



# 8U SCAHA Guidelines

## 8U A, B and C (Gretzky Division)

- 12 Jamboree Events (September - March).
- Half ice games, 4 teams per Jamboree.

## Schedule

- Teams should be prepared to play at all SCAHA club locations.
- All games will be pre-determined and posted on the SCAHA's website.

## Jamboree Events - Sign in Sheets all 8U Divisions

- Lead Host Team Manager will need to print the Sign in Sheet from their Manager Portal in the SCAHA website.
- Team Managers need to locate Host Team Managers.
  - Cross off players/coaches that are not participating.
- Fines/Suspensions will be issued for games played with players/coaches who are not eligible to play.
- Following the event, Lead Host Manager must upload the sign in sheet by 10pm the following Monday.

## Game Format

- Each game, 24 **minutes** running time.
- Buzzer every **90 seconds** of play for player changes.
- There will be one, three **(3) minute warm up**.
- **2-minute transition time** between games.
- All games are 4v4 with a goalie.
- All games use blue pucks.
- Intermediate (48 x 36) ADM nets are required.

## Penalties

USA Hockey states at the 8U level players need to begin to understand the following:

- **Acceptable On-Ice Conduct** – Acceptable conduct should be taught and reinforced. Unsportsmanlike conduct is the broad term covering this topic, but acceptable conduct should relate to teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, etc. This is the beginning of teaching players to be good sports and to respect everyone involved with the game.
- **Allowable Contact with Opponents** – Players should learn what types of physical contact are allowed with an opponent. Players should learn the importance of having their stick on the ice in puck battles, so that good body-contact habits are established early. The players should also begin to learn the types of physical contact that are not allowed, **such as body checking, checking from behind, slashing, tripping**, etc. While these young players are not at an age where they should be lectured as to the types of illegal contact, they should be made aware when they have made contact in a way that violates the rules.

## Two Types of penalties will be called

- **Dangerous plays:** Defined as any play that endangers that safety of another player. At 8U level collisions will happen but any major stick infractions or dangerous body contact as stated above should be called.
- **In the clear scoring chances:** Defined by any player in the clear attempting to attack the other net for a breakaway and is tripped or hooked down or purposely impeded, a penalty is called. **In the clear scoring chances** are when a penalty is called, players go to their benches and puck is put at center ice for a penalty shot with the goalie (if the buzzer rings during this process, let the player complete the penalty shot). This process should be done quickly to not waste time.

**Major Penalty:** If a major penalty occurs the player is removed from the jamboree and the referee writes the infraction on the sign in sheet. A major penalty is determined by SCAHA referee guidelines.

**Faceoffs:** A single face-off occurs at center ice for each separate jamboree, only at the start of each jamboree. (UPDATED)

**Line Changes:** There should not be clear scoring opportunities following line changes, pucks should be pushed wide or to ‘quiet’ areas to create 50/50 puck battles.

All players must return to their home bench following each shift, including players that are going to return to the ice for a consecutive shift. (UPDATED)

**Puck out of play:** Referees should have extra puck in their pocket to put in the nearest corner of play. If the referee does not have extra puck, they will retrieve the puck and put the puck into play at the nearest corner to create a 50/50 battle.

**Goalie covers:** Referees must command the offensive team to back off from goalie so the referee can get the puck from goalie. Referee will play the puck to the nearest corner to create a 50/50 battle.

**Locker Rooms**

- In many rink locations teams will be asked to share locker rooms.
- At 8U depending on your club policy, parents can be in the locker room to help their child get dressed, please ensure that all members of your club abide by USA Hockey's SafeSport locker room guidelines.
- For the protection of all our players, a NO CELL PHONE POLICY in the locker room must be followed.

**Jamboree Matchup Format: A, B and C (Gretzky Division) (4) team Jamboree (2 half Ice games)**

Jamboree #  
Location  
Date & Time

A

B

Jersey Assignments			
Dark		White	
T1	Team 1	Team 3	T3
T2	Team 2	Team 4	T4
Home		Visitor	

Game 1:  
Game 2:  
Game 3:

A

T1T3  
T1T4  
T1T2

Game 1:  
Game 2:  
Game 3:

B

T2T4  
T2T3  
T4T3

Game 3:

\*jersey change T2 & T4\*