



IHF RULES 2010-2011 SEASON

NEW COMBO DIVISION

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Preface

(2010-11 Season) The IHF Board of Directors has resolved to implement the new Combo Division to help engage, or re-engage, student-athletes referred to as “disenfranchised” players and to provide them with a venue to meet and compete as a team. The focus of this division are those (disenfranchised) student-athletes who want to play high school roller hockey but have no team to join due to reasons of educational choices, geography, or are insufficient in number to form a “pure” team as has been the standard under the eligibility rules. In spirit, the Rules for this division are devised to provide fair play within the division for all and to safeguard against any team that may be construed as a Travel Club team organized only for the purpose of competing in this League, Division or sanctioned Tournaments. Ultimately, it is the Board’s objective that this division is all about keeping youth and student-athletes engaged in the sport of roller hockey for as long as they may choose to play.

The Combo Division

Comprised of Combo Teams only, teams will compete among themselves within the division for the duration of the Season. Teams will be tiered according to their preseason evaluation and records to then best match the skills and provide parity within the division over the regular season. Teams will ultimately meet in playoffs to determine the tier champions. Teams in this division will be qualified to compete in sanctioned tournaments as a scholastic team under the current AAU Scholastic Roller Hockey guidelines and as referenced herein.

Formation of Combo Teams

A reasonable attempt must be made to inform the student-athletes of a proposed school team that will represent the individual school and its community. In the event that insufficient numbers of student-athletes are available from one school (less than 6), then this group of students may group with others and form a new Combo Team.

Teams will be comprised of one or more players from one school joining with one or more players from an adjoining or nearby school(s) each within the same or contiguous public school district to form together and compete as one scholastic (Combo) team.

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As described in SECTION I. Para. 2, Teams shall consist of a minimum of Six (6) players, including goalie(s) and a maximum of Fifteen (15) players excluding goalie(s) in the ninth through twelfth grade levels. A Combo Team shall require a minimum of Six (6) players, including goalie(s) and a Coach of 18 years minimum age to then form and compete in this division.

Teams formed may not use the name of any school in their registration and roster but may use a mascot name or other name of their choosing subject to approval by the Board.

Combo Team players and goalies must suit in a jersey package as prescribed by the League and within the rules described in SECTION I. Para. 3-5.

Eligibility Guidelines

The applicable IHF Rules governing Eligibility shall apply in all cases with the exceptions specifically noted for this division.

Determination of Competition Level

During the five (5) preseason games, teams will be divided into pools. Pools are groups of teams. The number of Pools and teams per pool will be determined by the total number of teams enrolled in the Combo Division. Once preseason is complete, teams will be split up into tiers based on their standings and performance in pool play. Every effort will be made to keep the number of teams in each tier equal. However, in fairness of competition, this may not always be in the best interest of the Combo division and adjustments may be required to insure fair competition within a tier.

Approved By **IHF Board of Directors**
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