



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Events

## ADULT HOCKEY **Program Information**



## **SECTION I - PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE**

The City of Flagstaff Recreation Division's activities are designed to provide lifetime athletics for Flagstaff residents. The Division strives to motivate physical fitness, develop sportsmanship, and promote constructive family-oriented recreation activities.

### **REGISTRATION, PLAYING DATES, AND HOLIDAYS**

Varies (Schedule posted on Teamsideline)  
Adult B (Sunday and Tuesday)  
Adult D (Sundays)

### **PROGRAM COST**

Fees vary based on number of games per season.

In addition to league fees, all City of Flagstaff Hockey participants are required to register with USA Hockey. USA Hockey provides supplemental accident insurance for covered medical expenses. All City of Flagstaff Coed Hockey participants are **required** to provide a copy of the USA Hockey Number with their league registration.

### **NUMBER OF GAMES**

May differ with 4, 5, or 6 team schedules to **total** games. Season to Season may vary as well.

### **COMMUNICATION**

When registering, please fill out the necessary and correct information on the form. This information will be used for notification of any cancellations or necessary information for the season. If time is allowed, the City will notify participants by email at least five (5) working days prior to the rescheduled game. **As a participant you are responsible to find out when your rescheduled game will be played.** If rescheduled game needs to be scheduled immediately, phone calls to team managers will be made. Rescheduled games will be played as soon as possible after game cancellations. They may be played on any day at any time. Please check the City of Flagstaff website at [www.teamsideline.com/flagstaff](http://www.teamsideline.com/flagstaff) for up to date information on schedules and league standings. Call the Dan Carrick at 213-2343 with conflicts and/or questions.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS POLICY STATEMENT**

The City of Flagstaff's Recreation Division reserves the right to change any rules or regulations whenever due cause warrants. If a change is made, all participants affected by the change will be notified by email. In addition, the Recreation Division reserves the right to add and/or delete any rule or regulation when it benefits the program.

### **AGE LIMIT**

Players must be 18 years of age or older to participate in adult athletics programs. A team participating with an illegal, underage player will forfeit the game or any game they have participated in. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The City of Flagstaff's Recreation Division does not discriminate against race, color, age, handicap, or national origin in its programs.

## PLAYING TIMES AND DAYS

- A. Games and will be scheduled according to facility availability.
- B. Currently all games will be played on Sundays and Tuesdays unless otherwise noted.
- C. Rescheduled games by Recreation staff could be played on any given evening, on any day.
- D. Uniforms will be provided by individual teams.
- E. Each participant is responsible to see that the schedule is followed as to date, time, place, and any Re-scheduled games. **As a participant you are responsible to find out when your rescheduled game will be played.**
- F. If you wish to reschedule a game on your own, it is the responsibility of the requesting team to notify the League Directors two (2) weeks prior to the date of your game that you are requesting to reschedule, with justification for the request. If approved by the League Directors and opposing team the game will be made up at a later date. Official and facility may be furnished by Recreation upon availability.

## POLICY STATEMENTS ON OFFICIALS

- A. The Recreation Division provides officials through USA Hockey.
- B. Two officials per game will be assigned when possible.
- C. Judgment calls are final. No protests concerning judgment calls.
- D. The Official's score will be the official final score.

## CARE OF FACILITIES

Please instruct all players and spectators to place empty cans and litter in trash receptacles. Misuse of facilities will not be tolerated. **Jay Lively Activity Center's policy prohibits beer, wine, liquor, or tobacco on property.**

## NUMBER OF PLAYERS FOR GAMES/ SUBS

To alleviate forfeits, and to keep play in the spirit of a recreational activity, a team may play with as many players as on the current roster. There must be a minimum of five (5) players plus a goaltender on a roster to start a game. A team can start the game/play with Six (6) players in lieu of a goalie. **Teams can pick up subs, but only to be able to roster ten (10) skaters (No More). All subs must be USA Hockey Player Certified and Members of our current League.** Subs cannot be from other Adult Leagues within the City of Flagstaff. All other players will be considered ineligible. All players should be in contact with captain prior to every game if you plan to not be in attendance.

Goalies may sub for other teams if their goalie is unavailable.

**If teams play with an ineligible player, or sub above the 10-skater limit, the game will be considered a forfeit.**

- Subs will play any position assigned by the captain.  
Subs may sit when there is a penalty.  
Subs may serve the penalty for the goalie or too many men.

### **UNATTACHED PLAYERS**

Registration for the Adult B league is accepted as a team registration. If an individual wishes to get on a team, the staff at Jay Lively will place their name on a Free-Agent list, which is available to all team managers. This list is not a guarantee that a player will find a team, but it is offered as an option. Registration for the Adult D league is accepted on an individual bases and is first come first serve.

### **CANCELLATION PROCEDURES - call 213-2399 Ext. 1311 after 4:00 p.m.**

The Recreation Division may cancel games when:

- A. The roads are felt to be hazardous to the participants, spectators, officials and Recreation Staff.
- B. Any unforeseen conflict with facilities
- C. Conditions at facilities are judged unsafe by Recreation Staff.
- D. Rescheduled games by Recreation Division will be played as soon as possible, on any given night, time, and facility.

***\*All cancellations will be announced on the Take a Peak into Recreation hotline as soon as a decision has been reached @ 213-2399 Ext. 1311 for updates.***

### **UNIFORMS**

Individual teams and Captains are responsible for providing team uniforms to each player. All players must wear the assigned jersey with a designated number for record keeping. All players must wear full equipment which shall include gloves, shin pads, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hip pads or padded hockey pants, protective cup, skates, and HECC approved helmet with helmet strap properly fastened. Team captains must report all player number to the coordinator or scorekeeper before each game.

### **PROTESTS**

- A. Protests **will not** be received/considered if they are based on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment call on the part of the official(s). Protests will only be considered when it concerns a rule interpretation.
- B. Protest on Player Eligibility: ATTENTION - A protest on player eligibility can be made until the game is concluded. The moment the official declares the game is over, no player eligibility protests may be declared. If a game is protested on player eligibility and the protested player's

name is not on the team roster and did not get permission from opposing manager, the game will be forfeited.

- C. All protests which cannot be resolved by the official(s) or the Site Supervisor must be submitted IN WRITING on a Recreation Division protest form or via email and turned into the Jay Lively Office, 1650 N Turquoise Dr. before closing on the next working day.

### **PROTEST PROCEDURES**

- A. Make notification of intent to protest immediately to the official and/or Site Supervisor.
- B. Submit official written protest before closing on the next working day.
- C. Offending team may be notified concerning the protest.
- D. Written statements are collected from staff and offending team when necessary.
- E. If protest is upheld, notification will be made by email.
  - 1. If protest is made on a misinterpretation of a rule and is upheld, but the ruling at the point of infraction had no direct effect on the final outcome, the match will not be replayed. The protest will be dismissed.
  - 2. If protest is made on a misinterpretation of a playing rule and is upheld, and at the point of infraction it had a direct effect on the final outcome, the match will be replayed from where the incorrect ruling was made.

## PLAYER IDENTIFICATION

The Recreation staff may question the eligibility of any player any time during, or after the game. Players are required to sign waiver at the beginning of the season and provide Jay Lively staff a uniform number for record keeping purposes.

## SAFETY OF CHILDREN

- A. The City of Flagstaff Recreation Division strongly recommends **that parents DO NOT bring children to your games. *Children must stay inside the rink at all times with their parent.*** The Site Supervisor is NOT responsible for your children and in no way should be considered a babysitter.
- B. Parent/Guardian is responsible for the safety and behavior of their children at the facility. The City of Flagstaff is not responsible for children's behavior or safety.
- C. The following are the procedures that will be taken for control purposes.

<b>FIRST OFFENSE</b>	Child is given a verbal warning.
<b>SECOND OFFENSE</b>	Child is taken to the parent/guardian and given a verbal warning together.
<b>THIRD OFFENSE</b>	Parent/Guardian is asked to leave the match to supervise the child. Parent/Guardian may not re enter the match after the third offense.
<b>FOURTH OFFENSE</b>	If parent/guardian does not leave the match or facility, the team will forfeit their match.

- D. The City of Flagstaff Recreation Division will strictly enforce this policy, as children have been disruptive to players, staff, and officials in the past. Children should be supervised if accompanying their parent to the facility. Parents of children that are left unsupervised and found to be disruptive will be asked to leave the game to supervise their children. Children will not be allowed to enter other areas of the facility while attending parent's game.
- E. The following are examples of misbehavior:
- \* Horseplay
  - \* Hanging/climbing on ropes or other equipment
  - \* Running in hallways
  - \* Playing behind bleachers/stands
  - \* Any other unsafe behavior that may be harmful to the child or others nearby.

These rules are for the safety and protection of the children and others in the facility.

## SECTION II – HOCKEY RULES

The City of Flagstaff's Recreation Division Adult Hockey League will be played according to the **USA Hockey rule book** governing adult hockey. A copy can be obtained at [usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com). The following statements are rule points of emphasis and City League additions:

- A. Sportsmanship. Fair play with an emphasis on recreational participation should be followed at all times. Players are to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. **A high level of sportsmanship is expected.** Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- B. Team Manager and Code of Conduct. All managers/captains are responsible for the code of conduct of each player and all spectators associated with a team before, during, and after a City league game.

## SCHEDULES

- A. All participants must be able to play on any evening but games will primarily be Sundays and Tuesdays.
- B. League play will begin according to online schedule. (Teamsideline)
- C. Schedules will be generated and live one week before 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled game.

## GAME LIMIT and SCORING

- **A 3-minute warm up period.**
- **League games will consist of three (3), fifteen (15) minute periods.**
- **All periods will be stop clock.**
- **If score is tied at the end of regulation in the regular season, the game is a tie. In playoffs the game will go to one (5) five-minute OT period. OT will be played 3v3. Finally, a 3-man shootout will take place if necessary.**

## LOCAL GAME RULES

- A. **This is a recreation league, not the NHL; all players should work on skills and having fun.**
- B. **No alcohol or tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, will be permitted inside the Ice Arena at any time.** Violators will be suspended from further participation at the discretion of Recreation staff.
- C. All players play at their own risk.
- D. **This is a zero tolerance league. Unsportsmanlike conduct, and disrespectful behavior will be dealt with by the officials. This will result in a game misconduct for the game and possibly a second game. Discussion on officials' calls should be made by captains only in a respectful manner. Any problems with players and officials will result in the player receiving a game misconduct and possible future disciplinary actions.**
- E. The captains are the only team representative who may discuss a rule with the official. Judgment decisions will not be discussed.
- F. Fighting is not tolerated. The first offence for fighting, a game misconduct will result in a game misconduct, plus an additional game suspension. The 2nd offence may result in up to a 1-year suspension that will require approval of administrators for reinstatement the following year.
- G. If a team is up by Seven (7) goals the clock will be changed to run time in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. The clock will remain as stop time unless both team captains prefer running time prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. Run time will be implemented after an 7 goal lead in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. Teams must get the score back to within 3 goals to stop the clock from run time.
- I. **H** **No body checking** in the league. Body Contact or "Competitive Contact" is permitted per USA Hockey. Minor & Major Penalties will be assessed for body checking. Suspensions will be assessed to players whose conduct is deemed reckless or detrimental. A player may be removed for the remainder of the game if a body check is determined to be detrimental. It is a method by which an individual can be removed from a game in order to diffuse a potentially dangerous or hostile situation.  
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- J. A. A player who receives multiple game misconducts in a season may receive a 1-year suspension pending the program coordinators discretion.
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- rh **RULE CHANGE!!! Any player who receives 3 penalties in 1-game will be ejected for the remainder of that game. No additional suspensions will follow unless necessary based on penalties committed.**
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## INJURY/911

Recreation Staff will dial 911 when an injury necessitates. Any player that is provided transportation by ambulance to a medical facility is responsible for that said ambulance transport fee.

## ELASTICITY

Judgment will be made upon any rule or procedure not stated herein by the Recreation Program Coordinator, as necessary, to provide for the recreational enjoyment of players, coaches, managers, spectators, officials, and Recreation Staff members.

## C.O.F.A. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. NO PARTICIPANT OR SPECTATOR SHALL** be guilty of a physical attack, lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike or kick an official, participant, coach, agency representative, manager, or another spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend participant from further play and report participant to League Director. The participant shall remain suspended until his/her case is considered by the League Director.  
**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension from one (1) league game and placed on probation for the remainder of season.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Such participant shall be suspended for life and/or felonious assault charges filed.(AZ Penal Code Sec. 243
- 2. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL** be guilty of leaving his or her offensive, defensive position or respective bench areas to further incite any verbal or physical confrontation between players on the ice.  
**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Immediate ejection with possible further sanctions dispensed by league office.  
**NOTE:** In the event said player(s) cannot be identified, the first, second, third, etc. Player(s) in the line-up are subject to being removed from the game..  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Forfeiture and/or double forfeiture of game and player suspensions as determined by league office up to life and/or felonious assault charges filed.
- 3. NO PARTICIPANT OR SPECTATOR SHALL** be guilty of damaging or defacing agency or sanctioned facilities. Officials or agency representative are required to immediately suspend individual and report incident to League Director.  
**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension from further play until financial responsibility is met by individual and/or team AND probation for remainder of the season.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Lifetime suspension.
- 4. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL** be guilty of an abusive verbal attack: including "trash talking" or taunting any participant, official, agency representative, or spectator. Officials are required to immediately suspend the participant from further play. The infraction will be reported to the League Director.  
**MINIMUM PENALTY:** One (1) game suspension.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Four (4) game suspension and/or one year from time of incident.
- 5. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL** use deliberately rough tactics during a game against the body and person of an opposing participant. Officials are required to immediately suspend participant from further play and report incident to League Director.  
**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the game.  
**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspended for one year from time of incident.
- 6. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL** refuse to abide by an official's decision or be guilty of verbal or forceful demonstrations

of dissent to an official's decision. The degree of infraction shall, in the official's judgment, draw:

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Removal from the game.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspended for one year from time of incident.

**7. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL** be guilty of intentionally throwing a hockey stick or item of playing equipment.

Officials are required to immediately suspend the participant from further play and report such player to the League Director.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** One (1) game suspension.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspended for one year from time of incident.

**8. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL** appear in, on or around a facility at any time under the influence or in possession of a controlled substance, or in an intoxicated condition. Officials are required to suspend participant from further play and report such player to the League Director.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension from two (2) league games and placed on probation for the remainder of season.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Suspended for one year from time of incident.

**9. NO TEAM OR TEAMS SHALL** engage in physical aggression upon each other, officials, agency representatives, field supervisors, or spectators. Officials shall immediately suspend play and report, in writing, the incident to the League Director. Decision by League Director shall involve:

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Forfeiture of game by one or both teams involved with suspension of one additional game and probation of one year from time of incident.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Dropping of one or both teams from COFA member leagues for life.

**10. NO MANAGER, PARTICIPANT, CAPTAIN, OR TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SHALL**, at any time be guilty of utilizing a non-roster or ineligible participant; or falsify the identification or age of any participant or person on an official league or tournament sports roster. Such falsification, intentional or otherwise, and with or without that participant or person's knowledge, shall be just cause for disciplinary action. The infraction will be reported to the League Director.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** One year probation from time of incident.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** One year suspension from time of incident.

**11. NO MANAGER, PARTICIPANT, CAPTAIN, OR TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SHALL**, at any time, commit a fraudulent act (including gambling upon any play or outcome of any game) concerning any organized COFA event, function or sports tournament. Such acts shall be cause for disciplinary action.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Probation for the remainder of the season.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** One year suspension from time of incident.

**12. EACH TEAM MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE** to insure that payments made to COFA, ASA, or member cities (i.e. entry fees, tournament fees, facility costs, etc.), are valid and any costs incurred due to insufficient funds are the entire team's responsibility.

**MINIMUM PENALTY:** Suspension of further play until financial responsibility is met.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY:** Lifetime suspension.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

1. **THE LEAGUE DIRECTORS SHALL** have the power and full discretion of imposing penalties on any and all violations of the Players Code of Conduct. In any violation not included in said Code, the penalty shall be at the discretion of the League Director.

2. Any participant removed from a game must leave the park, rink, or school facility immediately. Failure to do so will carry a maximum penalty of one year suspension.

3. Any participant having been once penalized by enforcement of the "Code of Conduct" and reported again for violating the "Code of Conduct" will be subject to additional penalties open to the determination of the League Directors.

4. Managers are responsible for actions of their participants and spectators at all times during a City of Flagstaff Recreation activity or event and will be disciplined accordingly.

5. **The term participant shall include managers, players, coaches, captains, and fans where appropriate. Managers are responsible for the actions of their fans.**

**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT IS ENFORCED AND HONORED BY ALL C.O.F.A. AGENCIES, LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS. PARTICIPANTS ATTEMPTING TO PLAY IN C.O.F.A. - SANCTIONED EVENTS AFTER BEING SUSPENDED WILL BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.**

## **SECTION IV - ENFORCEMENT**

If an official feels a minimum penalty is not sufficient, a report must be written up by the official and submitted to the Recreation Program Coordinator.

### **SUSPENDED PLAYER**

- A. A suspended player, either from the game or league, must remove himself/herself immediately from the confines of the contest area as designated by the on-site Site Supervisor.
- B. If a suspended player does not remove himself/herself from the confines of the area, his/her team members or manager is responsible for his/her removal.
- C. A suspended player may remain at the park, rink, or school facility at the discretion of the official and/or the Site Supervisor, if he/she remains orderly and quiet outside the contest area. But, if there is an outburst, heckling, or threats upon an official or Recreation Staff member, he/she will be ordered to leave by the Site Supervisor, or his/her team will forfeit.
- D. TWO-MINUTE CLAUSE - Two minutes shall be allowed for a suspended player to remove himself/herself from the designated contest area. If this time limit is not met, the contest shall be forfeited to the opponents.

The Site Supervisor or official may suspend a player from further game play only. The League Directors shall be responsible for suspending player(s) from further play, if necessary. A player, coach, or manager may appeal a decision within 24 hours in writing to the Recreation Office for further action. The League Directors will hear the appeal within 10 working days.