

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE

VARSITY PROGRAM - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to provide Varsity competition to high school age students. To this end, the IHSHL recognizes that most Varsity players have played competitive hockey at earlier amateur levels of competition and that it is beneficial to maintain and improve upon the level of competitiveness. Nothing, however, in this program should detract from the IHSHL goal of continuing to emphasize individual development with regard to hockey skills, team play, and good sportsmanship.

ENFORCEMENT

It will be the responsibility of the team representative to make sure that these policies are enforced. Failure to enforce them will result in further disciplinary action on both the player and the team representative by the disciplinary authority.(11/6/93) (SEE GAME PENALTIES AND DISCIPLINE)

GENERAL POLICIES

A. Teams will have their available weekend dates (a minimum number of weekends will be determined by scheduler)(8-4-00) to the scheduler no later than 15 days after the Junior A schedule is final. (President will advise teams without a Junior A team.) Only exemption for said dates will be by the executive Board (requested by team rep) Fines for not having required dates to scheduler 15 days after Junior A schedule will be: Day 16 = \$ 50; Day 22 = \$125; Day 29 = \$225

If the dates are not received by the 30th day, the team will be dropped from the league schedule and will be seeded last at the State Tournament and will play "pick up" games during the season.

B. Sunday Games and school night games: Only teams within 100 miles of each other may be scheduled for Sunday or school nights after 6:00 p.m. Scheduling of League games during Christmas vacation shall be permitted.

C. The League will provide a League Pass to each League Representative, Officer, and their guest to encourage their attendance at as many League games as possible (8/17/91).

D. The National Anthem should be played prior to the first period of any regular season game.

E. League dues shall be paid in installments of half by 1 November and the remaining half by the following 1 January or will be subject to a \$25.00 fine per month, assessed by the Treasurer (8/17/91) Beginning with the end of the 1993-1994 season \$600 will be withheld as bond to be subtracted from the following year's dues; however, any team withdrawing from the League prior to July 1 will receive the full amount of money to be rebated, Any new team coming into the League must pay the \$600 bond by July 1 of the year that they enter the League.(7/17/93)

F. Each team that is not represented at an IHSHL Board Meeting will be subject to a fine of \$50. The fine, if not paid, will be subtracted from any end of season League reimbursements. (8/17/91)

G. All League teams must be registered (with USA Hockey) before tryouts or any on ice activities. Any team not registered by November 1, will be assessed a \$50 League fine. (7/17/93)

H. The fiscal year for the IHSHL was set July 1 to June 30 each year. (7/17/93)

GAME FORMAT

REGULAR LEAGUE

On ice

Clean Ice Warm-up -- 10:00 minutes

1st Period -- 15:00 minutes

Scrape — 15:00 minutes

2nd Period -- 15:00 minutes

Scrape -- 15:00 minutes

3rd Period -- 15:00 minutes

Two (2) hours and 15 minutes

Dirty Ice

Warm-up — 10:00 minutes

Scrape — 15:00 minutes

1st Period — 15:00 minutes

Scrape — 15:00 minutes

2nd Period — 15:00 minutes

Scrape — 15:00 minutes

3rd Period — 15:00 minutes

1. IHSHL schedules will reflect beginning on-ice time, which will be when ice is available, not drop puck time.
2. Due to limited time available, in case of injuries or other unavoidable delays, the home arena may switch to a running clock to conclude the game within the "on ice" time available. The running clock decision must be communicated to the opposing team prior to resuming play. (8/17/91)
3. Any game in progress will be complete after 1½ periods of play. If this cannot be achieved, the referee may award a forfeit (8/17/91).
4. JV teams with fewer than nine players who are not also included on the team's varsity roster, not including goaltenders, may request that Junior Varsity games be played following varsity games where the schedule does not allow at least one hour rest between the two games. Teams requiring such dispensation must notify affected opposing teams at least two weeks prior to the first regular season game. If no agreement can be reached, the home team may select the order in which JV and Varsity games will be played.
5. An overtime period will be played if after three periods the score is tied.
 - a. The third period will be followed by a three (3) minute rest period before resuming overtime play.
 - b. The overtime period will be ten minutes in length and all penalties will carry over from the third period.

c. Due to limited time available, the home arena may limit the overtime period to a "time remaining" running clock, which must be communicated to the opposing team prior to the start of the overtime period.

d. If neither team scores in the overtime period, the game will conclude in a tie (9-01)

6. To help eliminate potential injuries, entering the 3rd period with a goal differential of 6 or more, the game clock will go to running time as long as the 6 goal differential exists. If the differential drops below 6 goals, then the game clock would revert back to stop clock. (7/15/95)

GAME OFFICIALS

A. On ice officials will include one level 3 trained (9-12-98) referee, paid at the rate of \$60 per game and two Linesmen paid at the rate of \$30 each, to be paid by the home team. Any additional costs associated with obtaining referees must be paid by the home team. (9/12/98) Failure to have required officials will result in a \$100.00 fine against the home team. (8-4-00)

B. Off-ice officials will include one timekeeper provided by the home team. Two goal judges provided by the home team. Two penalty box officials, one provided by the home team and one by the visiting team. Failure to have all office officials will result in a \$100 fine against the offending team. (6/11/94)

C. The host team is to provide a medical person at each JV, Varsity or other League games. Medical personnel should be EMT "B" or above. (11/3/95)

D. The event of blood loss creates a "Blood Borne Infection" situation. These situations and their treatment are covered in Exhibit "A" and must be followed. (Reduction in the Risk of Contracting Blood Borne Infections). (11/3/95)

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND PLAY

A. No team may, roster more than twenty players on an individual varsity game roster.

B. Eligibility for team membership shall be determined by each member team in the League in accordance with League standards. Team members must be eligible to participate in the school's interscholastic varsity athletic programs and this should be enforced to the best of the team representative's ability. Team reps will provide written documentation of each players' eligibility, to the best of his abilities, to the Commissioner before the first game. (9-01) (Also, see I and J below)

C. No player in the same or any prior season has been named to a Varsity IHSHL All-Star team or has received Varsity All-State recognition shall be eligible to play in JV competition.

D. Each member team will designate 10 (5-01) players prior to the first regular season game. Such players should be designated on the first Varsity score sheet for the season and will not be eligible to play in any JV competition. The intent of this rule is to exclude the ten best Varsity players from competing at the JV level of competition. (11/3/95) For exceptions see JV Policy & Procedure rule - Player Eligibility & Play "D". (9/28/96)

E. Any student (grade 9-12) (9-01) who was rostered (USA Hockey or listed on the score sheet) in an official game of hockey sanctioned by the IHSHL, on either the varsity or junior varsity squad of one of the recognized member teams of the IHSHL, who transfers to another recognized member team, shall not be eligible to participate in any IHSHL sanctioned scheduled varsity or junior varsity games

for fifty percent (50%) of the season games. JV Players who sit out 50% of the games due to changing teams, and play in all remaining games, will be eligible for the year end State tournament even though they played less than 60% of the games (8-26-00)

Exception: If the prior team has disbanded and the player is otherwise eligible, the 50% rule will be waived or by specific approval of the Board of Directors of the IHSHL.

A player may continue to play for an IHSHL team he previously played for even though the player's family has moved or transferred to another city, or would be eligible to play for a different IHSHL team.

If the player's parent(s) move from one city to another city, the player is eligible to transfer to the new city's team. (Transfer of legal custody by other than one parent to another parent does not make the player eligible and the 50% rule applies.)

Effective for 2002-03 season: 8th graders will only be eligible for the IHSHL if they are past the age requirement for bantams (9-01)

F. Any player who is eligible to play in the IHSHL may play and practice with a Jr. team (5-01) up to November 15 (date specific) and after the IHSHL Varsity State Tournament. During the IHSHL season, a player, with his coach's approval, may practice with a Jr. team on an unlimited basis. A violation of this rule by playing on a Jr. team during the regular IHSHL season will result in that player being ineligible for the remainder of the IHSHL season. (8/5/89)

G. Requests for exceptions to eligibility rules must be submitted to the Board at any regular Board meeting or the Executive Committee in the interim for a determination, which shall be final and binding. Exceptions to 8th grade rule will include, but not be limited to: low team numbers, no other place to play, and if Var/JV program cannot field a minimum of 25 players. (9-01)

H. IHSHL STANDARD ON TOBACCO USAGE

Any player who uses tobacco products, or is in the possession of tobacco products, will for the first offense be suspended for the next two (2) scheduled games. For the second offense, a player shall be suspended for four (4) scheduled games and is on one year probation from the first offense. This means that if another offense occurs within the year of probation, the player is suspended for one calendar year from the date of the second offense. If the player has no violation within the year after the first offense, full eligibility is restored. This policy begins September 1st (9-01) and is effective through the Chicago Showcase. Suspensions herein are minimum suspensions and if local policies are harsher, they shall prevail. (11/6/93)

I. IHSHL STANDARD ON ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR CRIME

Any player who uses or has possession of alcoholic beverages, including beer, or illegally controlled substances, including marijuana, or who is legally convicted of committing a crime (excluding minor traffic violations) will automatically be suspended. For the first offense the player will be suspended for the next four (4) scheduled games. After the first offense, a player is on one year probation from the first offense. This means that if a second offense occurs within the year of probation, the player is suspended for one calendar year from the date of the second offense. If the player has no violation within the year after the first offense, full eligibility is restored. This policy begins September 1st (9-01) and is effective through the Chicago Showcase. Suspensions herein are minimum suspensions and if local policies are harsher, they shall prevail. (11/6/93)

GAME PENALTIES AND DISCIPLINE

A. Games will be played in accordance with the rules established by the USA Hockey, Amateur Hockey Association of the United States, Inc.

B. All game misconduct penalties assessed by a referee will be served in the division where the suspension was incurred. A player who plays both JV and Varsity will be suspended from All play until he has served his suspension in the division where it was incurred. Any unserved game suspension(s) will carry over to the State Tournament and the following season if necessary to serve the full suspension. (7/15/95) Any unserved game suspensions by non-returning player will be served by the offending team's coach at the time of the offense. If that coach is no longer coaching, the current team's coach will serve penalties. (9-01)

C. A question arose concerning IHSHL policy on suspending players apprehended by the law for the illegal possession of alcohol or narcotics or apprehension for other illegal acts. The IHSHL policy is the same as the Iowa High School Athletic Association, which is - discipline for this is at the discretion of the local school board. The IHSHL expects that discipline for hockey would be the same policy followed for all other interscholastic athletics. (Revised - See Player Eligibility and Play, Sections 1 and J)

D. Protests may be filed with regard to any matter that is ruled on by a game official, including Match Penalties, according to the procedure set forth in Article IX of the BY-LAWS OF THE IOWA HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE. The Commissioner of the League shall be considered the "proper authority" with regard to USA Hockey Official Playing Rules, Rule 405 c, Match Penalties, and including but not limited by Rule 410 and may assess any supplementary discipline, which may be appealed to the Executive Committee, with or without a recommendation. (8/17/91) In all such matters, the decision of the Executive Committee will be final and binding on all players, representatives, and officials participating in IHSHL games.

1. The Commissioner shall have the authority to discipline players, team officials, team coaches, and game officials for conduct occurring prior to, during, and following League games and functions, which may be in lieu of or in addition to discipline imposed under the Rules of USA Hockey.

2. Discipline administered to players may include suspensions and disqualification from further play in the League.

3. Discipline administered to team officials and coaches may include suspensions, disqualifications from further participation in the League, and fines imposed on teams, not to exceed \$100 and/or the cost of any ice rental time that may be appropriately reimbursed. (8/17/91)

4. If, prior to the start of a scheduled game, the visiting team refuses to appear, except for weather conditions or other acts of God which would endanger the life or safety of League players, the visiting team must compensate the home team for loss of direct expenses, ice fee, and gate receipts, and must agree to reschedule the game at the convenience of the aggrieved team. If the Commissioner determines that the game cannot be rescheduled, the game shall be forfeited in favor of the aggrieved team and the Commissioner may assess any additional fine, not to exceed \$100.

5. Discipline imposed on any game official, including minor officials, linesmen and referees, shall include denying payment for any game affected by such misconduct, suspensions, or disqualifications from participation in future League games or functions.

6. The Commissioner shall have the authority to require appropriate security for all League games, including the presence of police or uniformed guards, at the expense of the home team, where gross misconduct by such team's players, parents, or fans has shown such precautions to be warranted.

7. Decisions of the Commissioner may be appealed according to the League By-laws.

ROSTERS AND STATISTICS

A. Each team must be registered with USA Hockey in accordance with rules established by USA Hockey and the Registrar of the Tri-State Affiliate. (8/17/91) In addition to USA Hockey Rules governing game play, complete team rosters must be provided to the League Commissioner prior to the start of regular season play. This will not prevent teams from adding individual players to their rosters during the regular season, who are otherwise eligible to play in the IHSHL. The JV roster maximum shall be limited to no more than twenty-five (25) players. (7/15/95) The Varsity roster maximum shall be no more than 30 players (9-01).

B. Each team must provide a current roster of players suited-up to play in the game to the scorekeeper prior to each varsity game, which will be recorded on the official score sheet for that game. Players not suited-up to play will not be rostered for that game. A team may dress three (3) goalies on a 20-man roster and the 20-man roster may change from game to game.

C. The host team is responsible for FAXING, the official score sheet, FRONT AND BACK IF APPROPRIATE, along with any Referee's Game Report, to the League Statistician immediately following the game. The host team will also call or email the final score to the Website master to be posted on the webpage ASAP (9-01) The official scorekeeper should assure that the score sheet is complete, accurate, and signed by both referees and himself. Coaches should also assure that the score sheet is accurate by checking it immediately after the game at the score table. Team Representatives must get the results of their games to the League Statistician no later than the day after the game or on Monday on those occasions where teams play more than one game on a weekend. Results must be received by Monday. Team Representatives must double check their statistics before sending score sheets to assure that they contain the names of the Goaltenders and the names of opponent scorer makers. The time should be noted when a goaltender is pulled so the statistician can determine if an open net goal was scored. If more than one goalie is used, time and shots for each goalie should be noted. The white copy, along with the REFEREE'S GAME REPORT, is mailed to the Commissioner, the canary copy is mailed to the Chief-of-Referees. All referee's comments should be written on the back of the white copy OR set forth fully in the REFEREE'S GAME REPORT. Fax the white copy to the Statistician, both sides if there are comments, and include a copy of any Referee's Game Report. Referees should explain in writing all game misconducts, gross misconducts and match penalties. (Revised 11/9/91 & 11/6/92)

D. The League Statistician shall prepare and provide a copy or a report containing the following statistics to each varsity team representative.

1. Varsity Team Standings including Wins-Losses-Ties and total Team Points (Win = 2, Tie = 1, Loss = 0, Loss in Overtime=1 unless losing team pulls their goalie. (8-4-00)

2, Total Individual player (excluding Goaltenders) Games Played, Goals Scored, Assists, Total Points, Power Play and Shorthanded Points, Number of Penalties, Major Penalties, and Penalty Minutes.

3. Goaltender statistics shall include Games Played, Games Won-Lost-Tied (determined by the game result and result at the time of substitution), Shots On Goal, Saves, Goals Against, Number of Penalties, Major Penalties and Penalty Minutes. The scorekeeper shall only record Shots on Goals and Saves where the puck has or would have entered the net but for the goaltender's intervention.

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

A. Rules regarding the proper use of safety equipment shall be as required by the current Official Playing Rules established by USA Hockey, Amateur Hockey Association of the United States.

B. Game jerseys shall normally include a light home jersey and a dark away jersey. All jerseys shall have 10" high numbers on the back and 6" numbers on each sleeve between the elbow and shoulder. It is optional for all teams to place a stop sign on the backs of their jerseys above the numbers. (5-01)

C. Game pucks will be provided by the home team. Additionally, the home team will provide 25 practice pucks to the visiting team for use during any warm-up period at the same time pucks are provided to home team players.

D. Criteria regarding commemorative patches on game uniforms has been established. The purpose of the patch must be to commemorate a major team milestone, the loss of an individual team member, or an outstanding individual who contributed to the sport of hockey. This patch must not exceed 4" in diameter. Placement of the patch on the game jersey is to be on the right pectoral area, directly across and proportional to the captains/ assistants letter. In the event that a commemorative patch is in place on the jersey a second patch of equal size may be placed directly below the superior patch, as designated by the Executive Board of the IHSHL. Corporate/advertising patches are only allowed on the lower 4" of the back of the jersey (not to exceed 4" in size: no more than two on a jersey). Jersey uniformity must remain consistent. All patch requests must be submitted to the Executive Board in writing and approved prior to installation.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

A. All-Star Selection

1. The IHSHL All-Star game will feature the West Division All-Star team against the East Division All-Star team.

a. West: Kansas City, Lincoln, Omaha Gladiators, Omaha Jr. Lancers, Des Moines Oak Leafs, Sioux City. East: Ames, Des Moines Capitals, Dubuque, Waterloo, Mason City, Quad City,

2. The West All-Star team will be coached by the coach whose team finished highest of the West Division teams in the prior State Tournament and the East All-Star team will be coached by the coach whose team finished highest of the East Division teams in the prior State Tournament.

3. It is a particular honor for a player to be selected to play in this event. The All-Star game is a showcase of talent for our league. Coaches should consider hockey talent, sportsmanship, leadership, and the desire to use those attributes in making selections to the All-Star teams.

4. The president or the designated vice president to conduct the selection process in each division will initiate contact with each team in the league to establish a voting person. The following is the process of selection adopted by the league Board

5. There are two All-Star teams. One will be drawn from the West Division and one from the East Division. Each team will be composed of twenty players, including twelve forwards, six defensemen, and two goalies. The Vice President shall oversee the varsity coaches' selection of the players to the All-Star game within THEIR RESPECTIVE division as follows:

a. Each coach will submit, to the designated vice president, a nominating list of his eight (8) best players, regardless of position played, with the names of the players ordered according to the best player, No. 1, the second-best player, No. 2, and so forth. With the name, the coach should also indicate the position (forward, defense or goalie) and the academic level (senior, junior, and so forth) of each player.

b. The Vice President shall then take a note whereby each coach in their OWN division will vote for 6 spots by position (3 forwards, 2 defensemen, and one goaltender). The first vote will be the first to give us the first team of All-Stars. In the event of a tie vote for these six players, all will be taken as first team selections.

c. The final round of voting will ask that each team in their own division, vote for the needed position players to compile the final team of twenty players. All teams shall have at least one player selected to the All-Star team.

d. A list of alternate players should be maintained by the Vice President in the event of replacement players being needed. This list will come from the balloting in the order of the finishing of the final ballot.

e. All-Star players selected shall receive award certificates at the Varsity Tournament Dinner.

f. Timing will be an issue during the voting process and a rapid exchange of information is imperative to enable the process to be completed. The final tally should be available no later than two weeks prior to the game.

B. The team with the best win/loss record during the regular season, determined on a percentage basis, shall be named "League Champion" and shall have its name inscribed on the traveling trophy, which will be awarded at the Tournament Banquet. Any tie will be determined on head-to-head competition. Any tie will be resolved by goals for and against each other in this head-to-head competition. (8/20/96) Should this fail to resolve the tie; the teams will be regarded Co-Champions and shall share the honor equally. Each member of the League Champion team shall be awarded at the State Tournament Banquet, an individual trophy/medal comparable to the trophy/medal to be awarded to the members of the team finishing first in the State Tournament. (8/17/91)

C. All-State and All-State Honorable Mention

This selection process will be used without regard to selection for participation in the Chicago Showcase. (8/17/91) The All-State selections shall be conducted as follows:

1. Voting for the All-State Teams shall be done by the coaches only, with each team having only one voting representative. Assistant coaches may be in attendance and enter into the discussion. No team representatives, parents, media representatives, or other parties may attend with the exception of members of the IHSHL Executive Committee who do not have children involved in the IHSHL activities. The meeting should be chaired by an IHSHL vice president who meets the criteria of having no children involved in IHSHL activities.

2. The All-State team will consist of 9 forwards, 6 defensemen, and three goaltenders. Honorable Mention selections will be limited to 20 additional players of any combination of positions that the coaches choose. If ties exist in the selection process for the last available position, then the limits for either All-State or Honorable Mention will be waived to include all players with tie votes. If there is a question of which position a player should be considered (example of playing both defense and forward during the season), the players' coach will designate which of the positions the voters should consider for the player.
3. Two weeks before the end of the regular season, the vice president who oversees the selection process will mail each coach a nomination ballot that will have a first team, second team, and third team set of blanks, each comprised of 3 forwards, 2 defensemen, and one goaltender. The coach may nominate by this voting process any player in the league including his own players. He must sign his name to the bottom of the ballot. It must be received by the vice president by the Wednesday preceding the state tournament.
4. At the appropriate time on Saturday of the state tournament, the vice president will convene the coaches (only) for the All-State Selection. The vice president will provide a list of those nominated. Discussion among the coaches prior to voting is encouraged and the coaches by unanimous acclamation may appoint players to the first and second teams. Remaining positions will be filled by secret ballot. A coach cannot vote for his own players and again he must sign the ballot.
5. The vice president will compile the ballot results based on the system of 3 points for a first team vote, 2 points for second team, and 1-point for third team. Those players receiving the greatest number of votes will be All-State with the guidelines of the allowable number as stated in Item 2.
6. Any player receiving one ballot nomination (item No. 3) will be automatically accord Honorable Mention unless the limit of 20 is exceeded. If this process does not exceed the limit of 20, the coaches may choose to add additional players if they by a majority vote agree to do so. If the number of players nominated total (those nominated by item No. 3 plus those nominated by addition by the coaches) exceed the limit of 20, then the limit must be enforced by choosing the additional number by popular ballot (example: additional number is 5, each coach must vote for 5 only and again not his own players. The top 5 would be selected.) If the third nomination (item No. 3) number for Honorable Mention exceeds 20 (very unlikely) then the coaches must choose the top twenty by secret ballot of voting for 20 and again a coach cannot vote for his own player.
7. The vice president will be responsible for the preparation of the award certificates, the awards ceremony which will be held at the conclusion of the championship game, and disposal of the ballots.
8. All coaches and league officials who have any knowledge of the results of the All-State balloting are responsible that this remains secret until the awards ceremony. Additionally, for whom any of the coaches voted is strictly secret forever.

D. Sportsmanship Award

The League team with the least amount of penalty minutes in regular season play will receive the Sportsmanship Award, which will be presented to the team at the State Tournament banquet. Any tie will be resolved in favor of the team with the least number of major penalties.

E. Individual Regular Season Awards (6/20/96)

Following the championship game, in addition to tournament awards, the following awards and recognition shall be accorded recipients for regular season play.

(1) Scoring Leader.

Awards given to the top ten scoring leaders, total goals and assists, in regular season play.

(2) Silver Glove.

Awards given to the three goaltender leaders with the best percentage of total Saves divided by total Shots On Goal. To be eligible they must have played (9-01) in at least 500 minutes (9-01) of total league games. (6/20/96)

Any tie will be resolved in favor of the player with the fewest Major Penalties or, secondly, the least number of penalty minutes.

F. Coach of The Year Award

A 'Coach of the Year' shall be selected by his peers at the time of the All-State selections.

G. Most Valuable Player Award

A trophy shall be awarded to the most valuable player in the state tournament and the award shall be named The Al Murdoch Appreciation Trophy. The Most Valuable Player shall be selected from all eligible players by the Executive Committee and the Commissioner during the Championship game.

H. All-State Cheerleaders

Two cheerleaders from each team will be recognized as "All-State Cheerleaders" and shall receive a certificate of achievement at the state tournament. (12/19/93) Prior to the Varsity tournament, the President shall poll each team representative for nominations/selections. In 1993 team representatives asked to have their Cheerleader coach or coordinator designate their two best cheerleaders as follows:

"Since there are no prescribed criteria for this award, I will ask that the Cheerleaders be picked based upon their contribution to the organization as a whole. They should be selected based upon their sportsmanship, their leadership, their sustained efforts on behalf of the organization, their team spirit, and their skill and abilities as cheerleaders." You should be able to say, "These two cheerleaders represent the best of our organization." (1/4/94)

I. The Executive Committee may withhold certificates of players who quit their respective teams before the season ends and of players whose conduct is not in keeping with the spirit of the League.

STATE TOURNAMENTS

A. Beginning with the 1994-1995 season, the Varsity All Star Game and the JV State tournament will be held at the same location during the first weekend in March. The location of the All-Star Game and the JV State Tournament shall be determined by the Varsity State Tournament rotation of the following year (See G below). The Varsity State Tournament shall be held during the second week in March. Any team who forfeits the opportunity to host or co-host the JV State Tournament on their turn in accordance with JV Policies & Procedures section JV State Tournament "A", also forfeits their right to host or co-host the Varsity State Tournament the following year. (5/15/95) The Varsity Tournament shall not extend beyond 3 days. (9/28/96) But for the following exceptions, the rules and

procedure for regular season games shall govern tournament play, except for any particular tournament based upon the number of participating teams and available time. The tournament host will provide a copy of the tournament format and rules to each team prior to the first game of the tournament in which each team is participating. (11/6/92 and 7/17/93)

B. The Chief-Of-Referees shall schedule all tournament officials for each State Tournament game. Every effort should be made to avoid scheduling referees to officiate games in which a team or teams from their home communities are playing. (9/11/98) League will pay for officials expenses.

C. Varsity teams who have participated in regular season play and finished in the top eight (5-01) positions shall qualify for the eight-team field. The host team of the tournament will receive, if necessary, an Automatic Qualify right to be one of the eight teams dropping the regular season eighth place team.

D. Participating teams in the season ending tournament shall be bracketed according to their results in league play. The team finishing first will open play against the team finishing eighth. The second-place team will follow by playing the seventh-place team, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5. The four winning teams will advance to the championship bracket and the four losing teams will go to the consolation bracket. All teams will play three games, with no more than one game per day. (5-01)

E. Tie games shall be determined by successive ten-minute, sudden-death overtime periods, with three (3) minute rest periods following the third period and between each overtime period. Player substitutions may be made during overtime period as provided for in regular game time.

F. Any underclassmen who are covered by this rule, will have carry overs to next season. Any unserved game suspensions will carry over to the next season. (7/25/92)

G. Hosting the State Tournament.

Tournament location is hosted on a rotation basis, based on teams and not by cities or regional territories. (9/28/96) Any new team coming into the league shall follow the team hosting the tournament that year in the subsequent rotation. Thus, the rotation in the future will begin with Des Moines in 1995-1996 followed by Omaha Gladiators, Ames, Omaha Jr. Lancers, Sioux City, Mason City, Dubuque, Waterloo, Des Moines Capitals, Kansas City, Des Moines Oak Leafs, Lincoln and Quad Cities. (5-01)

H. The Varsity State Tournament host team(s) shall provide each participating varsity team with tournament game passes for the team representatives, coaches, players, cheerleaders State officers their spouses. (9/11/98)

I. League executive officers are reimbursed for their expenses at State Tournaments at the rate of \$30 per day for meals, current IRS rate per mile for travel, and current local average per day for lodging (8-4-00) which is also the rate for reimbursement officials' expenses. (9/12/98)

J. Team trophies will be provided by the League to the First, Second, and Third place, which shall be graduated in size. Individual trophies/medals will be provided to each player on each Tournament team and they will include First, Second, Third, and Participation trophies/medals. A trophy will also be provided by the League for the Sportsmanship award. (9/11/98) League will pay for trophies up to \$1,250.00. (5-01)

K. Teams will be required to have 13 players for the State tournament or forfeit their slot to the next team in line (8-26)

THE CHICAGO SHOWCASE

Since the 1989-1990 season, the Tri-State Affiliate has granted the IHSHL the right and responsibility to form an All-Star team of high school hockey players to participate in this event. Apart from the entry fee, which is paid by the IHSHL, the Chicago Showcase All-Star Team, Team Tri-State, is self-supporting by player fees and fund raising. The General Manager of Team Tri-State is selected by the IHSHL Board of Directors and is responsible to the Board for all operational, administrative, and financial matters relevant to participation in this event. The Chicago Showcase Director and Tournament Committee recognize the General Manager as having the final authority regarding team discipline and the continued participation of the team or any individual in this event. The Coach of Team Tri-State may be selected by the Board of Directors of the IHSHL; however, the Board has traditionally delegated this authority to a vote of the Varsity coaches. The Coach shall direct the team's training and on-ice play. The IHSHL Board has determined that the General Manager and Coach will receive lodging, meals, and current IRS rate (8-00) per mile for expenses. (11/6/92) The only expenses covered are those incidental to participation in the event, to and from and while in Chicago. For budgeting purposes, separate rooms are reserved and provided for the General Manager and Coach and meals expenses are limited to \$30.00 (8-00) per day. The league should reimburse the Showcase coach for expenses for practice days in Ames on the same basis that League Officers are reimbursed for State Tournaments. (11/5/94) While the General Manager and Coach may solicit volunteers to assist them, no additional money shall be budgeted for their expenses. (Inserted for informational purposes by M.E. Petersen, GM 1990-1994)

CHICAGO SHOWCASE SELECTION

The Chicago Showcase selections shall be conducted as follows:

1. Voting for the Chicago Showcase coach shall be done by the coaches only, with each team having only one vote. The voting should be chaired by an IHSHL executive (8-00) who meets the criteria of having no children involved in IHSHL activities.
2. The Chicago Showcase team will consist of 20 skaters and two goaltenders. In accordance with the rules established by the Chicago Showcase tournament committee, no more than four players may be selected from any one team in the League. Since only twenty players may be suited for any one game, no players will be guaranteed to play in any Chicago Showcase game. The two skaters who receive the least number of votes will be designated alternates. The Chicago Showcase Team coach will determine which players, including alternates, shall play in any games. (8/17/91 and 7/25/92)
3. Immediately following the selection of the All-State Team players on Saturday of the State Tournament, a vice president will, again, provide a list of those players which shall form the basis for the selection of the Chicago Showcase Team. Discussion among the coaches is encouraged.
4. The vice president will compile results of those players selected for participation in the Chicago Showcase. The vice president will maintain a list of ten alternates in rank order. Any player who would otherwise have been selected but for the "rule of four from a team" shall be the first alternate for any player selected in the same position from his team.

5. Immediately following the above selection process, the vice president will advise the IHSBL Board of the players selected for the Chicago Showcase team. The Chicago Showcase General Manager shall be responsible for announcing the selections at the awards ceremony.