



PLAYER HANDBOOK
AZ Ice Adult Hockey League Gilbert
Fall/Winter 2016-2017

This handbook has been assembled for the participants of the AZ Ice Adult Hockey League Gilbert.



Introduction

AZ Ice welcomes you to an exciting adult recreational hockey experience for ages 18 and older.

Our program strives to be the best in the state, and our goal is to provide a progressive environment for quality hockey development.

AZ Ice Adult League Disciplinary Committee

Kent McWherter, Adult Hockey Director, AZ Ice Gilbert
Scott Wallis, Assistant Adult Hockey Director, AZ Ice Gilbert
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AZ Ice Gilbert REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees and Procedures for AZ Ice Gilbert:

2016-2017 Fall/Winter League Fees

- Individual Player Paying in Full = \$360.00 (\$340 early bird)
 - Individual Player Deferred Payment = \$360.00
 - \$200.00 Due Upon Enrollment
 - \$160.00 Due November 1, 2016

 - Team Fee = \$4700.00 (Early bird team fee is \$4500)
- Maximum 18 players on any roster including the goalie.
Minimum 13 paid players on any individual fee rosters.

All Players must have current player registration through USA Hockey

Team Representatives

Each Adult League team is required to name one team representative by the first regular season game.

- Team Reps are required to attend any league Team Rep meetings.
- Team reps shall act as the team representative for all correspondence with the hockey directors. Player questions or concerns MUST first be directed to the team rep.
- Representatives are required to review their team roster with scorekeeper before every game. Any discrepancies in player names or jersey numbers must be corrected on the scoresheet for players to get credit for playing in that game.

Registration - No Pay – No Play

In order to play in each season, players must complete all following prior to the stated deadline (s).

- Payment for all league fees
 - Be currently registered with USA Hockey
 - Complete AZ Ice registration form and sign the waiver
- AZ Ice has a strict "No Pay-No Play" Policy.*

Credit Policy

-- Credit requests will be granted only in the event of a serious injury, major illness or Military commitment that causes player to miss more than 50% of their regular season games.

- A doctor's note is required for all season ending injuries.
- All requests must be submitted in writing and emailed to the hockey director.
- The General Manager is the only person who can approve credits.
- All refunds will be in the form of in-house account credits.

-- Players playing on teams that paid a team fee are not eligible for any credit from AZ Ice. It is the team's responsibility to refund any player as it sees fit.

AZ Ice Adult Hockey League Divisions

The rules for all divisions in the AZ Gilbert are the same with the exception of the GRETZKY rule in the "C" & "Women's" divisions and the 3 on 3 sudden death overtime period in the A division.

In the Over 30 division and Over 40 division players must be the correct age, or turn the correct age during the current season to be eligible to play. Goaltenders get a 5 year age grace period in the Over 30 and Over 40 divisions.

- All levels are non-checking.
- Players must be 18 years and older

AZ Ice Rules and Regulations

Playing Rules

Game Duration

There will be a 3 minute warm up and three (3) 15 minute stop time periods. All games will start and end in accordance with the daily rink schedule. Home team is responsible for game pucks.

Running Time/Mercy Rule

If at any time during third period, a team leads by a goal differential of 6 or higher, the game will commence to running time. Running time will be restored to stop time if the goal differential becomes less than 6 at any time.

Penalties during running time will begin at the next drop of the puck.
Running time will not stop unless on-ice officials deem it necessary.

Ties/Overtime

If the score is tied at the end of regulation during any REGULAR SEASON game in any division except for the A division, a shootout will commence with each team selecting three skaters to alternate attempts at a penalty shot.

The shots will be recorded by the scorekeeper, but not on the official score sheet. The Home team determines who will start the shootout.

If the three player shootout results in a tie, each team will then select players one by one until there is a winner.

All players on the current game roster must participate before a player can shoot a second time. If one team has less players, once all players on the team with less players shoot, the same players may shoot of the opposing team as well. The winning team will have one extra point in the final score.

For all divisions- If a game is tied at the end of regulation during the PLAYOFFS there will be a 5 minute stop time sudden death overtime period. During a series FINAL or CHAMPIONSHIP game there will be a 15 minute stop time sudden death overtime period.

If the score is still tied after the overtime period, the game will commence in a shootout with the rules above. If any player is in the penalty box at the end of regulation, they are not eligible to participate in the shootout.

In the A division- If a game is tied at the end of regulation a 5 minute sudden death, run time 3 on 3 period will commence. If no one scores, the game will be a tie.

Time Outs

Each team will receive a one minute time out during each game. Time outs may not be used during run time.

GRETZKY Rule

In the C, Over 40, and Women's divisions the GRETZKY rule is enforced. The GRETZKY rule: a player is allowed to score 3 goals during regulation in a single game. If a player scores a 4th goal, the goal is disallowed and the resulting face off will be in the shooting teams defensive zone and treated the same as an icing call. The GRETZKY rule is in effect during regulation play only, therefore any player with 3 goals in a game, may score in the Shootout or the Overtime period.

Forfeits

If a team is forced to forfeit a game for any reason, the opponent shall receive an automatic 1-0 victory. All players shall have the opportunity to utilize the ice slot for practice or scrimmage. Forfeits will not be rescheduled.

Player Penalties and Suspensions- Minor Penalties

1. A player who receives 3 minor penalties in one game will be ejected for the remainder of the game.
2. A player who is ejected from a game twice in a single season will receive a minimum 1 game suspension to be served during their next scheduled game.
3. A player who is ejected in three separate games in a season will be suspended for a minimum of 3 games.
4. A player who is ejected in four separate games in a season will be suspended for the remainder of the season and must apply for reinstatement prior to playing in the league again.

Player Penalties and Suspensions- Major and Misconduct Penalties

1. A player who receives a major penalty, regardless of whether or not a Game Misconduct is issued, will be ejected from the game and will receive a minimum 1 game suspension to be served during their next scheduled game.
2. A player who receives a Game Misconduct will be ejected for the remainder of the game and will receive a minimum 1 game suspension. The length of all Game Misconduct suspensions will be determined by the AZ Ice Hockey department, but will be no less than 1 game.
3. A player who receives 2 Game Misconduct penalties in any season will be subject to a penalty to be determined by the AZ Ice Hockey department that will not be less than a 3 game suspension.
4. A player who receives 3 Game Misconduct penalties in any season will be subject to a penalty to be determined by the AZ Ice Hockey Department that will not be less than an 8 game suspension.
5. Game misconducts for Butt-ending, Kicking, Kneeing, Sparring, Checking from Behind, or Head-butting will be subject to a penalty to be determined by the AZ Ice Hockey department that will not be less than a 3 game suspension.

Player Penalties and Suspensions- Fighting and 3rd Man In

1. A player who receives a fighting major will be ejected from the remainder of the game and given an automatic Game Misconduct. The penalty will be determined by the AZ Ice Hockey department and the player will be suspended for no less than 3 games.

2. A player who receives 2 fighting majors in any consecutive 12 month period will be suspended indefinitely. The player may apply for reinstatement to the AZ Ice Adult Hockey League after a 6 month period.
3. A player who receives a 3rd Man In will be ejected from the remainder of the game and given an automatic Game Ejection or Game Misconduct at the discretion of the referee.
4. The league will review all third-man-in penalties. As a modification to the USA rule, there is no limit to the third-man-in penalties that can be assessed to either team per incident. Game misconducts for attempted peacemakers will not engender additional suspensions. Third-man-in offenders that become fighters will be assessed a fighting major/Game Misconduct penalty instead of the third-man-in Game Misconduct.

Match Penalties

Any player receiving a match penalty shall be ejected from the current game and is automatically suspended from any AZ ICE Gilbert game until a AAHA Discipline Committee hearing is held.

Match Penalties may result in league expulsion.

Accrued Penalty Minutes

Any player who accrues 40 penalty minutes during the regular season will receive a minimum one game suspension. This will be in addition to any other suspensions the player may have received as a result of those penalty minutes.

If the player accrues more than 70 penalty minutes in a season they will be suspended for the remainder of the season from any AZ Ice Gilbert games.

Zero Tolerance

AZ Ice enforces a zero tolerance policy for abuse of officials and scorekeepers.

Abuse includes verbal, physical or otherwise.

Abuse of an official will result in an immediate suspension pending a hearing of the AAHA Disciplinary Committee.

AZ Ice reserves the rights to impose expulsions of the player from the league and from future leagues with no refund.

Racial slurs will not be tolerated. Any player guilty of such will be assessed a Match Penalty.

Player suspension policy

Any player that is suspended in any Division may not play in another Division until the suspension is served in full. (Example: If you are suspended for 3 games in A, you must serve the 3 games in A and may not play in any other league until that suspension is served.)

Player Equipment

All players are encouraged to wear a HECC approved helmet. Helmets, facemasks, or visors may not be modified and must be worn as intended by the manufacturer. The use of a full face mask or visor is strongly recommended for the safety of all participants.

Jersey Policy

All teams must show proof that they have or ordered matching jerseys by the second regular season game.

All players must have numbers that are consistent week to week.

Team goalies must have jerseys that match their team.

Referees

All AZ Ice Gilbert Adult League games are officiated by members of the AHOA.

On-Ice officials have jurisdiction and all rulings made by an official during a game will be supported by the AZ Ice and the AZ Ice Gilbert Disciplinary Committee.

Players will not confront any official following a game. This includes but is not limited to accessing the Official's locker room.

Players will not threaten any official verbally or physically on or off the ice.

Any player who violates this rule shall be subject to a suspension from the league.

Players are responsible for conducting themselves in a professional and appropriate manner. There is a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse of officials.

Scorekeepers

Scorekeepers are off-ice officials and are responsible for time management, stats, and the score sheets and may act as witnesses at any disciplinary hearing. They may also report any off-ice misconduct by any players during the game.

Rosters

All teams are allowed to roster a maximum of 18 players. AZ Ice Gilbert requires a minimum of 13 players paid per team. If any team does not have 13 paid players by the 4th game, AZ Ice may add players of appropriate skill level to their roster. Team reps are responsible for making sure all fees have been paid. Failure of any player to register and pay league dues will result in a forfeit of any upcoming games until the discrepancy is rectified or the forfeit of any wins said team may have while playing with a non-rostered player(s), as well as a two game suspension for the Team Rep.

All players must have played a minimum of (6) league games in order to qualify for the Fall/Winter league playoffs.

All roster changes must be approved and must be made in writing. All rosters will be finalized prior to the 10th regular season game.

Any player found participating under a false identity will face suspension from the league. The team rep will also be held liable and will serve a minimum 2 game suspension.

AZ Ice reserves the right to move any team or individual to ensure league parity.

Substitute Players

AZ Ice offers a 5 game sub package for \$130 on any team that is paying as individuals as long as the team has 13 paid players..

If your team has paid the team fee, substitutes will be allowed as long as their USA Hockey is current and are on the current roster.

There is a max of 18 on any roster

Ineligible Players

Any team found to be using any non-rostered player or players determined to be ineligible due to suspension or age, shall forfeit the games the player has participated in and the team rep will be suspended for a minimum of 2 games.

Suspended players are not allowed on, or behind, the team bench during any game. Should a suspended player attempt to participate while suspended, the ramifications for the team and the team representative are the same as using an illegal player as listed above.

Goalies

In the Over 30 Division, goalie must be 25 years of age or older.

In the Over 40 Division, goalie must be 35 years of age or older.

Teams may use a sub goalie in emergency situations. For playoffs, all substitute goalies must be approved by the AZ Ice Gilbert hockey director.

Injuries

All injuries must be reported in writing to the league office within 24 hours.

Playoffs

Each AZ Ice Adult league season ends with double elimination playoffs. The playoff format, dates and times for each season will be determined by AZ Ice. You may be required to play on a non-game day in order to schedule the playoffs in a timely manner, though AZ Ice will make every attempt to make sure you play on your regularly scheduled days.

Game Cancellations

AZ Ice reserves the right to change or cancel any game. If in an event a game must be cancelled or changed, the AZ Ice will contact each team rep immediately.

If any game is cancelled, it will be rescheduled prior to the playoffs.

Player Code of Conduct

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All members of AZ Ice Adult Hockey Leagues are required to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner both on and off the ice while at the facility.

Foul language will not be tolerated

Players are to treat all employees with respect

Players are to dress in the locker rooms

Do not go on the ice until the Zamboni doors are closed.

Alcohol/Drug Policy

Alcohol is not permitted in the locker rooms, parking lots, or any other location in any AZ Ice facility (aside from the café and only if the alcohol is purchased in the cafe). Any player that is found with alcohol faces expulsion from the AZ Ice Adult Hockey League.

Drug abuse at any AZ Ice facility is strictly prohibited and violators will suffer expulsion from the AZ Ice Adult League and may be subject to prosecution.

Locker Rooms

Locker Rooms at AZ Ice are assigned to each team.

Keys for locker rooms are available for check out at all facilities.

Each team is responsible for keeping the locker room clean and will be charged a minimum of \$100 if there is any property damage and may face expulsion from the league.

Please take every precaution with your valuables. AZ Ice is not responsible for lost or stolen personal property.