

Welcome all Coaches and Managers to the IHF High School Roller Hockey League, Class of 2009

Class of 2008

Aliso Niguel Wolverines, Capistrano Valley Cougars, Corona del Mar Sea Kings, Damien Spartans, Edison Chargers, El Dorado Golden Hawks, El Modena Vanguarders, El Toro Chargers, Esperanza Aztecs, Fountain Valley Barons, Huntington Beach Oilers, JSerra Lions, Laguna Hills Hawks, Loara Saxons, Los Alamitos Griffins, Marina Vikings, Mater Dei Monarchs, Mayfair Monsoon, Mission Viejo Diablos, Newport Harbor Sailors, Northwood Timberwolves, San Clemente Tritons, Santa Margarita Eagles, Santiago Sharks, Tesoro Titans, Trabuco Hills Mustangs, University Trojans, Villa Park Spartans, and the Woodbridge Warriors.

IHF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jay Piz, Art Wells, Mike Robinson, Bill Schaible, Dave Hibbard and Andy Suzuki

LEAGUE AFFILIATIONS



The Interscholastic Hockey Federation (IHF or League) is the governing body for all IHF High School League competitions and events. The League is organized and operates as an affiliate of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, Inc. and is considered a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization under the AAU tax exemption number.

In accordance with Amateur Sports Act of 1978, rev. 1998, Sect. 220510 of the United States Code, and by appointment of the US Olympic Committee, the National Governing Body (NGB) for roller hockey is USA Roller Sports (USARS). By appointment of USARS, the sanctioning body for roller hockey is the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). Through its membership affiliation, the Interscholastic Hockey Federation (IHF) is a sanctioned, Scholastic League club by the AAU.

The Official Rules of USARS have been adopted as the official rules of the IHF. Items not covered are covered under the applicable guidelines, rules, and regulations of Western Inline Hockey Association (WIHA) and its member facilities (rinks).

SCHEDULING

A three game Preseason commences September 29th.



VOLUNTEERISM, GAME SUPERVISOR PROGRAM and THE BOARD

All School Clubs, whether fielding one more teams, are required to submit a minimum of one dutiful volunteer representative, not including either a coach or manager, to support the requirements of the Board of Directors and/or the activities of the League. Volunteers may be candidates for one of the eight positions on the Board of Directors, subject to acceptance by the current Board, supporting roles/functions to the Board in the capacity of Secretary, Treasurer or Legal Counsel, serve on committees and/or functions as defined by the Board, or provide support and/or service for League events and management, etc. Roles may also include those focused to the quality of on-rink and/or off-rink functions of the League. Clubs that do not nominate a representative to assist the League, or nominees who fail in fulfilling their obligations in the opinion of the IHF Board, will be subject to additional penalties including exclusion of their Club from the playoffs.

GAME OFFICIATING...

WIHA facility operators are presently conducting training and certification programs for game officials. Game Officials will qualify for Varsity and JVA divisions and all officials will be knowledgeable and enforce IHF Rules. Scorekeepers will assist the on-rink officials with enforcement within the Penalty Box areas.

HOME TEAM...

At each game, coaches or managers are required to provide the scorekeeper with an accurate legible roster of players – using only the official IHF Roster form – signed by the players participating in that specific game. This must be done before the team takes the rink. Teams in violation may be assessed a 2-minute Delay-of-Game penalty to be served at the start of the game. It will be the responsibility of the Home Team to verify the compliance of this rule at all competitions.

COACHES

Coaches shall maintain control and discipline of their team at all times. Failure to maintain discipline can result in suspension or removal from IHF competition. Coaches and players will display good sportsmanship at all times. The use of foul language, verbal or physical abuse or any other offensive behavior shall be grounds for immediate suspension and/or removal from that game, and to be served in the next scheduled game, with additional penalties subject to IHF Board review. All of the above are subject to the rink official and the IHF's duly appointed representative discretion and review by the IHF Board for further disciplinary action.

ZERO TOLERANCE

Rules for Zero Tolerance, including but not limited to, any derogatory slur slandering the race, religion, gender, nationality, or sexual orientation of another, have been reinforced into this policy.



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CLUB SURVEY INFORMATION

In the 2007-08 Season, the IHF League consisted of Clubs representing 29 High Schools. Clubs were polled early in the season about their organization type, recognition and programs, insurance and coach fees. The results of that survey indicate the following:

- 51.72% Organized as a School Sports Club
- 20.69% Operate as a Non-Profit Organization
- 20.69% Are recognized by their School District
- 41.38% Are recognized by their School
- 44.83% Are recognized by their school as a Club
- 31.03% Varsity players receive a letter for this sport
- 13.79% Players receive P.E. Credit for this sport
- 62.07% Have Year Book recognition
- 13.79% Club pays for Year Book content
- 72.41% Club has a Code of Conduct
- 13.79% Club carries its own Insurance (separate from League and/or Facility)
- 17.24% Club insured by Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)
- 10.34% Club insured by USA Hockey Inline League (USAHIL)
- 44.83% Club employs (fee or salary) its Coach(s)

With respect to liability concerns and insurance, the IHF league has been accepted by the AAU for the 2008-09 and will be insured through membership accordingly. In addition, the three facilities for which competitions will be held are also insured through the AAU. Add to that is every on-rink participant, players and coaches alike, are required to have individual AAU insurance. Letters naming the School as a third party insured can be provided by the League or the Facility and in the amount of \$10 million. AAU insurance highlights include:

- Liability limits for an AAU club is \$10 million
- Excess Sports Accident AAU limit is \$50,000 with no deductible if the person has primary health coverage.
- AAU has a \$1 million child Abuse limit.
- The AAU youth registration is a Multi-Sport Registration for just one fee.

Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)

www.aauhockey.org/

Member Fees (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 each year)

- **Youth Athletes** are \$12 (or optional Added Benefit coverage \$14)
- **Non-Athlete Fees** (Coaches, Managers, etc.) are \$14 (or optional Added Benefit coverage \$14)

Membership Fees payable only once and good for all AAU sports and/or AAU sanctioned events (including WIHA). Proof of AAU membership required by or before the first IHF preseason game.

IHF COACH TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION SURVEY RESULTS

Q#	Question	In Favor
1	A coach training and certification program should be implemented.	75%
2	A coach training and certification program would benefit the sport of roller hockey.	50%
3	A coach training and certification program would benefit the players on my team.	50%
4	I am willing to attend and pay for a coach training and certification program.	75%
5	I prefer to attend and pay for coach training online.	100%
6	I am willing to attend Safe Haven training as a coaching requisite.	100%
7	I am willing to submit to a background check as a coaching requisite.	100%
8	I have coached in this sport for too long and should not have to be subjected to coaching requisites.	0%
		100%

SECTION II - COACHES

1. All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches must have a current AAU Inline Hockey Registration and Coaching Certification as required by IHF.

a. All IHF Coaches must meet a minimum Coach Certification requirement in accordance with CIF guidelines for basic coach training (see: www.cifstate.org/): All Coaches, paid or unpaid, must be certified in Coaches Education by December 31, 2008. Coaches can now become certified online for \$52 or in a classroom setting by one of California's Instructors as offered through the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course at <http://nfhslearn.com/>. Coaches must provide the League with certification in advance to the first game in January, 2009. Failure to provide requested evidence of certification will result in ineligibility to coach any team in playoff or post-season and/or IHF sanctioned competitions in 2009.

b. All IHF Coaches and Assistant Coaches must be in compliance with Scholastic level certification requirements as may be defined by USARS, the AAU and/or the IHF by or before the beginning of the first regular season game of each season beginning after 2008.

2. All Head Coaches or Assistant Coaches who are new to IHF may start the season without coaching certification, but must have their appropriate coaching certification in place no later than December 31st of each season.

3. Those returning IHF Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches who failed to attain the minimum coaching certification in the previous season may not be rostered on any team until the minimum appropriate coaching certification for that level has been achieved.

4. All bench personnel must be properly rostered as a Coach on the official roster. Managers and trainers are not considered coaches of a roster.



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THE SEASON

Each team will play three preseason games and fifteen regular season games. The playoff format and structure will be announced soon. Post season events will also be announced soon.

FORFEITURE POLICY

The League is presently working with the Facility operators on unified language and policies. This policy will be announced soon.

CHECKING IN YOUR TEAMS

The IHF will provide each team with a Binder and produce a color-coded label at time of Check-In as the Board may direct. Color codes by division are:

1. Varsity = Black;
2. JVA = Blue;
3. JVB = Red; and
4. JVC = Green

Forms will be distributed via Email and published to the web site (www.IHF-HOCKEY.org)

ONLINE REGISTRATION

The IHF will be deploying a new web site very soon with online membership registration, team management and roster capabilities, stats and schedules soon. Watch for our announcements.

FEE STRUCTURE 2008-'09

The IHF 2008-'09 Season will again utilize a tiered structure to better accommodate team needs for season fees and practice requirements for all teams. Tiered fees are:

- **\$2675** Includes all pre-season (3) and regular season games (15), including playoffs, but No practice times.
- **\$3075** Includes all pre-season (3) and regular season games (15), including playoffs, and 10-Practice times (1/2 rink x 1 hour per team).
- **\$3475** Includes all pre-season (3) and regular season games (15), including playoffs, and 20-Practice times (1/2 rink x 1 hour per team).

Fees are payable in 2-installments of 50% and each due, payable in full by the beginning of the preseason and January 2009, respectively. Payment polices and Practice Lottery information is forthcoming.

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