



Labatt's Hockey Detroit

Labatt's Hockey Detroit – Rules & Format 2025/2026 Fall/Winter Thursday Elite A League

FORMAT

Score Sheets

Each team is responsible for filling out the score sheet each week with the players participating in that weeks game only. If you do not fill out the score sheet prior to the game the scorekeeper will note the jersey numbers of the players on the ice. The score sheets are used when determining games played for playoff eligibility, so it is critical that they and your team roster are accurate. Players on the roster without numbers will not receive games played unless their attendance is specifically noted on the score sheet.

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
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, rink, etc. In the event that a forfeiting team wants to try to reschedule the forfeited game an attempt will be made by the league to coordinate this provided the other team is interested and a mutual date and time can be agreed upon (subject to ice availability). Games forfeited more than 3 days in advance will require a rescheduling fee of \$150 and games forfeited less than 3 days in advance will require a rescheduling fee of \$450, paid for by the forfeiting team to cover ice, refs and scorekeeper. Teams with multiple forfeits in one season are subject to review and/or removal from the league for the following season.

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

1. Danny Jaroshewich – MAHA District/USA Hockey Rep
2. Drake Braun – 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 before stepping on the ice.

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 the team is subject to forfeit, etc. (See Ineligible Players)
Rosters	Regular Season Rosters are to be complete and frozen by October 30, 2025. 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, injury, 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 then 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 for players who are short the required 6 regular season games time to fulfill this requirement. Players not on the playoff eligible roster WILL NOT BE PERMITTED to play in the playoffs.
Sub Players	All sub players must be rostered and USA Hockey registered at the time of the game. If you wish to use rostered players from other teams in the league you must first contact the team captain of your opponent or the league directly at hockeydetroit@yahoo.com .
Penalties	All 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.