



ATHL
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Alberta Team Handball League

Rules & Regulation 2011/12 Season

Definitions

ATHF: Alberta Team Handball Federation.

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Member: Any ATHF athlete, coach, official, or anyone in attendance that has paid the ATHF membership fee.

BoD: Board of Directors.

Disqualification: Red card.

Forfeit: Automatic loss of 10 – 0.

18-U League- Players born 94 and up

Junior: Guys Born in 1989 and up

Open- Any Age

NCCP: National Coaching Certificate Program

Senior: Open Category

Suspension: 2 minute penalty.

Mission

To develop, promote, educate, and grow the sport of Team Handball at all levels; and enable all ATHF members to achieve sustained competitive excellence.

Foreword

The ATHF rule book establishes and regulates all issues in all ATHF sanctioned events.

Rules of the Game

ARTICLE 1 – Code of Conduct

Section 1 – Application of Code

All ATHF members are considered ambassadors of the game and, as such, need to adhere to these rules. They shall not engage in behaviour that is detrimental to the game or the growth of the sport in Alberta or Canada.

Section 2 – Authorities to Implement the Rules and Code

- A.** During a match the referees are the ultimate disciplinary authority. Their authority extends to warm up, match play, timeouts, halftime, and any pre or post match occurrences.
- B.** During a match any person that is a member of ATHF is allowed to take action on all participants and spectators. These actions include but are not limited to: assignment of disqualifications, removal of a person from an event, and disqualification of a team from a match. They may do so in accordance with any provision in this document.

Section 3 – Unacceptable Behaviour during a Match

- A.** This document defines unacceptable behaviour as:
 - a)** Use of offensive language, generally as a disparaging remark to any member, however it extends to an expression of frustration or self-admonishment. This includes any act that is reasonably likely to threaten, disparage, vilify, offend, insult, humiliate, or intimidate another person or group based on race, gender, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation.
 - b)** Disputing of the referee's decision. This applies equally to disqualifications and unsuccessful appeals as to the judgment of referee decisions regarding match play decisions.
 - c)** The excessive number of appeals primarily aimed at pressuring and intimidating the referees into a favourable decision.
 - d)** Failure to obey referee instructions and/or to leave the court promptly upon being assessed a suspension.
 - e)** Abuse of equipment (e.g. kicking a chair, throwing a water bottle, etc.).
 - f)** Improper conduct and/or failure to exit the gym without delay after a player have been disqualified. Failure to do so can often inflame the situation and lead to more serious altercations. It is the responsibility of all members involved, especially the athletes, to ensure a return to the levels of conduct and sportsmanship the game traditionally inherits.
- B.** During a match only the team responsible and team representative are permitted to respectfully address the referees. The team responsible and team representative are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game and within the provisions of this document.

ARTICLE 2 – Registration and Eligibility, Transfers, and Zoning

Section 1 – Registration and Eligibility

- A. All members shall register on the official ATHL website at ATHL.redzoneleagues.com and designate his/her participant category. The registration must be followed by the payment of the ATHF membership fee at least 48 hours prior to participating in any event.
- B. 18-U members must participate in 7 and Junior members must participate in at least 9 ATHL matches that season to be eligible to participate in the ATHL category above of the same season, failure to do so will result in a forfeit for each match of the senior team that the member in question participated in.

Section 2 – Transfers

- A. Each senior men's team is allowed 2 transfers total and each junior team or 18-U team is allowed 0 transfers with the exception of goalies.) Open women's team cannot have transfer unless a goalie is needed or not enough players to make a team
- B. The 1st 2 Transfers will be \$50 per transfer which goes to the old club, after 2 transfers the club must pay \$100 per transfer.)
- C. Transfers will be accepted by the ATHF at any time prior to the January ATHF board meeting after which the transfer freeze will put be in place until the following season. Only upon approval of the completed transfer request from the ATHF board will the member be cleared to play for his/her new club.
- D. All transfers are approved for only 1 season for each member. After that season has ended the transfer must go through the approval process again for the next season.
- E. After players been with a club for 2 years they are officially with that Club
- D. All Coaches must apply for a transfer to coach outside their Zone and can only coach 1 zone.

Section 3 – Zoning

- A. All current members shall be grandfathered into their current club, with exception to transfers from 2.2.C.

B. Any member living in dorms for school shall be zoned by their permanent address.

C. Zones are as follows:

Parkland: Any municipality west of Edmonton boundary.

West/North: Within Edmonton Boundaries and north of the North Saskatchewan River, including any municipality directly north of Edmonton.

South/Central.: Within Edmonton Boundaries and south of the North Saskatchewan River, including any municipality directly south of Edmonton.

Sherwood Park: Any municipality east of the Highway 14.

Calgary Handball Association: The City of Calgary, all municipalities closer to Calgary than Edmonton, and all municipalities south of Calgary; excluding the Lethbridge zone. (Calgary will be closely looked at over the next two years to start making zones)

Lethbridge: The City of Lethbridge and surrounding municipalities.

Sask: The province of Saskatchewan.

Article 3 – Fees

Section 1 – Fees made payable to the Alberta Team Handball Federation

- A. September 1st – 50% of total ATHL entry fee.(Jr League)
- B. October 1st –50% of total ATHL entry fee.(Sr League)
- C. January 10th – Last 50% of ATHL entry fee.
- D. Late ATHL entry fee payments will result in a \$100 fine biweekly to a maximum of \$300 for the club.

- E. Late ATHF membership fee payments will result in a \$50 fine per match played and the team will forfeit every match played with unregistered member(s).

ARTICLE 4 – Match Appeals

Section 1 – Appeal Procedure

- A. If an ATHF member wishes to appeal an ATHF match, such appeal must be written on the appropriate score sheet within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the match. The Scorekeeper will then hand it in to the Technical Director.
- B. The decision from the ATHF BoD of the appeal will be made public prior to the next match of the team of the member involved.
- C. The member or club shall have 3 days to appeal the decision to the ATHF. The decision of the second appeal will be made public prior to the next match of the team of the member involved.
- D. All ATHF decisions are final; cases that are denied for appeal cannot be reopened.
- E. Matches cannot be appealed due to court lines or jersey numbers.

ARTICLE 5 – Sanctions and Violations

Section 1 – Disqualifications

- A. Disqualifications of members will be cause for the following ATHF suspensions:

| Reason for Disqualification | 1st Offense | 2nd Offense | 3rd Offense |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Abusive or Insulting Remarks | 1 Match | 2 Matches | Hearing |
| Offensive Gestures | 1 Match | 2 Matches | Hearing |
| Direct Disqualification | 1 Match | 2 Matches | Hearing |
| Direct Disqualification Causing Major Injury | Hearing | Hearing | Hearing |

Section 2 – Forfeit of the Match

- A. All scheduled matches must be played. The 1st forfeited match the club will be fined \$100, 2nd forfeited match the club will be fined \$250,00, 3rd forfeited match the club will be fined \$500, 4th the team is suspended for the year. Half Paid to the opponent club and half to ATHF. A no show for the matches in Calgary results in a \$150 fine, paid to the opponent. The team will not be able to play until fine is paid.
- B. A team has 5 min after the match is scheduled to have enough members to participate. A team must have 5 members to participate in a match.

Section 3 – Stickum

- A. Stickum can only put on hands, not on shoes or any other part of the body. Any member seen wiping his/her hands on the wall or floor because of stickum will be given a suspension, no warning is necessary. All officials for the match can assess this suspension.
- B. A referee can change the ball at anytime at the request of a participating team in the match, if they deem the ball has too much stickum.

ARTICLE 6 – Equipment, Match Duration, League Play, and Rules

Section 1 – Equipment

- A.** Each team must have matching jerseys with numbers on the back by 1 month into the season. The goalie jersey must not match the colour of the team jerseys. Each member who does not match will be fined \$10 per match.
- B.** The ball for men is size 3 and for women is size 2. If a ball is not provided for the match, each team must bring a ball to the coin toss for selection of the match ball; the ball not chosen will remain as the match alternate.

Section 2 – Match Duration

ATHL senior matches shall be 2x30 minutes, ATHL junior matches shall be 2x30 minutes and U-18 matches shall be 2x30min as well all with 5 minute halftimes. Any other ATHF match will have the duration decided for each specific event.

Section 3 – League Play

Point system for ATHL as follows:

- A.** 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss will be awarded for each match.
- B.** If 2 teams end in a tie at the end of the season the following tie breaker order will take place: head to head wins, then goals for and against between the teams, then goals for and against in the entire season; if still a tie a coin toss will decide the outcome.
- C.** ATHL senior playoffs shall be 2x30 minute matches, ATHL junior playoffs shall be 2x30 minute matches and ATHF 18-U matches shall be 2x30min, in the event of a tie at the end of regulation the ATHF will follow IHF overtime rules.
- D.** ATHL senior teams can dress up to 16 players per match; ATHL junior teams can dress 16 players per match.
- E.** ATHL 18-u, Jr League and Women Open League must have a NCCP level 1 coach on the bench or the match will result in a forfeit, the team official must sign the score sheet for each match.

Section 4 – Rules of the Game

- A.** The ATHF will follow IHF rules unless otherwise stated in this document.
- B.** ATHL 18-U teams cannot play 6-0 defence for 1st half, progressive punishment being assessed for violation.
- C.** Court lines are at the discretion of the gym being played in and will be clarified at the coin toss of each match, if not clearly marked.