OHL-tyme Hockey League Rules

1. All games are conducted using the most current version of the USA Hockey Official Rules supplemented by the following endorsements.

2. The Proper Disciplinary Authority for the OHL-Thyme Hockey League (OHL), hereafter known as the "Governing Board" shall be comprised of a Team Captain representing each team in the league, the League Commissioner and the Space City Ice Station acting Hockey Director.

3. The Space City Ice Station Hockey Director reserves the right to suspend or terminate players from the OHL without refund.

4. Penalties:
a. Assessment of a Major (5:00 minute) penalty shall also include a Misconduct (10:00 minute) penalty.
b. Assessment of a Misconduct (10-minute) penalty that does not expire by the end of the current game shall subject the penalized player to serve the remainder of the misconduct penalty plus any additional penalties (assessed at the same time as the misconduct penalty) in the next game the penalized player is present and dressed for participation. The on-ice strength of the penalized player's team will not be affected in the subsequent game. The player may rejoin the game at the "next whistle" following the termination of the penalty time(s). The team shall forfeit any game the player participates in without serving the remainder of the Misconduct and additional penalties.
c. Assessment of a Game Misconduct penalty for fisticuffs (fighting) shall subject the penalized player to a two game suspension along with an Incident Review conducted by the Governing Board before the penalized player's eligibility may be restored. If the Governing Board does not recommend further sanctions against the penalized player, or takes no action by the end of the two game suspension (the remainder of the current game plus the next two regularly scheduled OHL games), the player shall resume full eligibility.
d. Assessment of a Match Penalty shall subject the penalized player to an indefinite suspension and requires a mandatory Incident Review conducted by the Governing Board before the penalized player's eligibility may be restored. If the Governing Board does not recommend further sanctions against the penalized player, or takes no action within 30 calendar days if the incident, the player shall resume full eligibility.

e. Disciplinary actions will carry into the playoff games and if necessary subsequent seasons.

f. Anyone involved in a fight or other types of unacceptable behavior during a game as determined by the Incident Review Board will be removed from the game and receive a two game suspension. To continue to play after a two game suspension a $100.00 bond must be paid. The bond will be held for one year and then returned if there are no further incidents; however, if there is an a second incident within that year, the bond will be forfeited and the player will be permanently suspended from the league

5. Body checking is NOT allowed.

6. Argument with an Officials call may result in a Minor, Double-Minor, Misconduct or Game Misconduct penalty.

7. Slap Shots are allowed.

8. There will be no center ice line where Off-sides Passes (two line passes) are concerned.

9. Tag-up Off-sides is in effect.

10. No-Touch Icing is in effect (automatic icing).

11. Good sportsmanship is required. Teams are encouraged not to "run up the score".

12. Regular Season Game Protocol:
a. Three minute warm up.
b. Three fourteen-minute (14) stop-time periods.
c. One minute rest between periods.
d. Each team shall receive one one-minute (1) timeout per game.

13. Post Season Game Protocol:
a. Three minute warm up.
b. Three fourteen-minute (14) stop-time periods.
c. One 5-minute Sudden Death period if required
c. One minute rest between periods.
d. Each team shall receive one one-minute (1) timeout per game

14. Tie Games:
a. 5-Player shootout (excludes any penalized players)

b. 1-for-1 shootout (sudden death), 5 players from first shootout and penalized players are excluded.
c. Teams must cycle through roster before a player is allowed a second shot.

15. Playoff Seeding – tie-breaking system:
a. Total Points (Win = 2, Loss = 0, Shootout Loss = 1)
b. Least season total penalty minutes among tied teams.
c. Least Major penalty minutes among tied teams.
d. Coin Toss (or Rock, Paper, Scissors) among tied teams.

16. Roster Substitutions:
Goalies: Must be on an OHL roster.
Skaters: If substitute skater(s) are used, they must be on an OHL roster. Games played with substitutes will be scored as a forfeit (1-0) in the season team standings.

17. Players out for the season (injury, move, military) will be replaced with the next available player on the waiting list, regardless of player rating.

Other League Rules
1. All new or unrecognized players must be evaluated prior to be being placed on a roster at the beginning of a season. The weekend before a season begins is generally reserved for a league drop-in game for this purpose.
Other opportunities for evaluation are:
a. Regular scheduled drop-ins
b. Other team events such as practices
c. Other league play witnessed by more than one evaluator
d. Interviews with more than one league official or Captain

2. Players must sign rules acknowledgement prior to being issued a jersey at the season start.

3. Players subject of previous league action must have current board approval to register. Special conditions may be applied, such as penalty limits regarding type or number.

4. Conditional registrations must go through Hockey Director.

5. Players must be paid in full prior to be being placed on a roster.

6. Alternate financial arrangements are solely through the discretion of the Director of Hockey.

7. Players who fail to fulfill financial agreements will be prohibited from participation in any rink events, including drop-in or public sessions.

8. A League Review Board comprised of League and Rink officials will make other decisions on issues not covered by these rules.