

EHL GAME RULES – 2025 SEASON



1. Games consist of three periods: two 15-minute periods followed by a third period of variable length, determined at the discretion of the **scorekeeper**.
2. **Minor penalties** result in a 3-on-2 power play and **last 75 seconds**. **Major penalties** will last **4 minutes (240 seconds)**. The game clock will be stop-time during this time. A major penalty is any SINGLE penalty resulting in expulsion from the game (iE 3 minors or a double-minor will not result in a major).
3. **Any player receiving three minor penalties or one major penalty will be immediately ejected from the game and may face further suspension, at the discretion of the commissioners and referees. External referees may be consulted.**
4. Teams with fewer than three players ready to begin at the end of warm-up will receive a delay-of-game penalty equal in length to the delay.
5. Referees may use video review tools (e.g., LiveBarn or other media) to confirm goal or no-goal decisions. All other referee decisions are final. The use of these video review tools is at the sole discretion of the attending referee.
6. Referees have full authority to eject any player or team staff member who fails to comply with league rules or conduct expectations.
7. Each team is permitted one 30-second timeout per game.
8. **Teams are required to wear official EHL uniforms (jerseys + socks) unless an exemption has been granted. A minor penalty will be assessed for each non-compliant uniform item.**
9. Regular season games may end in a tie. In playoff games, a sudden-death 2-on-2 overtime will be used to determine a winner. Additional overtime rules will be communicated before the playoffs.
10. The top eight teams qualify for the playoffs. Points are awarded as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. Playoffs follow a single-elimination

format. Seeding details will be announced prior to the postseason. Tie-breaks in order are: (1) Goal differential (2) Head-to-head (3) Goals for.

11. The floating blue line rule is in effect. Players should consult referees for clarification as needed.

12. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY: VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE OF REFEREES, PLAYERS, OR STAFF WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION, INCLUDING SUSPENSIONS OR PERMANENT BANS. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR MISSED GAMES DUE TO SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION.

13. Forfeiting a match—whether due to lack of eligible players, use of unapproved substitutes, or voluntary withdrawal—will result in a recorded 10-0 loss.

14. No refunds will be given for injuries or missed games.

I, the undersigned, on behalf of myself and all players associated with my team including substitute players, agree to all the above rules.

Captain name: _____

Date: _____

Team name: _____

Captain signature (on behalf of themselves and all players associated with their team including substitute players): _____

Commissioner signature(s): _____