committee may receive reasonable compensation, in the form of dues and fees required, for their services. Amount of compensation will be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and balance of financial account.

Section 3 – Financial Report:

A report to the Executive Committee on the financial state of The Scott Hockey League for the past session will be made by the Treasurer to any member of the Executive Committee upon request.

Section 4 – Income, Sponsorship and Fundraising:

a. Income:

- 1) Income may be obtained from fundraising events or other activities as approved by the Executive Committee.
- 2) Any money collected will be used for the operations of The Scott Hockey League as approved by the Executive Committee.
- 3) Income will not accrue to active players, unless approved by the Executive Committee.

b. Sponsorship:

- 1) Any member may establish initial contact with potential sponsors, but the Treasurer, per Fundraiser responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws, will handle all detailed negotiations.
- 2) Any money and/or equipment donated by any sponsor will be applied for the benefit of all members of The Scott Hockey League regardless of who arranges the sponsorship. The Executive Committee will determine how best to divide the donations throughout The Scott Hockey League.

- e. Fundraising:** Any money earned by a Scott Hockey League fundraiser will have those proceeds distributed by the Executive Committee to benefit the entire The Scott Hockey League.

Article VIII

Affiliation

The Executive Committee is empowered, subject to approval of the membership at an annual meeting, to affiliate with other organizations.

Article IX

Dissolution

Section 1 – Disposal of Funds and Assets:

In case of dissolution of the organization, any funds in the treasury after satisfaction of any outstanding debts, liabilities or obligations will be donated to local charities. Disposal of other assets shall be determined by the membership. However, if upon dissolution, liabilities exceed asset, then the excess of liabilities over assets shall be paid by the membership on a pro rata basis. For the purpose of this article, a member is defined as one whose name is carried on the roll of active and participating members as of the date of notification. The membership is liable under the laws of Illinois for organizational debts in the event the organization's assets are insufficient to discharge liabilities. Distribution of residual funds and other assets must not accrue to the benefit of any individual member or the membership as a whole.

Section 2 – Notification:

Upon determination to dissolve, written notice will be given to the general membership immediately.

The Scott Hockey League

Constitution and Bylaws

ENACTED: *September 16, 2016*

Lou Siville	_____	President
John Arbeiter	_____	Vice President
Pat Day	_____	Secretary
Jon Nolan	_____	Treasurer
Chris Bednara	_____	Information Technology Officer