



Labatt's Hockey Detroit

Labatt's Hockey Detroit – Rules & Format 2023/2024 Fall/Winter Thursday Elite A League

FORMAT

- Score Sheets** Home team is responsible for assuring score sheet is prepared with team rosters and presented to scorekeeper PRIOR to start of game.
**Each team is required to obtain and keep the team copy of the score sheet until the completion of the season.
- Game Format** 3 minute pre-game warm up
Three stop time periods (13 minutes)
Run time during third period with 5 goal differential.
Best of 3 shootout for ties: 1 pt. for over-time loss; 2 pts. for win. Home team decides which team shoots first. Any player serving a penalty at the end of regulation is ineligible to participate in the shootout.
TIME OUTS- Each team is allowed one 30 second 'stop time' time out.
- Playoff Format** Playoffs will be single elimination bracket for the Quarterfinal round and the Semifinal and Championship rounds will be a best of three game series. Playoff game ties will be decided by:
1. Five minute run clock overtime period 4 on 4
 2. Five minute run clock overtime period 3 on 3 (**New for 2023/24**)
 3. Best-of-three shootout
 4. Sudden death shootout
- Clock to revert to stop time during ot penalties.**
*Players must play at least 6 regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs.
- Forfeits** In the event that your team needs to forfeit, out of respect to your opponents, please make your best effort to notify the League at hockeydetroit@yahoo.com or text/call Andrew Georgine (248)891 5760 as soon as possible so that we can notify the opposing team, officials, etc. In the event of a forfeit, the ice still belongs to the league and players in attendance from either team are welcome to use the ice.

Board of Governors A league Board of Governors has been established to discuss and address league issues.

1. Danny Jaroszewich – MAHA District/USA Hockey Rep
2. Nick Even – Thurs A/Tues B/C+
3. Andrew Georgine – Thurs A/Tues B/C+

RULES

Respect Everyone involved in each game deserves to be treated with respect. The referees and scorekeeper are to be respectful of the players. The players are to be respectful of referees, scorekeeper and other players.

League Rules USA Hockey Rules will be applied to all Labatt Hockey Detroit League play. Please review USA Hockey link from league website. This is a non-checking league.

USA Hockey Each player **MUST** be registered with USA Hockey prior to participation. Players must register online at <https://membership.usahockey.com> and provide a copy of their confirmation by game 1.

Injury Risk Risk of injury is inherent in the game. The league and any affiliates or sponsors shall not be held responsible for any injuries on or off the ice. See LHD Release of Liability.

Uniforms All teams must have 2 sets of jerseys. (2nd set of jerseys can be as simple as practice jerseys with corresponding numbers). Home team has choice of jerseys.

ID's checked Be ready at all times to produce a picture ID. Anyone associated with league may request an ID check including but not limited to USA Hockey representatives, refs, scorekeepers, and rink staff. Any player without ID is not permitted to play and team is subject to forfeit, etc. (See Ineligible Players)

Rosters **Regular Season Rosters are to be complete and frozen by November 2, 2023.** Maximum roster size is 20 players (not including goalies, there is no limit to the number of goalies you can have on your roster). Please be prepared ahead of time for losing players due to relocating, etc. by using each of your 20 allotted roster spots. Meaning, if you plan to use 10 regular guys then roster up to an additional 10 players that would be your backups in the event that your team loses players for any reason or for subs. Each team should have at least a 2nd goalie included on their roster and there is no limit to how many goalies you can include on your roster. Each player must be registered with USA Hockey and have signed the LHD Release of Liability, both

of which can be done electronically. You may email the USA Hockey confirmation and LHD Release of Liability to have these extra players included on your 20 player roster. Captains are to collect their players USA Hockey Registration confirmation numbers to be provided to Danny and Kathy. The official USA Hockey Team Roster is prepared in coordination with Kathy from USA Hockey at d3kathy@gmail.com. Please request your official roster directly from Kathy as required. Please note that it is the captain's responsibility to only list players on the score sheet that are present and participating in each particular game. Players must play at least 6 regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs. Playoff eligible player rosters will be released league wide for each team 4 weeks prior to the end of the season. If a team believes there has been a player left off the playoff eligible roster in error than that team may submit an appeal to the LHD Board of Governors at that time. Releasing these rosters with 4 weeks remaining in the regular season allows time for players who are short the required 6 regular season games to fulfill this requirement. Players not on the playoff eligible roster WILL NOT BE PERMITTED to play in the playoffs.

Penalties

All non-coincidental penalties will be stop time. Any player receiving 4 penalties of any type may be ejected for the balance of that game but will be eligible for the next game.

Ejections

Any player receiving an ejection is suspended for the remainder of the game and is eligible to return for the next game.

Game Misconduct Any player receiving a Game Misconduct shall be suspended for the balance of that game PLUS another game. Game misconduct for 'fighting' will result in 2 game suspension as outlined below. **Per USA Hockey Rules ALL 5 min major penalties will result in a game misconduct.**

Fighting Penalties Fighting penalties will be called at the referee's discretion. Dropping the gloves can warrant a fighting penalty.

1st offense: 5:00 major & 2 Game Suspension

2nd offense: 5:00 major & Indefinite Suspension (player may request a meeting with league officials via email at hockeydetroit@yahoo.com)

Suspensions

Any player receiving a Game Misconduct penalty for any other offense than fighting will be at least suspended as follows:

1st offense: 1 game suspension

2nd offense: 2 game suspension

3rd offense: Indefinite Suspension (player may request a meeting with league officials via email at hockeydetroit@yahoo.com)

*All Game Misconducts, including fighting, are to be aggregated for all leagues according to the above schedule.

Ineligible Players Any team with an ineligible player taking the ice is subject to the following:

1. Forfeiture of the game.
2. The team Captain will be issued a TWO GAME SUSPENSION.

Any player playing while suspended will be indefinitely suspended from all league play in addition to the team forfeit and captain's 2 game suspensions.

Each team is required to keep an official copy of their USA Hockey Roster, once released by Kathy from USA Hockey, on hand for each game to be able to prove eligibility of their players. Any team attempting to play or dress an ineligible player, is subject to forfeit and the Captain is subject to a 2 game suspension.