



## SAN DIEGO HEARTBREAKERS TRAVEL TEAM INFORMATION and DIVISION CLASSIFICATION



### **16.0 OVERVIEW**

- 16.1 The regular season as defined by USA Hockey is September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 16.2 The member teams of the San Diego Heartbreakers travel across the U.S.A. and Canada to compete at different tournaments.
- 16.3 For any member team that the San Diego Heartbreakers forms to participate in a tournament, exhibition game or scrimmage (other than a national bound team), the San Diego Heartbreakers will accept any registered participant member that is in good standing, no matter the skill level of such player.
- 16.4 **Members Meeting:** August is usually the month that the registered participant members meeting takes place. At this meeting, a decision will be made as to whether or not a national bound team will be formed to compete for a national title.
- 16.5 **Team Manager:** Each member team shall have a designated team manager. The team captain(s) will serve as the team manager unless another individual has been appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 16.6 **Coaches:** The head coach will be responsible for all on-ice activities. If there is no coach for any member team of the San Diego Heartbreakers, then the team captain, with the help of the assistant captains, will act as the head coach.
- a) All coaches for a national bound team will read, date, and sign the “Coach Agreement”, see exhibit 4.
- 16.7 **Score Sheets:** The head coach and/or team manager is responsible for the accuracy of the score sheet. Inaccurate or unsigned score sheets may result in suspension, fines, and/or forfeitures.
- a) Players not in attendance or not able to participate in any game shall be crossed off from the list of players on all copies of the game score sheet.

### **17.0 RECREATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM**

- 17.1 This member team consists of registered participant members who want to travel and play at a recreational and/or competitive level to a few select tournaments but who do not want to commit to a full season.
- a) This team shall be referred to as “Team 2”
- 17.2 The recreational team will usually be filled on a first come, first serve basis, unless there are more than 14 interested players, then try-outs may be held at the discretion of the team manager. In instances where there is a large number of interested players, the team manager will elect to do one or more of the following:
1. Roster players who showed interest and paid first.
  2. Hold try-outs.
  3. Examine the option of having two (2) teams compete at the tournament, in different divisions.
  4. Exhibition games/scrimmages: may elect to choose the appropriate skilled level players to play in such game.
- 17.3 **Rosters:** The roster will be completed with player names once each player’s **FULL** payment has been received, by the set deadline from the team manager. If a player commits to a team, then backs out, this may cause future forfeitures for that player.
- a) The number of players rostered will be based on each tournament, exhibition game or scrimmage minimum requirements and costs.

- b) This team has a pay as you play standard. There is no set roster for the season and no monthly dues required to participate.

## **18.0 NATIONAL BOUND TRAVEL TEAM**

18.1 This member team consists of registered participant members who want to compete for a national title and play as a team for the duration of the season.

- a) This team shall be referred to as “Team 1” unless more than one (1) national bound team is formed.

18.2 After a consensus from the registered Participant members of the San Diego Heartbreakers, the Board of Directors may elect to have a member team participate towards a national championship title.

- a) Only if there are a minimum of fourteen (14) registered participant members willing to make the season long commitment (committed players) and there are at least three (3) to six (6) additional registered participant members willing to fill in when needed (alternate players).
- b) The fourteen (14) committed players will be considered the “core” of the team and all practices will be based around them.

18.3 If there are more than twenty (20) registered participant members interested in competing for a national title, then try-outs may be held and a decision from the Board of Directors will be made as to the formation of a second national bound team.

- a) Each team will be declared in different divisions.
- b) Alternates may be considered for use if two (2) teams are formed.

18.4 **Former NCAA College Players:** For each team that competes in the women’s senior “C” division, each team is allowed up to four (4) former NCAA college players. Waivers are no longer required. Women’s Senior “A” and “B” have no restrictions regarding former NCAA college players.

- a) If more than four (4) former college players want to participate on a women’s senior “C” team, the team manager and/or the Board of Directors will consider the following and decide which four (4) players will be rostered:
  1. Tenure – Which players have been with this member association the longest.
  2. Returning rights – played with the San Diego Heartbreakers national team in the past.
  3. Previously played with a national bound team.
  4. Former division 1 players may have priority over former division 3 players.
  5. Move the team up as a whole to senior “B”.
  6. Other considerations as agreed to by the Board of Directors

18.5 **Rosters:** All players (committed and alternate) will be listed on the USA Hockey official team roster. No changes will be made to the roster(s) once approved by the USA Hockey Associate Registrar.

- a) Each roster will have a maximum of 18 skaters and 2 goalies.
- b) The roster will be “locked” once players have been chosen.

18.6 **All Rostered Players:**

- a) Must play in at least ten (10) of the team’s games during the season to qualify for district and/or national playoffs.
- b) Are required to make every attempt to be at all practices.

- c) Are required to be at all games one (1) hour prior to game start time.
- 18.7 **Committed Player Requirements:** All committed players shall enter into a written agreement with the San Diego Heartbreakers for the duration of the playing season (for the date of the agreement), see Exhibit 3.
- a) Each player must pay a \$300 non-refundable deposit due by the date shown in the player agreement.
  - b) Each player must pay monthly dues as determined by the team manager and as stated in the player agreement.
    - \* This will cover tournament fees, exhibition games, scrimmages, practices and any coach's expenses that may occur. Monthly dues do not cover air flight, hotel, car rental or any other travel arrangements.
    - \* If a player gets a month or more behind in payments, that player may be subject to suspension by the team manager until their financial obligations have been met.
    - \* The team manager will notify the 1st Vice President of any suspension to players due to the lack of payments.
- 18.8 **Alternate Player Requirements:** Alternate players are used as a "fill in" player when a committed player is unable to participate in a tournament, exhibition game or scrimmage.
- a) Each player will pay for their portion of tournament, exhibition game, scrimmage, and practice ice costs as they participate in. Payments will be due by the date set by the team manager.
  - b) Alternate players may play with other teams, as long as the other team is not a national bound team. Alternates must check with the team manager first to ensure roster eligibility.

## **19.0 JERSEYS and SOCKS**

- 19.1 San Diego Heartbreakers current jerseys are of the old Buffalo Sabre's home and away black, white and red with the Heartbreakers logo on the front. The socks are also the old Buffalo Sabre's black, white and red.
- 19.2 **LOANER JERSEYS:** The San Diego Heartbreakers have loaner jerseys (both home and away) for new members to borrow for tournaments or during a season. You will sign the San Diego Heartbreakers Loaner Jersey Agreement (Exhibit 6) prior to being issued a set of jerseys.
- 19.3 **NEW JERSEYS:** After your second season of competing with the San Diego Heartbreakers, you will be required to purchase your own set of jerseys (both home and away) with matching numbers.
- a) You may purchase your own set of jerseys at any time through the San Diego Heartbreakers Secretary. Request and fill out a Jersey Order form (Exhibit 5).
  - b) Jersey numbers will NOT be duplicated with other current members.
  - c) After three (3) years of no participation within the San Diego Heartbreakers, you will forfeit your jersey number to another player that may wish to have said number.
  - d) The San Diego Heartbreakers have retired jersey #11, it will never be worn by another member of this member association.
- 19.4 **SOCKS:** All participants that play on one of the San Diego Heartbreakers teams are required to purchase socks. San Diego Heartbreakers DO NOT loan socks out. The organization does currently have socks for players to purchase. Send an email to the San Diego Heartbreakers Secretary and/or President to request to purchase a pair. Only one (1) pair is required to be purchase as the team wears white on the right leg and black on the left leg. The sock sets are pre-sorted.

## **20.0 WOMENS DIVISION AS DEFINED UNDER YOUTH CLASSIFICATION**

20.1 **WOMEN:** Divided into A, B and C classifications (additional recreational classifications of Adult Women 30 and Over, 40 and Over, and 50 and Over, will be organized under the Adult Council). All players must be 18 years of age or older.

- \* **Women's Senior A:** This category is for elite teams and players. Restricted to legal U.S. residents
- \* **Women's Senior B:** This category is for established teams and skilled players. Restricted to legal U.S. residents.
- \* **Women's Senior C:** This category is for established teams. In the case of national tournament-bound teams, players may not be current or past Olympic or National Team players. Teams are allowed to roster up to four (4) former NCAA college players. Restricted to legal U.S. residents.

## **21.0 WOMENS DIVISIONS AS DEFINED UNDER ADULT CLASSIFICATION**

21.1 **Adult Women's Recreational (30 & Over):** Restricted to U.S. residents. Unrestricted as to citizenship. All players shall be 30 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season; Exception: Goalkeepers may be 25 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season. Under direction of the Adult Council, these requirements may be modified for a specific year. International/Canadian transfer forms or resident documentation is not required for this classification.

21.2 **Adult Women's Recreational (40 & Over):** Restricted to U.S. residents. Unrestricted as to citizenship. All players shall be 40 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season; Exception: Goalkeepers may be 35 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season. Under direction of the Adult Council, these requirements may be modified for a specific year. International/Canadian transfer forms or resident documentation is not required for this classification.

21.3 **Adult Women's Recreational (50 & Over):** Restricted to U.S. residents. Unrestricted as to citizenship. All players shall be 50 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season; Exception: Goalkeepers may be 45 years of age or older by December 31 of the playing season. Under direction of the Adult Council, these requirements may be modified for a specific year. International/Canadian transfer forms or resident documentation is not required for this classification