



Findlay Adult Hockey League Player Handbook

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Introduction

Welcome to the Findlay Adult Hockey League Player handbook. This document contains the most important information you need to know about the league.

Mission

Participation in the Findlay Adult Hockey League is a privilege rather than a right. **The FAHL exists to provide a fun, organized, competitive, and safe recreational hockey experience for all participants.** Every player shares responsibility for preserving this environment. Continued participation is conditioned upon compliance with league rules, policies, and standards of conduct.

Chapter 1: League Organization

Governing Authorities

The Findlay Adult Hockey League (FAHL) is a private, non-profit corporation operating in Findlay, Ohio. It operates an adult no-checking league as a club within the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). The FAHL operates in accordance with applicable [AAU by-laws and rules](#).

In addition to the governance of AAU, the FAHL is governed locally by the FAHL Leadership Team (officially the Board of Directors). The FAHL Leadership Team exists to run the day-to-day operations of the league.

Contact

General information about the league, news, registration, schedules, rosters, stats, and subbing can be found on the FAHL website at: <https://fmhl.org>

Should you need to contact the FAHL leadership team, send an email to the following email address: admin@fmhl.org

Player Eligibility

A person may participate in the FAHL only if they meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Are at least 18 years of age,
2. Are a current member of AAU (provide AAU membership number on league registration form),
3. Complete the appropriate FAHL registration form for the current session,
4. Pay their league and/or sub fees on time (provided during registration),
5. Qualify to play in a current division based on their skill level,
6. Are not under suspension.

Eligibility and Continued Participation

Meeting the minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee participation in the FAHL. Participation is a privilege rather than a right, and the Board reserves the authority to determine whether an individual may participate in the league.

The Board may deny, suspend, revoke, limit, or terminate a participant's eligibility or participation when it determines such action is appropriate. Circumstances may include, but are not limited to, concerns involving participant safety, league operations, competitive balance, compliance with league rules or policies, conduct, or other circumstances affecting the interests or purposes of the FAHL. The Board may exercise this authority independently of any disciplinary process when the circumstances warrant an eligibility or participation decision.

AAU Membership

To participate in the FAHL, all players must be active members of AAU. AAU memberships are typically valid for a period of one year starting September 1 of the current year and ending on August 31 of the following year. As a member of AAU, all FAHL players will receive the benefits of accident insurance for covered medical expenses. Similarly, the league receives general liability insurance from AAU through player memberships. Players may register for their AAU membership on AAU's website (link provided on FAHL website).

Chapter 2: Sessions

Fall Session

The Fall session typically starts in September or early October and typically lasts until mid to late December. Each team will get to play 10 to 13 games depending on the number of players registered and ice availability. Registration for this session typically starts in early to mid August and closes one to two weeks prior to the start of the session. The rosters and schedule are usually posted five to seven days before the first games.

Winter Session

The Winter session usually starts following the end of the Fall Session and lasts until mid to late March. Each team will get to play 10 to 13 games depending on the number of players registered and ice availability. Registration for this session starts at the same time as Fall and closes one to two weeks prior to the start of this session. The rosters and schedule are usually posted five to seven days before the first games.

Summer Session

The Summer session typically starts near the end of April or early May and lasts until late June or early July. Each team will get to play 6 to 8 games depending on the number of players registered and ice availability. Registration for this session starts around mid to late March and closes one to two weeks prior to the start of the session. The rosters and schedule are usually posted five to seven days before the first games.

Chapter 3: Divisions

Definition

During the Fall and Winter sessions (see chapter 2 for timelines), the FAHL has established four divisions for four ranges of skill levels to give players a competitive hockey experience. These divisions are as follows:

1. A Division
2. B Division
3. C Division
4. D Division

Due to historically lower registrations during the Summer session, the FAHL has established three divisions as follows:

1. A
2. B
3. C

Each division will only operate during a given session if enough players sign up to field three or more teams. In the event that a division does not exist during a particular session, players whose skills exceed that of the other divisions are typically not be permitted to “play down.”

Higher skilled players in each division, especially those at or near the highest skill rating in the division, are expected to be teachers of the game. Lower skilled players in each division are expected to be students of the game, listening to and learning from the more skilled players.

A Division

The FAHL A division features the most experienced players and the fastest level of play in the FAHL. Many players in this division have high school or travel playing experience. For those who have played in Columbus or Michigan, the A division is comparable to many other B divisions.

The most updated skill-level rating range can be found on the league website. Players with lower skill-rating levels may participate in this division if the team they're on wants them to play, but it is not preferred as the player's skills will be well below the rest of the team.

Full slap shots are permitted and face masks are optional (visors or cages are preferred; see Equipment section for more details).

B Division

The FAHL B division features higher intermediate level players with a moderate level of play. Many players in this division have youth hockey and/or high school playing experience, but haven't competed at that level for a number of years.

The most updated skill-level rating range can be found on the league website. Players with a higher skill-rating will not be permitted to participate in this division. Players with lower skill-rating levels may participate in this division if the team they're on wants them to play, but it is not preferred as the player's skills will be well below the rest of the team.

Full slap shots are allowed and a minimum of a half-shield face mask is required (see Equipment section for more details).

C Division

The FAHL C division features lower intermediate level players with a moderate level of play. Some players in this division have youth hockey and/or high school playing experience, but haven't competed at that level for a number of years. Some players in this division have played recreational-only hockey and have developed their skills beyond the beginner level.

The most updated skill-level rating range can be found on the league website. Players with a higher skill-rating will not be permitted to participate in this division. Players with lower skill-rating levels may participate in this division if the team they're on wants them to play, but it is not preferred as the player's skills will be well below the rest of the team.

Full slap shots are allowed and a minimum of a half-shield face mask is required (see Equipment section for more details).

D Division

The FAHL D division features both new players and those who are no longer able to keep up with the pace of the C division. Many players in this division have little or no playing experience outside of recreational hockey leagues.

The most updated skill-level rating range can be found on the league website. Players with a higher skill-rating will not be permitted to participate in this division.

The D division is about having fun and learning the game of hockey. Winning and losing are not priorities and developing players will be encouraged to move up to the next division as soon as their skills warrant it.

Full slap shots are not permitted (the stick may be raised no higher than the knee) and a full face mask is required (see Equipment section for more details).

A Division (Summer)

The FAHL Summer A division consists of players from both the A division and B division.

The most updated skill-level rating range can be found on the league website. Players with lower skill-rating levels may participate in this division if the team they're on wants them to play, but it is not preferred as the player's skills will be well below the rest of the team.

Full slap shots are permitted and face masks are optional (see Equipment section for more details).

B Division (Summer)

The FAHL Summer B division consists of players from the B and C divisions.

The most updated skill-level rating range can be found on the league website. Players with a higher-skill rating will not be permitted to participate in this division. Players with lower skill-rating levels may participate in this division if the team they're on wants them to play, but it is not preferred as the player's skills will be well below the rest of the team.

Full slap shots are allowed and a minimum of a half-shield face mask is required (see Equipment section for more details).

C Division (Summer)

The FAHL Summer C division consists of players from the C and D divisions.

The most updated skill-level rating range can be found on the league website. Players with a higher-skill rating will not be permitted to participate in this division. Players with lower skill-rating levels may participate in this division if the team they're on wants them to play, but it is not preferred as the player's skills will be well below the rest of his team.

Full slap shots are not permitted (the stick may be raised no higher than the knee) and a full face mask is required (see Equipment section for more details).

Note

If there are not enough goalies within the acceptable rating range who sign up to roster in a division, then consideration will be given to goalies outside the rating range to roster in the division.

Chapter 4: Player Ratings

Rating System

The FAHL uses a Player Rating System to promote competitive balance by placing players in divisions that best match their current hockey ability and by helping create balanced teams.

Every player is assigned a numerical rating using a 1.0 to 12.0 scale, with half-point increments used when appropriate. Ratings are intended to reflect a player's current hockey ability rather than past accomplishments, reputation, age, or future potential.

Player ratings are administrative tools used to create balanced divisions and competitive games. They should not be viewed as awards, rankings, or measures of personal worth.

A detailed description of each rating level is contained in Appendix A of the FAHL Player Rating System Handbook.

Division Rating Ranges

Each division operates within an established player rating range.

Division Rating Ranges are reviewed before each session and may be adjusted when necessary to maintain competitive balance or accommodate league participation.

Current rating ranges are published on the FAHL website.

How Ratings Are Determined

New players receive an initial rating before participating in league games. Initial ratings are based on available information such as prior hockey experience, registration information, league observations, and other relevant information.

Following the start of the session, new player ratings may be adjusted after league officials have had an opportunity to observe the player's current ability during game play.

Returning players are periodically reviewed and may receive rating adjustments when their current ability has materially changed.

Player ratings are intended to reflect current hockey ability and may increase or decrease over time as players improve, decline, or otherwise change.

A player's rating may change even if their statistics remain similar. Ratings consider a player's overall contribution to the game—including skating, puck skills, positioning, decision-making, consistency, and hockey IQ—rather than any single statistic or performance measure.

Player Rating Reviews

Players who believe their current rating does not accurately reflect their present hockey ability may request a Player Rating Review in accordance with section 8 of the FAHL Player Rating System Handbook. The timing, eligibility, and procedures for Player Rating Reviews are established in that section of the handbook.

Team Rating Cap

Each division may operate under a Team Rating Cap designed to promote competitive balance and discourage the concentration of highly rated players on a single team.

A team's rating is calculated using the ratings of the players on its roster in accordance with league policy.

Teams are responsible for ensuring that substitutes and roster changes comply with applicable Team Rating Cap requirements.

Current Team Rating Caps and related procedures are published on the FAHL website prior to each session.

Learn More

The complete FAHL Player Rating System Handbook contains detailed information regarding:

- Player evaluation standards
- Rating procedures
- Rating reviews
- Rating governance
- Team Rating calculations
- League rating policies

Chapter 5: Rosters

Definition

A normal team roster in the FAHL is typically composed of 13 skaters and 1 goalie. It is suggested that teams run three offensive lines and two defensive lines.

Teams may also elect to only have 11 players on their roster (10 skaters and 1 goalie). In this case, each skater will owe an additional fee (see Payments chapter).

Player Types

The FAHL offers two options for rostering. Most players elect to roster on a team full-time. The league also offers the opportunity to split-roster with one or more players. If you elect for this option, you need to work it out with the other player(s) you are split rostering with to determine who plays which games and how much each person will pay.

Building Rosters

The FAHL receives registrations for individual players as opposed to receiving registrations for entire teams. As a result, the FAHL Leadership Team makes the final determination on all matters related to rosters.

Team Captains may submit rosters to the FAHL Leadership Team for approval. The FAHL Leadership Team typically tries to honor these requests, but must also ensure that the team remains at or under the Team Rating Cap and that teams remain balanced in each division. Additional players may be assigned to teams who have open roster spots.

The league does its best to give everyone who registers on time a roster spot. Once registration closes, the players are counted and teams are formed based on the players who have registered. If players register late and roster spots are still available, players may receive a roster spot, but there's no guarantee that a spot will be available.

In the event that the FAHL Leadership Team is not able to give everyone who registers a roster spot, players will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis based on who both registers and pays first. To have the best chance at receiving a roster spot, players are encouraged to register and pay early.

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Team Jerseys

Teams may provide their own jerseys or use FAHL jerseys for the session. If using FAHL jerseys, all jerseys must be returned to the Scorekeeper at the end of the session. Players who do not return their FAHL jerseys may be assessed a fee to cover the replacement cost of the jersey. Teams which provide their own jerseys are responsible to distribute and collect jerseys.

In situations where both teams playing in a game have similar color jerseys, the home team decides which team will wear different color jerseys for the game. The FAHL has extra jerseys in the locker for this purpose.

Chapter 6: Gameplay

Game Equipment

Sticks

In accordance with USA Hockey rules, all sticks shall be made of wood or other material approved by the USA Hockey Rules Committee, and must not have any projections. The end of a hollow shaft must be fully covered. Adhesive tape of any color may be wrapped around the stick at any place for the purpose of reinforcement or to improve control of the puck.

Any player whose stick is broken during the play must drop his stick immediately. For additional rules regarding stick length, width, and penalties assessed for illegal equipment, see USA Hockey rule book.

Skates

In accordance with USA Hockey rules, all players must wear hockey skates of a design approved by the USA Hockey Rules Committee. The use of speed skates, figure skates, or any skate so designed that it may cause injury is prohibited.

Protective Equipment

In accordance with USA Hockey rules, all players are required to wear appropriate protective equipment for all games, warm-ups, and practices. Such equipment should include gloves, shin pads, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hip pads, or padded hockey pants, protective cup, tendon pads, plus all head protective equipment. It is recommended that all protective equipment be designed specifically for ice hockey.

All protective equipment except gloves, padded hockey pants, helmet/facemask, and goalkeeper's leg guards must be worn under the uniform.

All players must properly fasten chin straps on their hockey helmets. In the A and Upper divisions, players are permitted to wear helmets without facemasks (although facemasks or visors are preferred). In the B and C and Intermediate divisions, players are permitted to wear helmets with a half-shield facemask. In the D and Lower divisions, players are required to wear helmets with a full facemask.

Game Rosters

Absentees

It is understood that players will be absent from games from time to time. If players are going to miss a game, they are expected to either inform their team captain or open up their sub spot on the FAHL website. Refunds will not be issued for players who miss games.

It is preferred that all sub requests be submitted at least 24 hours prior to game time to provide adequate time for other players to sign up and the Sub Coordinator to approve the sub request. Prospective subs who are not approved by the Sub Coordinator prior to game time will either be approved or denied by the Scorekeeper.

Teams may not purposely not find subs in order to run short unless they pay for the sub spots. Sub fees offset the cost of league fees so that everyone gets to play for less. If players cancel late or do not show up, the team will not be required to pay for the open sub spot.

Sub Eligibility

Players who are eligible to play in the league are also eligible to sub. Players who are already rostered on a team are automatically added to the sub list. Players who are not rostered are required to fill out the Sub Registration Form.

Sub List

When players fill out a registration form, they will be asked if they want to share their contact information with team captains who may contact them to sub. If players select yes, their name and contact info will be added to a Sub List that can be accessed in All-Star Rec Manager by all team captains.

Subbing Restrictions

Players who are not eligible to play in the league are not eligible to sub.

When signing up subs, teams must continue to keep the team rating at or below the rating cap. A like-for-like sub is preferable, but in the event that a team has rating cap space available, a higher rated sub may skate in place of a lower rated rostered player. If a team cannot find a sub with a low enough rating to allow the team to remain at or under the rating cap, then they will be required to skate short.

In the event a team is over the team rating cap for a given game, a list of steps must be followed to bring the team back within the cap. See the Team Rating Cap section above for the specific steps to be taken.

Goalie Subs

Goalie Communication

To help teams locate sub goaltenders, the FAHL may maintain an official communication system for goalie subs. This system may utilize email, text messaging, the FAHL website, or another league-approved communication platform.

Membership in the communication system is managed by the league and typically includes:

- Commissioner
- Sub Coordinator
- other designated league representatives
- rostered goalies
- individuals who wish to serve as substitute goalies

Participation is voluntary, and goalies may request to be added to or removed from the communication system at any time.

Claiming Goalie Sub Spots

When a goalie opening is communicated through the official league communication system or posted on the FAHL website, goalies who are eligible to play in that division receive the first opportunity to claim the position.

If no eligible goalie claims the position within a reasonable period of time, another goalie may claim the opening subject to league approval.

Requesting a Specific Goalie

Teams and goalies may request a specific substitute goalie.

However, when a specific goalie is requested rather than the position being offered equitably to eligible goalies, normal Team Rating Cap rules apply.

No Goalie Available

If no substitute goalie is available, the team may elect to:

- play with six skaters; or
- use a shooter tutor if available.

Signing up to Sub

All currently available sub spots are posted on the Subbing page of the FAHL website in a table titled Sub Spots. Once a player signs up for an open sub spot, the Sub Coordinator will review the request and either accept or deny it. Either way, the player will receive an email notification.

Canceling a Sub Request

Contact the Sub Coordinator at subs@fmhl.org to cancel a sub request.

Team Rating Cap Overages

A player and/or team that willfully breaks the rating rules may be subject to additional discipline such as game suspension(s).

Game Information

Game Location

All games in the FAHL are held at the Cube:

3430 North Main Street
Findlay, OH 45840

Game Officials

FAHL games are officiated by two referees and one scorekeeper.

Game Length

FAHL games consist of three 17-minute stop-time periods following a 3 minute warm-up. Games generally take one hour and twenty minutes with ten minutes to clean the ice.

Games may start as early as 5 minutes before their scheduled time if the previous game ends early.

Check-in

All players are required to check in with the scorekeeper prior to getting on the ice. Players who fail to check-in (or their team captain did not check them in) may be issued a delay of game penalty. Players who attempt to falsify their identity may be subject to discipline by the league.

Tie-breaks

In the event of a tie, the game will go into a shootout. Shootout rules are as follows:

1. The home team decides which team will shoot first.
2. Each team gets three attempts to score.
3. Whichever team scores the most goals out of these three shots wins the game.
4. If the score is tied after three attempts, sudden-death rounds will determine the winner.
5. The team that wins the next frame in the shootout wins the game.
6. If the shootout is still tied after 5 total rounds, then the game will end in a tie. The exception is in a playoff game where it will keep going until a team wins a frame.
7. Once the shooter touches the puck with their stick, they must keep moving forward with the puck toward the goal. If at any time the shooter starts moving backward, the shot is stopped, and that shot no longer counts.
8. Once the puck has been shot, the play is considered complete. No goal can be scored on a rebound of any kind.
9. Each eligible player must take a shot before a player is allowed to take a second shot in the same shootout.
10. Players who are serving an unexpired penalty are not eligible to participate in the shootout. The exception is if a player is serving an unexpired penalty for a teammate.
11. Subs are not eligible to participate in the shootout.

Timeouts

Each team will receive one 2-minute timeout per game which may be used at any point during the game.

Game Cancellations

Games are on as long as the roads are passable as determined by the Hancock County sheriff's department. In the event of a level 3 snow emergency, games will be canceled and efforts will be made to reschedule them for a future date.

Standings

Teams are ordered in the standings by the most points to the least. In the event of a tie in points, the following will determine the order:

1. Points
2. Head-to-head
3. Most wins
4. Goal differential

Game Rules

Playing Rules

The FAHL follows the USA Hockey playing rules as adopted by AAU, except where modified by FAHL league policies. For example, the FAHL uses blue-line icing rather than the standard red-line icing to help keep games moving.

Players are responsible for knowing and following the applicable playing rules.

No Checking

The FAHL is a no-checking hockey league. All checks whether performed with a stick or the body shall be called penalties. If a player **clearly** body checks a player, **clearly** checks a player from behind, or **clearly** hits a player in the head area, a five minute major and game misconduct shall be assessed. A match penalty for reckless endangerment may also be assessed depending on the severity of the check. Repeat offenders may receive additional supplemental discipline at the discretion of the Player Safety Team.

However, this does not mean no contact. Body contact is defined as "Contact that occurs between opponents during the normal process of playing the puck, provided there has been no overt hip, shoulder or arm contact to physically force the opponent off of the puck." Body checking is not permissible in any of the league's divisions.

Fighting

Fighting will not be tolerated in the FAHL. Players who engage in a fight will receive a 5-minute fighting major and a Game Misconduct. The FAHL Leadership Team may ban players from the league for recurring fighting incidents.

Three-Penalty Game Ejection

A player who receives three penalties of any type during the same game will be ejected from the game and must leave immediately after receiving the third penalty.

A game ejection is different from a game misconduct. When receiving a game ejection, the player is not automatically suspended for the next game.

The three-penalty game ejection is separate from any additional disciplinary action that may result from the penalties themselves. Additional discipline may be imposed in accordance with the FAHL Disciplinary and Corrective Action Handbook.

Conduct Expectations

Zero Tolerance Policy

The FAHL is committed to providing a fun, safe, and respectful recreational hockey environment. Players, officials, scorekeepers, volunteers, League Personnel, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves respectfully before, during, and after league activities.

Abusive, threatening, discriminatory, retaliatory, or otherwise inappropriate conduct toward any player, official, scorekeeper, volunteer, League Personnel, or spectator will not be tolerated and may result in penalties during the game, supplemental discipline, or removal from league participation.

The complete disciplinary process is contained in the FAHL Disciplinary and Corrective Action Handbook.

Abuse of League Personnel

League Personnel—including referees, scorekeepers, volunteers, Board members, and other individuals serving the FAHL—must be treated with courtesy and respect.

Players may respectfully ask officials for clarification regarding on-ice rulings when appropriate but must not argue, harass, threaten, intimidate, or abuse League Personnel during or after league activities.

Players shall not enter officials' locker rooms or wait for officials after games for the purpose of confronting or discussing officiating decisions.

Concerns regarding officiating or league operations should be directed to the FAHL Leadership Team rather than addressed through confrontation.

Violations may result in supplemental discipline under the FAHL Disciplinary and Corrective Action Handbook.

Facility Rules

The FAHL is grateful for the opportunity to use The Cube and other City of Findlay recreational facilities. All participants are expected to respect the facility, its employees, and all applicable City of Findlay rules while attending league activities.

In addition to league rules, participants shall:

- comply with all lawful directions given by City employees, facility staff, and emergency personnel;
- refrain from possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages except where expressly permitted by the City;
- use tobacco products, smoking materials, and vaping devices only in areas specifically permitted by the facility and applicable City rules;
- respect locker rooms, benches, spectator areas, and all other facility property, and promptly report any damage to League Personnel or facility staff; and
- help maintain a clean facility by properly disposing of trash and personal items before leaving.

Certain conduct before, during, or after league activities may also violate City of Findlay policies and may result in action by the City independent of any disciplinary action taken by the FAHL.

Participants remain responsible for complying with all applicable City of Findlay rules governing the use of The Cube and other City recreational facilities. Violation(s) of facility rules may result in action by the City, the FAHL, or both. A link to the rules can be found [here](#).

Chapter 7: Discipline

The FAHL is committed to providing a fun, respectful, and safe recreational hockey environment. Players are expected to comply with the Player Participation Standards, league policies, and the FAHL Disciplinary and Corrective Action Handbook.

Conduct occurring before, during, or after league activities may be reviewed when it affects player safety, sportsmanship, league operations, or compliance with league policies.

Corrective actions may include educational conversations, written warnings, probation, suspensions, or removal from league participation.

The complete disciplinary process, investigation procedures, hearing procedures, and corrective action guidelines are contained in the FAHL Disciplinary and Corrective Action Handbook.

Chapter 8: Respectful Communications

The FAHL recognizes that individuals may have questions, concerns, disagreements, and criticisms regarding league decisions, policies, officials, League Personnel, or other matters affecting the league. Participants are encouraged to raise legitimate concerns and use established league procedures to seek clarification or review.

When communicating about the FAHL or matters involving league activities, participants are expected to communicate honestly, respectfully, and in good faith. This expectation applies to communications made in person, during league activities, and through electronic or online communications, including email, text messages, group chats, social media, and other public or private communications.

Participants shall not use communications to:

- threaten, intimidate, harass, or retaliate against another participant or League Personnel;
- engage in repeated personal attacks, abusive or demeaning language, or targeted hostility;
- knowingly make false or materially misleading statements about another participant or League Personnel;
- attempt to pressure, intimidate, or improperly influence a league decision through harassment or personal attacks;
- encourage others to confront, harass, intimidate, or retaliate against another participant or League Personnel;
- continue unwanted or hostile communications after being asked to stop; or
- otherwise engage in communication that materially interferes with participant safety, league operations, or the orderly administration of the FAHL.

Nothing in this section prohibits respectful disagreement, good-faith criticism, questions about league decisions, reporting concerns, or advocating for changes to league policies.

Conduct involving communications may be reviewed individually or as part of a broader pattern of conduct and may be subject to corrective action under the FAHL Disciplinary and Corrective Action Handbook.

Chapter 9: Payments

Cost to Roster

The table below breaks down the typical cost to roster on a team, although this cost may change from session to session based on the number of games. For the Fall and Winter session, the FAHL offers a \$40 discount for players who register and pay for both at the start of the Fall session.

Position	Fall or Winter	Fall and Winter	Summer
Goalie	\$140	\$240	\$85
Skater	\$220	\$400	\$135

The additional cost to roster as a skater on an 11-man team is \$65 for Fall and Winter and \$40 for the Summer.

No discounts are currently offered for players who roster on multiple teams.

Cost to Sub

Skaters who are both rostered during the current session in the FAHL and fully paid may sub for \$5. Skaters who are not rostered during the current session may sub for \$30. Goalies sub for free.

Players that claim a sub spot and do not show up to the game will still be charged and expected to pay the sub fee. If you claim a sub spot and cannot make the game, you will not be charged a sub fee if you contact the Sub Coordinator to reopen the sub spot at least 24 hours prior to the game start time or find another approved sub to fill your spot.

If you are rostered but continue to run an outstanding balance while continuing to sub, you may be charged the non-rostered fee of \$30 each game.

Payment Methods

Credit Card

All league payments including league fees and sub fees must be made with a credit card on the FAHL website. Go to the Registration page to locate the link to make payments. The league is no longer accepting checks and/or cash.

Refunds

Refunds are up to the discretion of the Financial Coordinator. Prior to the start of the session, players may withdraw their registration and receive a full refund. Once the session starts, refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis and if issued, will be placed on the player's FAHL accounts as a credit for a future session. In a case where a refund/credit is issued, it will be prorated for the number of games remaining. If the player's team has played more than half the games for the season, a refund/credit will not be issued. Refunds will not be issued for missed game time as a result of a game ejection, suspension, or expulsion from the league.

Appendix A: Player Participation Standards (Code of Conduct)

The Findlay Adult Hockey League (FAHL) exists to provide a fun, organized, competitive, and safe recreational hockey experience for adults of all skill levels. Participation in the FAHL is a privilege that carries responsibilities both on and off the ice.

As a condition of participating in the FAHL, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. Safe Play

I will play hockey in a manner that promotes the safety of all participants. I understand that the FAHL is a **no-checking league** and agree to avoid reckless, dangerous, retaliatory, or unnecessary conduct that could reasonably endanger another participant.

2. Sportsmanship and Respect

I will treat players, officials, scorekeepers, volunteers, spectators, and League Personnel with courtesy and respect before, during, and after league activities. I will not engage in harassment, intimidation, discrimination, retaliation, or other conduct that is inconsistent with the recreational nature of the league.

3. Integrity

I will compete honestly, comply with league rules, provide truthful information when requested by the league, and cooperate with league investigations and disciplinary proceedings when applicable.

4. Personal Responsibility

I will satisfy my registration and payment obligations, maintain my eligibility to participate, use required protective equipment, and comply with league policies. I agree to comply with all applicable facility rules while participating in FAHL activities.

5. Accountability

I understand that conduct occurring before, during, or after league activities may be reviewed by the FAHL. I acknowledge that the league may investigate reported incidents

and impose corrective action(s) in accordance with its governing policies, including situations where no on-ice penalty was assessed.

6. Governing Documents

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the following documents, as amended from time to time:

- the FAHL Player Handbook;
- the FAHL Disciplinary & Corrective Action Handbook;
- the playing rules adopted by the FAHL;
- the applicable rules and policies of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU); and
- other league policies adopted by the FAHL Board of Directors.

7. Participation

I understand that participation in the FAHL is a privilege rather than a right. The FAHL reserves the authority to determine player eligibility, administer league operations, investigate participant conduct, impose corrective actions, and suspend or revoke participation in accordance with its governing policies.

By submitting my registration, I certify that I have read this Player Participation Agreement, understand its contents, and agree to comply with its terms as a condition of participating in the Findlay Adult Hockey League.