



## **APPROVED GAME PROTOCOL**

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To provide a consistent set of standards and conditions for games across the WCCHA, the following game protocol is the **default** standard for all games hosted by a WCCHA team for **league play**. Alterations to this protocol must be communicated to the visiting team in advance of arrival, and any concerns should be forwarded to the WCCHA Commissioner immediately.

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1. Teams enter for warmups on *clean ice*. Standard warm-up time is **8:00 minutes**.
2. At the home team's discretion, lineups and an anthem are allowed prior to the start of the first period.
3. **20 minute 1st period** following completion of warm-ups (no ice cut).
4. Ice Cut during 1st/2nd period intermission.
5. **20 minute 2nd period**
6. Ice cut during 2nd/3rd period intermission.
7. **20 minute 3rd period**

#### *IF TIED AFTER 60 MINUTES*

1. 2 minute on-ice intermission (no ice cut).
2. **5 minute, 3v3 overtime period** played under sudden-death rules.
3. If there is no score after the overtime period, the final game result (win/loss) is determined by shootout. The shootout will consist of at least 3 shooters from each team; if the shootout is still tied after 3 shooters, additional rounds with new shooters continue until a winner is determined. The winner of the shootout earns only a single goal for the purpose of a final score (i.e. if a team scores 3 goals in the shootout, the final score is only a +1).

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS/GAME DAY REQUIREMENTS**

- The home team shall supply warm-up and game pucks for BOTH teams
- The home team shall supply the scoresheet and staffing for the scorer's box (2 people preferred) and penalty boxes
- The home team shall confirm time for warmups (clarify if listed game time is for warmups start or puck drop)



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- The home team is expected to wear white/light color jerseys, with visiting teams wearing dark color jerseys; teams can agree in advance to a different pairing of jerseys, but this must be communicated
- A 3-man officiating system is the *minimum* allowed for ACHA and WCCHA games
- There is NO rule for running time WCCHA play
- Teams are expected to reserve at least 2.25 hours (preferably 2.5) to ensure game completion