



WBHE Fall 2023 – League Regulations

1. WBHE Executive:
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2. Quick Review of Game Format
 - A. Two, 25 minute run time periods – clock starts immediately after warm-up is finished – no exceptions. The last minute of the second period will be stop time unless there is a five goal spread.
 - B. Two minute intermissions will be given at half time unless games are running extremely late. This time will be put on the clock and run down.
 - C. One three minute warmup per game
 - D. One time out per game allowed per team
3. Fees & Passes
 - A. First payment of \$1500 is due August 31, 2023.
 - B. Second payment of \$1495 is due October 13, 2023.
 - C. Teams will be provided with 20 passes. Any extra passes required will cost \$10.00 each. Passes will be available in October and the league will notify teams when they are ready.
4. Winter Rules & Regulations to be instituted by WBHE:
 - A. Female officials that play in WBHE will not officiate games involving their own teams. Where possible, players will not officiate the division they play in; however, higher skilled officials will be permitted to officiate higher divisions as needed.
 - B. Spouses, partners or any family members will not officiate games that their significant others or family member(s) are partaking in when possible.
 - C. Suspensions involving league executive members will be dealt with by the Men's League executives and no special treatment shall be given to these involved parties.
 - D. Timekeepers are officials too and can report major or match penalties, should they witness it, to the officials presiding over the game. If necessary, the timekeeper will assist the officials in writing the incident report post-game.
 - E. Complaints will be dealt with quickly, with all parties involved being requested to attend any necessary meetings or hearings. Refusal to partake in such meetings or hearings will result in a suspension, as voted on by the membership (see below).
 - F. Teams must wear matching uniforms; these uniforms should all be **the same base color with a heat pressed number. Uniform deadline is October 1, 2023.** Matching shorts and socks are NOT required for league play.
 - G. Teams are allowed to have a maximum of 21 players on their roster at any time. A maximum of 20 registered players can be on the bench for a game, plus 2 goalies (1 in net and 1 on the bench). Teams cannot have 21 players on the bench for a game with no back-up goalie.

H. Players and goalies are free to switch teams as they so desire as long as they are up to date with their fees, have paid any league fines and return their jersey to their previous team. Players are allowed to switch teams once per season and can not return to the team they left until the following season.

I. **League Reminder - Should the game be stopped at anytime for an injured player, the clock will not be stopped.** Floor time is very limited during the winter season and games must remain as scheduled, on time.

J. WBHE will continue to enforce a player calibre rule. Any player who wishes to participate in the league, and who is deemed to be an A or B calibre player by the executive, will require league approval to participate on a Division C or lower team. **Should a player be granted permission to play in a lower division the league reserves the right to rescind this decision at any point if necessary.**

K. Forfeited Games Fines – Any team that forfeits a game will receive an automatic team fine of \$100 that must be paid directly to the league before their next game. Should a forfeiting team give less than 24 hours notice to the league that they are forfeiting they will receive a \$150 fine that must be paid directly to the league before their next game.

5. Housekeeping Items:

A. **This league is owned and operated by BHE1 Sports Management; the league is a member of and abides by the Rules & Regulations of WRBHA, as well as the CBHA. It is a privately-owned business.**

B. The rulebook is posted on the CBHA website; if your team wants a rulebook please let us know. The link to the rulebook will be posted on the WBHE website under the “League Documents” tab.

C. FANS - Any inappropriate behaviour by fans towards players and officials will not be tolerated. Unruly fans will be asked to leave the soccer center immediately and teams will be subjected to a **\$100 fine per incident** by the league. Multiple incidents will result in the team being suspended from the league.

D. League Schedule –will be released on or before September 1, 2023. Due to the nature of the short season there will not be any re-tiering.

E. League Communication - All league communication will be done first and foremost via email to all team reps, and then updates will be posted on the WBHE Facebook Page and WBHE website (www.wbhe.ca). Please encourage your teammates to join this page so they can follow us. Also, please note that there is zero tolerance on the WBHE page for inappropriate comments of any nature. Teams will be subject to a \$100 fine for such violations and are responsible for their player’s comments on this page. This page is for information sharing and to help grow the league. It is not a playground for poking fun at other teams or leagues as comments can very easily be misconstrued and become hurtful. We do not want any of this, nor will we tolerate this behaviour.

Contact with league executives is encouraged, and we are requesting that, when possible, only team reps contact us regarding any concerns. Also, please keep in mind that executive members are volunteers with full time jobs that they depend on and should not be bombarded with team requests. If making contact with the league please do so in a respectful fashion and please deal with as many items as possible per communication. We will do our best to reply within 48 hours, or sooner, if possible.

F. WBHE Code of Conduct - See pages 8 & 9 below for copy of document. Document is also on the WBHE website under “League Documents”.

- G. Equipment - All equipment must be CSA approved. Knapper helmets are not CSA approved – all other Knapper gear is.
- H. Any player that is facing criminal charges as a result of their actions during a WBHE league game or event will be suspended until the criminal matter is resolved in the court; **and** an in person meeting is held with WBHE Executive to determine their future playing eligibility in the league.

6. PLAYOFFS:

- A. All teams will make the playoffs and receive a minimum of 2 playoff games.
- B. A best of three shoot out will occur if games end in a tie. If the game still remains tied after this; a sudden death shoot out will occur and the same three shooters can shoot again.
- C. No substitute players are allowed in playoff games. Teams can use a spare goalie but this must be approved by the league first. Once approval is received, goalies must be sought out from a team's division first, and then from a lower division if needed.

D. HOW TO BREAK TIES IN THE STANDINGS – **REGULAR SEASON GAMES**

- i. When team(s) are tied in the standings after all regular season games are played the tie will be broken via the following format:
 - 1. Most wins in regular season standings
 - 2. Best Goals For/Goals Against total in all regular season games
 - 3. Team with lower penalty minutes in all regular season games
 - 4. Most goals scored in all regular season games
 - 5. Fewest goals against in all regular games
 - 6. Should a tie still remain, the above listed format will be applied to all regular season games that were played between the tied teams (if applicable).
 - 7. If still no resolution is found after completing the above listed format a coin toss executed by a WBHE Executive member will break the tie. WBHE Executives will decide which team is heads and which team is tails; a team rep from each team will be present for the coin toss.

E. HOW TO BREAK TIES IN THE STANDINGS – **PLAYOFF GAMES**

- i. When team(s) are tied in the standings after round robin games are played the tie will be broken via the following format:
 - 1. Most wins in all round robin playoff games (in your respective pool)
 - 2. Best Goals For/Goals Against total in all round robin games
 - 3. Team with lower total penalty minutes in all round robin games
 - 4. Most goals scored in all playoff games
 - 5. Fewest goals against in all playoff games
 - 6. Should a tie still remain, the above listed format will be applied to any playoff game that was played between the tied team (if applicable).
 - 7. If still no resolution is found after completing the above listed format a coin toss executed by a WBHE Executive member will break the tie. WBHE Executives will decide which team is heads and which team is tails; a team rep from each team will be present for the coin toss.

7. **NEW WBHE RULES** – Effective Immediately – The following rules are effective in all WBHE league games:

A. Crease Rule – At no time shall any attacking player's body enter their opponent's goal crease. If an attacking player enters their opponent's goal crease play will be whistled down immediately and the faceoff occurs in the neutral zone. The attacking team loses zone.

B. Penalty Minutes Monitoring for Individual Players – In an effort to increase player safety the league will be closely monitoring player penalties. As such the following applies:

1) When a player accumulates 10 minutes in individual penalties during the season, they will be required to have an in person meeting with a league executive and their team rep to address their play. They are not eligible to play until this meeting occurs. The offending player will be issued a warning to clean up their style of play.

2) When a player accumulates 16 minutes in individual penalties during the season they will be automatically suspended for one game and will receive a \$50 fine. Fines must be paid directly to the league via e-transfer at: wbheleague@hotmail.com **before** the player is eligible to return to play. The player must also have a second in person meeting with the league regarding their play; and should they continue to accumulate penalties they will be suspended for the duration of the season (at the WBHE Executive's discretion). Please be aware that player minutes are for **all** teams they play on (so if they sub for other teams and take penalties these minutes go towards their total minutes). If a player is suspended for the remainder of a season, their eligibility to play in future seasons will be determined by the WBHE Executive and they may be forced to play under stricter rules and/or play on a bond at the league's discretion.

3) Penalty minutes will exclude Game Misconduct and Gross Misconduct penalty times (10 minutes) but will include Misconduct times (10 minutes).

D. Video Review – As you are aware all games are now livestreamed at the soccer center and WBHE has access to all video of games. If/when needed or requested the league will review any Major or Match penalties to assist them in determining suspension length. This includes potential Major or Match penalties that may have gone uncalled in the game. Teams have 24 hours to request, via email, to the league review of an incident that they believe should have been a Major or Match penalty during the game. Please be aware that the camera pans via motion sensor so not all plays are caught; however, those caught will be penalized accordingly as will those not caught by the camera's. Please be aware that with the addition of camera's to the playing field each individual is responsible for their actions. **FULL STOP**. These video's will be provided to the Edmonton Police Service as requested (if available).

E. Abuse of WBHE Executives – Any form of personal attacks on any league executive member will not be tolerated. Any individual that engages in such activity will be suspended from the league until a meeting can be conducted to determine player eligibility.

8. Items For Discussion:

A. Team placement:

Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D	Rec Division
Cherry Pickers	Assassins 2.0	Asylum	Ball Busters	Beaver Busters
Fusion	Asylum Crazy Train	GI Janes	Chix with Stix	Boxers
	Bad News Beers	Happy Campers	Crush	Goal Diggers
	BOOM	Lockdown	Jaguars	Panthers
	Ducks	Lock Solid	Rogue	Rascalz
	Havoc	Missfits	Wrecking Balls	Tempests
	Healthy Scratches	Stiletto's		
	Storm	Whalers		

B. Player eligibility – Sparing - Players can spare for:

- i. Teams in the division they play in and up; D players can sub in Rec Division

C. Spare Goalies:

- i. Goalies may spare for other teams in the division they play in and higher (exception - Division D goalies may sub down to Rec division)

PART 2:

- i. Teams are required to have a minimum of **five** roster players actively participating in the game to be able to call on spare players from other teams.
- ii. Teams are only allowed a maximum of **three** substitute players participating in a game (this does NOT include the goalie).
- iii. In games that substitute players are used, a team shall not have more than **10 players** participating in the game (this does NOT include the goalie).

D. Minimum number of games played to qualify for playoffs – please select the option your team is most in favour of:

- i. A minimum of **THREE** regular season games on one team is required for a player or goalie to participate in playoffs.

9. Suspensions – please see list below.



Fines & Suspensions – Winter 2023

INFRACTION	PENALTY	FINE AMOUNT	SUSPENSION
No Show for Mandatory League Meeting	N/A	\$100	Team cannot play until fine is paid
Game Ejection (3 penalties in 1 game)	Out of Game	None	None
Misconduct	10 Minutes	None	If Incurred in Last 10 Mins of Game – 1 Game
2 Misconducts in 1 Game	10 Minutes, Out of Game	\$50	1 Game / League Review
Major Penalty	5 Minutes, Out of Game	\$50	1 Game / League Review
2 Majors in 1 Game	5 Minutes, Out of Game	\$100	3 Games / League Review
Game Misconduct	10 Minutes, Out of Game	\$50	1 Game / League Review
Gross Misconduct	10 Minutes, Out of Game	\$100	League Review (Min 3 Games)
Match Penalty	5 Minutes, Out of Game	\$100	League Review (Min 5 Games)
Peacemaker / 3 rd Man into Fight	10 Minutes, Out of Game	\$50	1 Game / League Review
Fighting Major	5 Minutes, Out of Game	\$100	League Review (Min 5 Games)
Instigator / Aggressor of Fight	5 Minutes, Out of Game	\$100	League Review (Min 5 Games)
2 Fights in 1 Season	5 Minutes, Out of Game	\$200	Season Suspension / League Review
Players off the Bench	10 Minutes, Out of Game	\$100	Season Suspension / League Review
Team Bench Clearing	Game Defaulted	\$250	Season Suspension / League Review
Match Penalty on Official	10 Minutes, Out of Game	\$250	Season Suspension / League Review
Alcohol or Drugs in Arena	Building Ejection	\$250	Season Suspension / League Review
Forfeited Game	N/A	\$100	N/A
Forfeited Game (less than 24 hours notice)	N/A	\$150	N/A
Playing Ineligible / Illegal Players	N/A	\$125 per player	League Review / Min Half a Season
Failure to Update Gamesheet (Jersey #'s)	N/A	\$25 per game	Effective October 1, 2023

Please note the following:

- Officials include all referees, timekeepers, league executives and any contract staff who work for WBHE.
- Players who accumulate two (2) suspensions in a single season will have an automatic review by the league executives. Further fines, suspensions or player bonds may be implemented by the league.
- Actions deemed serious enough to bring in the Soccer Centre staff may/will result in Soccer Centre Discipline that is above and beyond WBHE.
- All suspensions are automatic and the player must sit out the next game(s). Fines must be paid prior to the player returning to league play; failure to do so will result in further fines/suspensions. Players who are suspended and continue to play will be suspended for the remainder of the season. Team reps who allow a suspended players to play may/will also be suspended, and a team fine will be imposed.
- All above suspensions/fines are guidelines only and the league reserves the right to increase the fines and suspensions on a “per case” basis.
- All one (1) game suspensions are non-appealable. All other suspensions may be appealed by the team rep **within 48 hours**.
- If you have any further questions or concerns please email the league at wbheleague@hotmail.com.