

NHL STREET LEAGUE

League Operations & Game Play Policy

1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines how the Aurora North Athletics (ANA) NHL Street League is structured and operated. It defines game formats, scheduling, officiating, and overall gameplay expectations to ensure a fun, safe, and development-focused experience.

2. LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

ANA NHL Street League prioritizes:

- Fun and enjoyment of the game
- Skill development and confidence building
- Equal participation for all players
- Sportsmanship and respect

Competition is encouraged in a positive and development-focused environment.

3. GAME FORMAT

Game formats may vary based on age group, registration numbers, and facility:

- 3v3, 4v4, or 5v5 formats
- Small-area or full-surface play
- No body checking permitted

ANA reserves the right to adjust formats to support development and maximize participation.

4. GAME DURATION

Games may consist of:

- Two (2) or three (3) periods
- Running time format
- Short breaks between periods

Game length will be determined based on schedule and facility availability.

5. SCHEDULING

- Games will be scheduled on designated program days (e.g., Tuesdays/Thursdays)
- Schedules will be communicated in advance
- ANA may adjust schedules due to weather, facility availability, or operational needs

Participants will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.

6. TEAM FORMATION

Teams may be formed based on:

- Age divisions
- Skill balance
- Registration numbers

ANA aims to create balanced teams to ensure fair and enjoyable play.

7. OFFICIATING

- Games will be supervised by coaches or trained volunteers
- Officials will focus on teaching rules and maintaining safety
- Emphasis is placed on guidance rather than strict enforcement

8. GAMEPLAY RULES

- No body checking or intentional contact
- Stick play must remain controlled at all times
- Unsafe play will result in stoppage or removal from play

ANA follows NHL Street gameplay guidelines with a focus on safety and development.

9. SCOREKEEPING

- Scorekeeping may be used depending on age group
- Younger divisions may focus on non-competitive play
- Standings and statistics are secondary to development

10. PLAYER PARTICIPATION

- Equal playing time is strongly encouraged
- All players should have the opportunity to participate in all aspects of the game

11. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Players must:

- Wear their NHL Street jersey during games
- Use appropriate footwear (non-marking running shoes)
- Wear required safety equipment as outlined by ANA

12. WEATHER & OUTDOOR PLAY (IF APPLICABLE)

- Outdoor sessions may be affected by weather conditions
- ANA will determine if play is safe
- Cancellations or rescheduling may occur as needed

13. FACILITY EXPECTATIONS

Participants must:

- Respect all facility rules and staff
- Keep playing areas clean and safe
- Follow entry/exit procedures where applicable

14. SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

- Spectators are expected to follow ANA Code of Conduct
- Positive encouragement is expected at all times
- Disruptive or inappropriate behaviour may result in removal

15. PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

ANA reserves the right to:

- Modify game formats or rules
- Adjust team structures
- Make operational changes to improve participant experience

16. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Participation in the ANA NHL Street League indicates acceptance of this policy and all related ANA policies and procedures.

Approved by: Aurora North Athletics

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