

## NTHL RULES & REGULATIONS 2019/2020

### **Definitions:**

**Team:** A team that plays in a particular league as a self-contained entity. i.e. West Point Gold, Ocean Team Handball

**Organization:** An organizational unit for the operation of a single or multiple handball teams.

NYC Team Handball Club = Organization. NYC 1, NYC2, NYC 3 = 3 Teams

### **Matches:**

- When applicable, the NTHL will follow the USATH Rulebook
- NTHL Matches are 2x25 minutes, with a 5-7 minute halftime period.
- A team winning an NTHL match is awarded two (2) points.
- A team drawing an NTHL match is awarded one (1) point.
- A team which forfeits a match receives a one (1) point deduction, with the resulting match score 15-0.
- Pending modification from the USATH Competition Committee, the two (2) highest ranking teams at the end of the season who have not previously qualified will automatically qualify for USATH Elite Nationals.

### **Facility:**

- A Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) must be available at every host facility, with AED accessible.
  - The responsibility for ensuring compliance is with the hosting team.
  - NTHL pays the fees for the ATC.
- Scoresheets, timeout cards, and all other table documentation is the responsibility of the hosting team.

### **Membership and Rosters**

- All organizations must register their organizational membership with USATH.
  - Club Organizations = \$200
  - College Organizations = \$100
- All players must have an active registration with USATH at least seven (7) days prior to their first sanctioned Match Date. **No Exceptions**
- All players must have active health insurance, and carry their health insurance information at all times.
- Rosters for each team for the season shall be submitted electronically, if possible, to the Commissioner by November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

- Pending a USATH switch from TopScore to another online membership management tool, rosters for each team must appear in the USATH online membership website.
- Roster changes may be made after this date, but must be communicated to the Commissioner.

❖ Player Movement Policies

- A player may not play concurrently for two teams in the same division. If a player plays for the second team in the same division and then plays with that organization's first team i.e. NYC 2, WPG), he may not return to play for the second team the rest of the season.
- Any player may move freely between divisions. **See Addendum**
- Players cannot change organizations during the season. See definitions at top of page.
- Movement Policy: A player not registered to any organization in NTHL may be registered to any organization's team at any time.
  - **ADDENDUM** - Players may currently move freely between divisions; however, we encourage organizations with teams in both the 1st division and 2nd division to use 1st division players sparingly in the 2nd division. Players who are rotation/bench players, who are returning from serious injury, and who are playing a significantly different role from their 1st division role are acceptable on 2nd division teams. The NTHL reserves the right to further restrict player movement on a case-by-case basis if an organization appears to "stack" or manipulate a 2nd division team with 1st division players for none of the above acceptable reasons.

## NTHL PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

### **USATH Membership**

- All organizations must register their organizational membership with USATH.
  - Club Organizations = \$200
  - College Organizations = \$100

### **USATH Individual Membership**

- All players must have an active, paid membership with USATH at least seven (7) days prior to their first sanctioned Match Date. **No Exceptions**

### **NTHL League Fee**

- Each team will receive a budget document, highlighting the league fee and payment deadlines for said team for the season in question. If needed, an invoice may be provided upon request.
- Mail the NTHL League Fee to:
  - Northeast Team Handball League
  - c/o Janice O'Shea
  - 1649 State Highway 235
  - Greene, NY 13778

## NTHL MATCHDAY PREP CHECKLIST

### 2 Months +

- ❖ Confirm Facility Location/Date/Time
  - Confirm availability in facility for (mandatory):
    - Ice
    - AED (Automated External Defibrillator)
    - ~25 chairs + 2 tables
    - Scoreboard
  - Confirm if facility will allow (optional):
    - Wax/resin
    - Shower access
    - Hardline internet connection (minimum 25 Mbps; for video streaming)
- ❖ Provide facility location/date/time to league office
- ❖ Apply for facility insurance (if needed) through USATH

### 1 Month +

- ❖ Source Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC)
  - Provide ATC info to League Commissioner
  - Confirm matchday time, location, and rate with ATC
- ❖ Designate member of your organization to serve as matchday delegate
  - In control of on-site operations
  - Not playing in matchday

### 1 Week +

- ❖ Acquire table documents
  - Table yellow card/red card/blue card
  - Suspension Report
  - 2 Minute Cards/Board
  - Return-to-Play Card/Board
  - Blank Scoresheets/Match Report
- ❖ Acquire blank vouchers and insurance claims from league office

### Day of Matchday

- ❖ Set up facility in advance of first game
  - Goals, Court, benches and technical area
  - Accessible location for ATC
- ❖ Delegate greets ATC
- ❖ Delegate provides voucher for service to ATC and referees

- Delegate is responsible for emailing completed vouchers and scoresheet to league office