

OTHLEA, LLC

The Old Tyme Hockey League of East Aurora, or OTHLEA, is dedicated to providing a safe, competitive and fun environment for adult players to skate and play hockey. The League welcomes players of all skill levels, whether new to the game or returning to it, and strives to ensure that players can compete in a fun, competitive environment. OTHLEA is sanctioned by USA Hockey and follows, as a minimum, the rules set forth by USA Hockey. These rules can be found at the USA Hockey website. OTHLEA also has additional rules that enhance or supplement the USA Hockey rules. OTHLEA is the final arbiter on how these amended rules will be interpreted and applied. The penalties set forth in this addendum will be in addition to that instituted by USA Hockey.

OTHLEA Adheres to the USA Hockey rules and regulations and the following amended rules supersede the rules of USA Hockey. However, at all times, the rules of USA Hockey remain in effect. These rules are found at:

[http://www.usahockey.com/uploadedFiles/USAHockey/Menu Officials/Menu Rules Equipment/2011%20-%202013%20Rulebook.pdf](http://www.usahockey.com/uploadedFiles/USAHockey/Menu%20Officials/Menu%20Rules%20Equipment/2011%20-%202013%20Rulebook.pdf)

OTHLEA will not tolerate malicious, unsportsmanlike and/or violent behavior. OTHLEA will strictly enforce the rules on penalties. Our cameras will be recording all of our games this year. Penalties/suspensions are cumulative. Penalties/suspensions incurred during the regular season will carry over into the playoffs if necessary. Additionally, when faced with exceptional team or player misconduct, OTHLEA reserves the right to increase any of the following penalties, up to and including ejecting the team or player from OTHLEA without a refund.

OTHLEA is a “non-checking” league. It is accepted that some incidental contact will result and that some is purely accidental. Nevertheless, players must be responsible for their own actions. Body checking is strictly prohibited and shall be penalized with a minor or major penalty at the referees’ discretion

Minor Penalties

- A player that receives **3** minor penalties in one game will be suspended/ejected for the duration of the game upon receiving the third penalty.
- A player who receives 3 minor penalties during a game twice in a season will receive a one (1) game suspension. The player will serve the suspension during his/her team's next game regardless of playoff or season end.
- A third infraction will result in expulsion from the game and player will be subject to a penalty to be determined by OTHLEA that will not be less than a two (2) game suspension

Major Penalties

- Any major penalties will result in automatic expulsion from the game. Hitting from behind results in an automatic major penalty and automatic expulsion from the game.
- If same player receives a major penalty in another game, player will automatically receive misconduct and be suspended/ejected for the duration of the game. This will result in a one (1) game suspension
- Do it again, player is automatically removed from the league for balance of season including playoffs and player will be subject to a penalty and fine to be determined by OTHLEA that will not be less than a seven (7) game suspension.

Fighting and Misconduct

- Fighting and roughing will not be tolerated. By definition, one or more punches constitute a fight and penalties will be assessed at the discretion of the referee. A fighting penalty will result in a minimum two (2) game suspension for the first offense.
- A second offense during the season will result in automatic expulsion from the league and the OTHLEA will not permit re-entry into the league.
- Any player who receives a game misconduct will be assessed an automatic one (1) game suspension.
- A second game misconduct during the current season will result in a two (2) game suspension.
- Any player who receives three (3) game misconducts during the season will be suspended for the balance of the season, including playoffs and player will be subject to a penalty and fine to be determined by OTHLEA that will not be less than a 10 game suspension.

Reservation of Rights

- OTHLEA is committed to providing a fun, competitive, safe league. As a result, it reserves the right to suspend, expel or otherwise prevent any player from playing that OTHLEA determines, in its sole discretion, to be detrimental to the safe operation of the League. OTHLEA also reserves the right to refuse or deny the application of any prospective player that OTHLEA determines, in its sole discretion, to be detrimental to the safe operation of the League.
- OTHLEA reserves the right to change its rules or guidelines at any time. Teams and players are encouraged to check the League's website throughout the season for any updates
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