



The mission of PACT shall be to organize, direct and promote youth dekhockey in a manner which will positively represent our communities and create a fun, fair and safe dekhockey environment for all area youth.

The PACT By-Laws and Rules & Regulations govern the affairs of the organization. Proposed changes to the PACT By-Laws and Rules are voted upon annually at the PACT Fall Meeting. Proposed changes to the By-Laws and/or the Rules and Regulations shall be submitted by members to the Executive Board, and must be submitted before October 1st. All proposals must be submitted on the PACT rules change proposal form (which can be found in the Forms & Information section of this site) and must include all of the required information to be accepted by the Executive Board. All proposals are to be submitted in electronic format. Once submitted they shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws. All proposals must receive 2/3 vote in order to pass.

### **By-Laws & Rules**

1. General overview
  - a. The PACT by-laws are intended to supply a set of guidelines in which the PACT and its governing body shall operate.
  - b. The by-laws only apply to PACT events. Out of state tournaments or local regional events do not apply
2. Goals and Objectives
  - a. The PACT is a competitive youth ball hockey association. The purpose of the PACT is to build players hockey skills, expand the game, promote teamwork, fair play, and respect the other players opponents, coaches, and referees.
  - b. The PACT will govern PACT sponsored events only. The PACT has no say in non-PACT activities such as local regional tournaments or out of state tournaments
  - c. The members organizations shall comply with state regulations and the PACT by-laws and operating procedures.
  - d. Players participating in a PACT sanctioned contest must roster with a member organization
    - i. No Player participating in the PACT shall roster with another PACT organization
  - e. Each member organization is required to submit their player rosters to the PACT board at the end of the March meeting.
3. Governing Board
  - a. A governing board will represent the PACT in order to organize, maintain, and direct the PACT and the involvement of the various member organizations.

- b. The PACT Board will be made up of representatives from the participating member organizations
  - i. The association shall strive for equal representation on the board among the participating member organizations
  - ii. Each member organization shall select its own representatives
  - iii. The board members shall retain their duties from 1 October – September 30.
  - iv. If a board member is unable to finish the year, that board members member organization is responsible for filling the vacancy with a replacement.
- c. The PACT Board members positions, responsibilities, and rotating position are as follows:
  - i. President
    - 1. The president shall be responsible for overseeing the everyday operations of the league, determining the time, and location of board meetings, running the board meetings, and calling additional meetings when necessary
    - 2. President is a three-year term
  - ii. Vice President
    - 1. The Vice President shall be responsible for assisting the President in his/her duties
    - 2. The Vice-President is a two-year term
  - iii. Secretary
    - 1. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes at each board meeting. A copy of the minutes shall then be emailed to each member organization and made available at the next meeting.
    - 2. Secretary is a three-year term
  - iv. Head of Officials
    - 1. The head of officials shall be responsible for scheduling all referees for every sanctioned PACT event. The tournament schedules shall be emailed to the head official one week prior by the hosting member organization
    - 2. The head of officials shall oversee all referees including complaints or grievances filed by a member organization against an official.
    - 3. Head of officials is a two-year term.
  - v. Officer
    - 1. The officer shall be responsible for assisting any of the above positions in his/her duties.
    - 2. Officer is a two-year term.
  - vi. At Large Position
    - 1. Member organizations without an executive board position
    - 2. Newly admitted members to the PACT will be placed in a duty rotation prior to existing member organizations at the at large position.
- d. Costs
  - i. No Costs shall be incurred by our existing member organization without prior approval (vote) of the board.

- ii. Cost incurred by the association shall be reimbursed by the member organizations.
  1. The cost shall be equally divided by the member organizations based on the number of organizations participating in PACT.
  2. Cost associated with individual teams shall be the sole responsibility of that team's member organization.
  3. A new member organization will pay an entry fee of \$400. New member organizations can only join during our off season for the next tournament year.
- iii. PACT tournaments shall be a minimum \$400.00 entrance fee with no maximum.
- e. Tournament Schedule and Game Management
  - i. PACT Tournament Schedule:
    1. Tournament season schedule: The tournament scheduled will be released February 1<sup>st</sup> for upcoming season. Member organizations must submit their tournament date by January 15<sup>th</sup>.
    2. The number of round robin games shall be determined by the host member organization.
    3. The scoring system for all PACT events will be based off the Bairre scoring table.
    4. Mercy rule: The Game shall end when one team is up by 8 or more goals after two periods of play.
    5. OT Rule for quarter/semi playoff games are 1 five-minute running clock OT period and if the game is still tied then a shootout will occur. Championship games are 1 ten minute stopped clock OT period and if the game is still tied then a shootout will occur. No OT for round robin games. The game will end in a draw.
    6. Shootout: Three shooters from each team will participate in the shootout. If the game is still tied, each team must go through their bench before a player can shoot twice.
- f. Tournament Games
  - i. Team responsibility: Each team shall be accompanied at all PACT games by an adult coach at least 21 year of age.
  - ii. Conduct
    1. Team Officials (coaches, managers, and team representatives) shall be responsible for the conduct of their teams before, during, and after games, particularly regarding incidents of damage or other conduct prohibited by these rules and regulations, the rules and regulations of the host rink or by law, should be brought to the attention of the PACT board. Team officials shall be held responsible for damages or other loss caused by their teams.
    2. Parents: The importance of parents behaving as models for the players cannot be overstated. Support by parents for the rules of conduct defined in the code of conduct section of our website is of utmost importance and will be stressed.

3. Players: An important part of the educational aspect of athletics is the learning of behavior appropriate to the circumstances. Because athletes often perform publicly, their behavior is subject to more than the usual scrutiny.
  - a. With this in mind, there are some behaviors that are particularly offensive and are subject to standard consequences. An example is unsportsmanlike conduct. If an athlete is ejected from a game for any reason (unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, etc.) the athlete shall also be prohibited from participating in the next game of the current tournament or the first game of the next tournament that they will participate.
  - b. Spectators: Spectators, both children and adults, are an important and integral part of all youth hockey events. Spectators serve to validate the positive values learned through athletic experiences, and to support the personal efforts and successes of individual players. Occasionally, the excesses of spectator behavior can unnecessarily taint the activities at a youth hockey event. Each team representative shall take action to ensure that spectators are not abusive to officials, players, team officials, or other spectators. Failure to do so could result in team suspension or game forfeiture. What follows is an effort to provide clarity about inappropriate behavior and about the consequences of such behavior:
    - i. Violence
    - ii. Verbal Abuse
    - iii. Vandalism
    - iv. Throwing Objects
    - v. Obscenity or obscene gestures
    - vi. Using illegal substances
    - vii. Harassment of:
      1. Officials
      2. Coaches
      3. Players
      4. Spectators
    - viii. Each of these inappropriate spectator behaviors, whether by children or adults shall be cause for immediate removal from the event and possible legal ramifications. A pattern of these behaviors shall result in being barred from future events.
    - ix. Parent support for the rules of conduct is crucial to the success of youth hockey and should be the example for our youth.

#### 4. Game Management

- a. All tournament games will be three 10-minute periods. The host member organization will determine whether the first period is a funning clock.
  - b. Game start warm up. A warm up period of three minutes shall be allowed for both teams (whether or not they are on the dek) commencing at the designated starting time, or at the time the dek becomes available.
  - c. Time outs are only allowed in championship games.
  - d. Teams will shake hands AFTER the games.
  - e. Teams are to use current official PACT score sheets (or equivalent) provided by the hosting team.
  - f. The team representative is responsible for ensuring that the score sheet is properly filled out and distributed to the referees.
  - g. Tournament standings: Standings will be compiled by the PACT webmaster and posted to the website.
5. Game Misconduct and Match Penalties and Refusal to Play
- a. Misconduct: A player or coach who receives a game misconduct penalty shall be suspected for at least one additional game. A second game misconduct in the same tournament will result in a hearing conducted by the PACT board within 30 days of occurrence. Until such hearing is held the individual involved is suspected from all PACT play.
  - b. Match Penalty: PACT requires that a mandatory hearing be held whenever a match penalty is assessed. A written report from that hearing must be forwarded to the PACT board within 5 days of the meeting from the game referees. The PACT will either approve the hearing results or if deemed necessary will make any changes they feel necessary for future involvement in the PACT season and submit new recommendation to the organizations president. From the time of infraction until the PACT ruling (maximum of 30 days), the player/team official is suspended from all events. A second match penalty will be handled in the same manner as above and will normally result in suspension from ALL PACT events for one calendar year from the PACT hearing.
  - c. Refusal to compete: Refusal to compete in any game is considered immediate resignation from the tournament. S aid team will be dropped from subsequent activities, functions, schedules, standings, trophy eligibilities and receive NO refund.
6. PACT Board Meetings
- a. The PACT Governing Board shall meet at least three times a year
    - i. Mid-March
    - ii. June
    - iii. October
  - b. Additional meetings shall be held as needed and determined by the PACT President.
  - c. The meeting time and location shall be determined by the PACT Board President
  - d. The meeting shall be used to present the status of the PACT, and pertinent information concerning PACT activities, review of the previous meetings minutes, and a forum to present proposed changes to the PACT by laws.
  - e. The PACT board will vote on motions presented by the board that receives a second motion by the board.
  - f. Motions may be presented concerning changes to the bylaws.

- g. Each PACT organization shall receive one vote, unless you are a new member then there is a one-year probation period before your vote.
  - h. Member organizations without a board position will receive one at large vote on the board motions.
  - i. A 2/3 vote must be obtained in order to accept a motion.
  - j. Minutes of each meeting shall be posted on the PACT website and submitted to the member organizations.
7. Team Rosters
- a. Teams are limited to 19 rostered players
  - b. Players that are not on the team's roster by the start of the first game of said tournament are not permitted to play in any games. Games in which non-rostered players are used shall be recorded as a 1-0 forfeit and the stats will be recorded. Use of on-rostered players in a game that is forfeited may be subject to further disciplinary action by the PACT board. It is the responsibility of each organization/team and player to submit a correct roster which complies with the PACT bylaws, rules and regulations. If there is any question about a roster, or there is information that may cause anyone to doubt or question the roster at a PACT event the organization/team and player has an affirmative obligation to bring the matter to the attention of the PACT, and a ruling will be made through our board via our emergency group text within 5 minutes of the said question. It is not the responsibility of the PACT to neither initiate the review of nor initially review rosters but rather the responsibility of the organization/team and player to submit a true and correct roster. PACT will review any roster question brought to its attention in accordance with its bylaws, rules and regulations. It is also the responsibility of each organization/team and player to be familiar with and comply with all PACT bylaws, rules and regulations.
  - c. Players may be rostered only one PACT team per season at their age level based on USDH birth year requirements, with the following exception: Players can play up an age group for the same organization's travel team roster in addition to their primary travel team roster at any PACT event.
  - d. Players can be added after March 1<sup>st</sup> to any roster as long as they have not already been rostered on another PACT travel team.
8. Recruiting/Transfers
- a. Coaches will not recruit a participant who is already a member of another PACT team. Direct contact by a coach or his/her staff or indirect contact through an agent or parent during the playing season with a participant who is a member of another PACT team is considered tampering and is prohibited. No recruiting is allowed during the season as defined starting March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year until the last tournament of the calendar year hosted by a member organization. Recruiting is allowed from the Monday after last member organization tournament of the calendar year until March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following calendar year. Once a player is added to a roster and it is reported to the PACT, they are not eligible to be recruited to another team. Any player that attempts to move organization after accepting a roster spot will not be eligible to play for any member organization for one year, unless prior board approval is obtained.