HTC NIGHT LEAGUE

Season 2026/27 · Ferlach, Austria

OFFICIAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS

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HTC NIGHT LEAGUE is an amateur hockey league established by Hockey Trainings Center (HTC) to provide organized, competitive and enjoyable hockey for players of different skill levels.
The league focuses on fair competition, respect between participants, player development and creating a
friendly hockey community.
Participation in the league confirms that every player has read and accepted these Regulations.

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1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

HTC Night League is an independent amateur hockey league organized by Hockey Trainings Center.
The league is intended exclusively for recreational players who wish to participate in organized hockey games in a safe, respectful and enjoyable environment.
The primary objectives of the league are:
• promoting amateur hockey;
• improving players' hockey skills;
• providing regular games throughout the season;
• maintaining a safe sporting environment;
• encouraging respect for teammates, opponents and officials.
The Organizer reserves the right to interpret, amend or supplement these Regulations whenever necessary to ensure the proper operation of the league.
Any amendments become effective immediately after publication to participating teams.

2. PURPOSE OF THE LEAGUE

HTC Night League is not a professional competition.
Winning is important, but sportsmanship always comes first.
The league is based on five core principles:

Fair Play
Players compete honestly and respect the rules.

Respect
Respect towards opponents, teammates, referees and organizers is mandatory.

Safety
Every decision taken by the Organizer or the referee prioritizes player safety.

Community
The league aims to build a friendly hockey community in Carinthia and surrounding regions.

Development
Players of different experience levels should have the opportunity to improve through regular competition.

3. COMPETITION FORMAT

The 2026/2027 season will be played in Ferlach, Austria.
The Organizer may divide the league into two independent divisions depending on the number of registered players.

Small Ice Surface
Each team consists of:
• max 10 players
Games are played in a 3 vs 3 format.
A total of max 20 participate in each match (10 each team).

Match Schedule
The Organizer prepares the official schedule before the season begins.
The schedule includes:
• match dates;
• starting times;
• assigned arena;
• participating teams.
The Organizer may modify the schedule in exceptional circumstances such as arena availability, weather conditions or other unforeseen situations.

4. TEAMS AND PLAYER REGISTRATION

Players register directly through HTC Night League.
The Organizer reserves the right to assign players to teams to ensure competitive balance.
The minimum age for participation is 18 years, unless special written permission is granted by the Organizer.
Each player may only represent one team during the regular season unless otherwise approved.
Players joining during the season may be added only with Organizer approval.
False information during registration may result in immediate removal from the league.

7. GAME RULES

HTC Night League follows the IIHF Rules, with the following exceptions.

Small Ice Surface
• No offside.
• No body checking.
• No fighting or punches.
The Organizer may introduce additional local rules if required for player safety.

8. PENALTIES

The following penalties apply:
• Minor Penalty - penalty shot
• Major Penalty - penalty shot misconduct for the game
Fighting or punching is strictly prohibited (game ban or season disqualification).
A player involved in a fight receives:
• possible Game Misconduct (ejection);
• additional suspension if decided by the Organizer.
Dangerous hits, abuse of officials or repeated unsportsmanlike conduct may also result in suspension.

9. REFEREEING

Each game is officiated by one referee.
The referee has full authority during the game.
All referee decisions are final.
Players must respect the referee at all times.
Abuse, insults or threatening behaviour toward officials may result in immediate ejection.

10. LEAGUE STANDINGS

Points are awarded as follows:
Regular win - 3 points
Shootout win - 2 points
Shootout loss - 1 point
Regular loss - 0 points
If two or more teams finish with equal points, ranking is decided by:
1. Head-to-head results.
2. Number of wins.
3. Goal difference.
4. Goals scored.

11. SHOOTOUT

If a game ends tied after regulation:
• each team takes three (3) penalty shots;
• if still tied, sudden-death shootout continues until one team scores and the other does not.

12. PLAYOFFS

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13. PLAYER EQUIPMENT

For safety reasons, all players must wear full hockey equipment during every game.
Mandatory equipment includes:
• Hockey helmet
• Gloves
• Shoulder pads
• Elbow pads
• Hockey pants
• Shin guards
• Skates
• Hockey stick
Goalkeepers must wear complete goalie equipment.
The Organizer or referee may refuse participation to any player whose equipment is considered unsafe.

14. PLAYER REGISTRATION

Players register through the Organizer before the start of the season.
Registration becomes valid after:
• confirmation by the Organizer;
• payment of the participation fee;
• assignment to a team.
The Organizer reserves the right to refuse or cancel a registration if necessary for the proper operation of
the league.

15. PAYMENTS

Payment must be completed before the start of the match unless otherwise agreed with the Organizer.
All participation fees are paid directly to HTC Night League and are used exclusively for league operations,
including:
• ice rental;
• referee fees;
• league administration;
• equipment and organizational expenses;
• future league development.
Participation fees are non-refundable once a player has confirmed participation.
All game payments amounted at 125 Eur per team per game, as stated in a registration form should be prepaid in advance (before season start and always after each game for the next game).

16. MEDICAL RESPONSIBILITY

Every player participates at his or her own risk.
By registering, each participant confirms that:
• they are physically fit to play hockey;
• they understand the risks associated with ice hockey;
• they accept full responsibility for any injury sustained during league activities.
Players are strongly encouraged to maintain valid medical and accident insurance.
The Organizer is not responsible for injuries, illnesses, lost personal belongings or damage to equipment.
Confirmed and signed at the registration form.

17. CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants are expected to behave respectfully both on and off the ice.
Every player agrees to:
• respect teammates, opponents and officials;
• play fairly and safely;
• avoid dangerous or violent behaviour;
• follow the decisions of the referee and Organizer.
The following behaviour is prohibited:
• fighting;
• intentional injury to another player;
• abusive or discriminatory language;
• threats or intimidation;
• damage to league or arena property.
Players who repeatedly violate these rules may be suspended or permanently removed from the league.

18. ORGANIZER'S RIGHTS

The Organizer has the authority to:
• interpret these Regulations;
• amend the Regulations if necessary;
• approve player registrations;
• assign players to teams when required;
• postpone or reschedule matches;
• issue disciplinary decisions.
The Organizer's decisions are final.

19. FINAL PROVISIONS

These Regulations apply to all HTC Night League matches during the 2026/2027 season.
Any matters not covered by these Regulations shall be decided by the Organizer in the best interests of the league and its participants.
Participation in HTC Night League confirms that every player has read, understood and accepted these Regulations.

Play Hard. Play Fair. Respect the Game.
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