

Alberta Team Handball Federation 2020/21 Season Planner & Competition Regulations

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ABOUT US

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Who We Are:

Incorporated in 1976, Alberta Team Handball Federation (ATHF) is the official governing body and provides the organizational structure for the sport of handball in the province of Alberta. Alberta Team Handball is involved in every facet of the sport by running programs at all levels for indoor and beach handball. We provide all Alberta residents with fair and equal access to participation and personal growth through recreational, competitive, elite, instructional, administrative, coaching, and officiating programs. ATHF programs and volunteer activities are funded and supported by the Alberta Sport Connection, membership fees, user fees, corporate sponsors and fundraising activities.

Mission Statement:

Will govern the promotion of team handball throughout Alberta encouraging the development of coaches, referees, and administrators of all ages

Programs

- Competition opportunities through Leagues and Tournaments.
- Beach Summer Leagues.
- Camps for athletes and coaches.
- Provincials for male & female teams
- Team Alberta Programs indoor.
- Coaching clinics and symposiums for coach development.
- Referee training and certification.

Alberta Officials, Services

- Accident and liability insurance for all registered teams and individuals.
- Website and on-line registration.
- Equipment and clothing sales.

Affiliations

- Affiliated with Handball Canada & Support of Team Canada Handball.
- Support of Elementary, Jr and Sr high school programs.

STRUCTURE

The volunteer Board of Directors of ATHF consists of 7 Board members. The Board of Directors represents the various stakeholders including referees, beach & indoor programs. The professional staff, in consultation with the ATHF Board of Directors, conducts the affairs of the organization and delivers its programs and services to the membership and the handball community

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Registration & Membership Terminology

- **a. Team**: A team must be composed of a minimum of 10 players up to a maximum of 16 players. A minimum of 5 players must be present in uniform during the competition to be eligible to participate.
- **b. Club:** Team or teams grouped by a common administrative structure.
- **c. Player**: Any person playing handball who registers with a team.
- **d. Coach:** Any person listed as so on the team registration the coach must be certified through a sanctioned ATHF clinic. The minimum age for coaches and team staff on the roster is 14 years of age.
- **e. Team Staff:** Any person listed as a team member who does not compete in a match as a player, such as an assistant coach, team manager or trainer. The minimum age for coaches and team staff on the roster is 14 years of age.
- **f. Club Staff:** Members of clubs who are directly involved in the operation/administration of their Clubs, such as executive personnel, directors, club contacts and team contacts.
- **g. Referee:** Any person certified through any sanctioned Alberta Team Handball Officials (ATHF) or Handball Canada clinic.
- **h. Registration:** Club, team, player, and tournament online registration needed to be eligible to play in Alberta Team Handball events

Membership Fees Sructure

 Alberta Team Handball (ATHF) Membership is good from September 1 until August 31 of the following year. https://www.albertateamhandball.com/copy-of-2020-21-membership-fee-stru-1

ARTICLE 1 – Registration and Eligibility, Transfers, and Zoning

Section 1 – Registration and Eligibility

- A. All participants must be full members of Alberta team Handball Federation at their highest category they are playing in before participating in any leagues or tournaments. Registration can be found at https://leagues.teamlinkt.com/athl/Home
- B. Participants must be registered and paid 48hrs before league or tournament games at https://leagues.teamlinkt.com/athl/Home

Age Category

15U: Athletes born from January 1st, 2005-Dec 31st, 2009 18U: Athletes born from January 1, 2002, to Dec 31st, 2005.

Open League: any age

* Please note: Athletes CAN APPLY for an exemption.

Tournament Fees, Schedule, and Travel Information

- A. the Alberta Handball Federation Leagues Season Entry Fee for all categories (Indoor) will be up a minimum of 30 days before the start of the league. It will be able to be found on our website at www.albertateamhandball.com or https://leagues.teamlinkt.com/athl/Home \$200 non-refundable deposit is due by the registration deadline and then 100% of total ATHL fee's must be paid 48 hours before the first ATHL game as sent out by ATHF at least 1 month before the start of the season. Late ATHL entry fee payments will result in a \$100 fine biweekly to a maximum of \$300 for the club.
- B. A performance bond of \$250 is required at the start of the ATHL season from each club. Shall a team be fined throughout the season (including but not limited to forfeited matches, stickum, jerseys) this will come from the performance bond. Shall the performance bond be depleted; another \$250 bond must be in place before the start of the next game. Failure to comply will result in forfeited matches, and consequent fines to be paid before any club-affiliated teams participating in any division or age category. The performance bond will be returned within 10 business days of the final match of the season, following your club does not have a team still playing in another category.

- C. Alberta Team Handball will consider late entries into the league at the sole discretion of the executive director of Alberta Team Handball Federation. The executive director will consider the impact of adding a team to the league using factors such as facility space, the timing of the request, and other logistics. If a late entry request is granted, a \$150 late fee will be charged. There are no guarantees that Late Entries will be accepted!
- D. Our Inclement Weather Guidelines should be read before registering for leagues/tournaments https://www.albertateamhandball.com/athf-documents

Team Travel Guidelines:

Parents and/or guardians are not covered under Alberta Team Handball Federation insurance policy, including automobile/accident insurance. Coaches or managers are covered – but they are only covered by liability insurance for acts that occur within the scope of their duties as a coach or manager. This does not include coaches or managers acting as drivers for athletes. For all parties to be properly informed, Alberta Team Handball Federation recommends the following:

- Parents and/or guardians who are transporting other athletes to and from tournaments should check with their auto insurance provider to ensure this transportation is covered under their insurance policy.
- ATHF coaches and managers should not offer to take personal responsibility for driving athletes at any time.
- Parents and/or guardians who permit another parent and/or guardian to transport their athlete should equip the athlete with medical contact information including health card, emergency phone contacts, an appropriate amount of food/money/clothing for the trip,
- Parents and/or guardians who permit another parent and/or guardian to transport their athlete should obtain from the driver: proof of a clean driving record, the license plate number and make/model of the vehicle, and emergency contact information.
- Parents and/or guardians who are transporting other athletes retain personal responsibility for the safety and conduct of those athletes for the duration of the trip – including responsibility for getting the athletes to all games, team events, or practices – or until the athletes' parents and/or guardians arrive to take personal responsibility for the athlete.

Competition Regulations

The objective of the regulations is to ensure equitable treatment of all Alberta Team Handball Federation (ATHF) members in competitions. Even though regulations are in place to govern competitions, every situation and circumstance cannot be foreseen. Therefore, Alberta Team Handball Federation Executive Director and the Board of Directors will make interpretations as to how the regulations apply in a specific situation or circumstance when the need arises. Alberta Team Handball may adjust and implement changes during the season if new circumstances arise. The board of directors may penalize any club, team, coach, referee, or player by way of default, suspension, fine or another suitable penalty, for contravention of any rule or regulation

Individuals

- a. All clubs, players, coaches, and club staff must become members of Alberta Team Handball before participating leagues or tournaments. Registration can be found at https://leagues.teamlinkt.com/athl/Home All the required fields of on-line registration must be completed in full, and each member must have a valid e-mail address.
- b. All athletes, club and team staff must agree to the Alberta Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk and Policy Acknowledgement Form on the online registration.
- c. Athletes playing in their current age class are eligible to play upon an older team within the same club;
- d. Athletes are not permitted to play for more than one team within a category. Players may play for more than 1 team, permitted they are in different categories (I.e. 16u & 19u). It is not permitted to switch a player between teams in the same age category once the season has commenced, without expressed written consent from the executive director for extenuating circumstances. Confirmed instances of players playing for more than one team in the same category will follow fines in the fines section
- e. Playoff eligibility Players must participate in one tournament (or culmination of three games across regular-season tournaments) to be eligible for the playoff tournament. Players are eligible. to apply to the ATHL Commissioner for exemption if having extenuating circumstances (for example, international player, injury), if warranted. Will follow fines in the fines section

Teams

- a. A Club Director/Contact must <u>register the club</u> registering the team roster (players). A Club Director/Contact can also register as a Team Contact. The ATHF registrar must be notified in writing handballalberta@gmail.com if there is a change of Club Director/Contact.
- b. A registered youth team may have a minimum of 9 players and up to 12 players. The 12 names must be listed on the score sheet before each match.
- c. Roster Locks: Alberta Team Handball roster lock dates are set 48hrs days before each league/tournament.
- d. All Coaches must fall within the guidelines of the ATHF 2020/21 Coaching Requirements.
- e. Teams/Clubs are responsible for ensuring that team and tournament registration is completed by the deadline(s).
- f. Tournament withdrawals must be declared seven (7) days before the commencement date of the tournament to not be subjected to forfeit fines.

Coaches

- a. Club Directors, and Team Staff are responsible for ensuring they follow the 2020-2021 Policies
- b. Please note that there have been some significant changes to the coaching requirements from previous years. Certified coaches may not have some of the training required, so read through the policy carefully. Please review the Alberta Team Handball 2020/21 Coaching Requirements with all your coaches. Click here

Equipment, Match Duration, League Play, and Rules

Equipment

- a. Each team must have matching jerseys with IHF-standard numbers on front and back of jerseys with acceptable contrast to their goalkeeper jerseys.
- b. The ball size Open Men size 3 and for Open 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.
- c. The ball for Youth (U16 & u19) will be size 2 for Men's, and size 1 for Women's.
- d. Every team must have a medical kit on their bench for the entire duration of the game.

Tournament Structure & Seeding

Youth league

- a. play shall follow a tournament format, concluded with a Provincial Final Tournament. Dependent on the number of teams, the ATHF has the discretion to format tournament schedules and game times based on constraints and in the best interests of the league. Games will be 1 x 40 minutes with 1 timeout per game.
- 3 Teams: No tournament
- 4 Teams: Single round-robin (R.R.) followed by medal game for four teams
- 5 Teams: Singe R.R. with medal game for top 2 teams
- 6 Teams: Single R.R.
- 7 Teams: Two power pools (Pool A: #1-4, Pool B: #5-7). Pool a plays single R.R. with medal game A1 v. A2 in a pool. Pool B plays double R.R. with placement game between A4 v. B1 to advance to Pool A next tournament
- 8 Teams: Two power pools (Pool A: #1-4, Pool B: #5-8). Pool A plays single R.R. with medal game A1 v. A2 in a pool. Pool B plays R.R. with placement game between A4 v. B1 to advance to Pool The next tournament.

- **a.** ATHL Youth R.R. games are permitted to end in a tie. ATHL Youth playoff games will use modified IHF overtime rules: 2x2 minute overtime followed by a three-player shootout.
- **b.** R.R. tie-breakers will occur as follows: (1) head to head, (2) Goals against between tied teams, (3) goals against with all teams in pool (4) goals for/against between tied teams, (5) goals for/against with all teams in pool, (6) coin flip to decide
- c. Power pools will use playoff game of final pool ranking to determine seeding for subsequent tournaments. The previous years' final standings will be utilized to determine the first ranking if required.

Permitted Defensive Systems

- **a.** It is not permitted to play an aggressive defence of any sort, 5-1, 4-2, 3-3, single or complete manmarking when the goal differential between the teams is 10 or more. To the referee's discretion, repeated offences will be progressive punishment to the A official of the team.
- **b.** Repeated offence to the above point will follow progressive punishment

Rules of the Game

- A. ATHL will follow IHF rules unless otherwise stated in this document.
- **B.** 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 marked

Open League Format & Rules

Format

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. Games against a provincial team will not have the points calculated in the final standings.
- 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, goals for and against between tied teams, then goals for and against in the entire season; if remaining tied a coin toss will decide the outcome.
- c. ATHL Open league regular-season matches shall be 2x30 minutes with minimum 5-minute halftime. If delays result in inadequate time for 20 minutes to clean up, the game may be shortened at the discretion of the referee's and mutually agreed on by both teams.
- d. The top two teams following round-robin will qualify for the final. The ATHL Open final shall be 2x30 minute, and in the event of a tie at the end of regulation, the ATHF will follow IHF overtime rules. The prize amount for winning the final will be CAD 1000.

e. The league meeting will be scheduled for mid-late August to determine the Open men and women's game schedule. The schedule will consist of 3 games played against each team, with an equal number of home games for each team. If scheduling permits, two teams should travel to Calgary on the same day.

Open league Responsibilities

Open League teams are responsible for all the items listed below:

- Home teams are responsible for Cost of Gym Time (2 Hour Slots). Must be paid by the 5th of each Month if booking through ATHF.
- Home team is responsible for finding scorekeepers, referees that are approved by ATHF (Director of ATHF will send out Referee list no later than September 1st)
- Home Team must pay Referees before the Game by E-transfer or Cash.
- Home Team is responsible for Setting up the court and taking down and clean up of the Court (Go Gone or Zep).
- Home team is responsible for uploading the scoresheet no later than 48 hours after the game to the league website.
- Each Team will have the same amount of Home games and Away games.

Forfeit of the Match

All scheduled matches must be played.

Forfeit of Youth category matches will fall into two categories depending on the timing of the forfeit:

- a. Tournament forfeits: forfeiting a team from an entire tournament with less than seven (7) days notice will result in loss of the club's performance bond (\$250) to be replaced before the scheduled tournament. For example, to drop out of a tournament without penalty on September 15th, written notice must be received before September 8th 11:59 PM
- b. Match forfeit: for each match during the season of play in which a given team is forced to forfeit a match (lack of players, missing certified coach, etc.) shall begin at \$100 fine and step-wise increase by \$50 for each following infraction, up to \$250. Following the fourth infraction, the case will be considered by the ATHL Commissioner whether the team shall be considered eligible for participation in the playoff tournament

Forfeited matches in the Open category will abide by the following fines:

- i) Non played matches full reimbursement and payment to the opposing team upon display of receipts for all cost associated with, but not limited to gym time, referees, and scorekeepers. The ATHL commissioner should be on all correspondence between the two teams regarding fine payment.
- ii) Played Matches Should a game be a forfeit due to unregistered or ineligible players, the fine will follow Section 2.A. above along with the cost of membership for that player, made payable to ATHF before the start of the next scheduled match. This does not warrant payment to the opposing team.

iii) A team has 10 min after the match is scheduled to have enough members to participate. A team must have 5 members to participate in a match.

Open Men Transfers/Release/Players looking for a Team

A. As of the 2017 ATHL league meeting, a club-based system was put into effect. Clubs have the right to recruit any players within their zone, however, are restricted by the zone boundaries outlined in Section 5.The Edmonton zone was reset June 23, 2017; no past club affiliations will be taken into consideration by the ATHL commissioner if a dispute were to arise on club property of players. Henceforth, players will be deemed club property once the 2017/18 ATHL season began.¹

- **B.** If a club does not have enough players to form an Open category team within their zone, these players will be sanctioned for one season with another zone (deemed an affiliate player by the ATHL Commissioner). Following the conclusion of that season, the player is considered their original zone's property. Furthermore, if the following season has the same problem of not enough players in the affiliated player's zone to create a team, they would be deemed the property of the club most previously played for, for another calendar year.²
- C. No players are to be released from a club or zone due to an excess of players. If a Club has an excess of player(s), however not enough to form a second team, have the right to form a joint team with another club within their zone first. If there are not enough excess players within the clubs of a particular zone, then zones may combine to form a team. These player(s) will remain property of their original club, however, deemed an affiliate player for that calendar season. Players are not allowed to play on more than one team in the same league. If a team within a club cannot field enough players for one game during the season, affiliate player(s) may play on a "call up" basis from a lower division/age category, confiding with the rest of the rules outlined in this document, specifically Article 2 section 1.3
- **D.** A player has the right to request to be released from their property club. The club representative will inform the ATHL commissioner of such player being released and will not be termed released until written approved by the commissioner. Once released, this player may play for any other club within their zone, however, is restricted by the zone boundaries outlined in Section 5. ⁴ If there is no other club in the player's residing zone, the player has the right to another zone.
- **E.** ATHL will have an unrestricted player clause for players 30 years of age or older. This clause stipulates that any player, in any zone, 30 years of age or older, may not need to ask for release from their property zone, and may play for any club of their choice in any zone.
- **F.** Clarification of rules based on player eligibility shall be addressed to the ATHL league commissioner first. If the commissioner is unable to come to a reasonable decision, it will be taken before the ATHF BOD for a final decision.

¹Anomaly: Due to the size of the Sherwood Park Zone, if a player has previously played for a club in this zone, they will remain property of such club.

²Example: Red Deer zone doesn't have enough players in the Red Deer zone to form a team. Red Deer player "X" may be recruited by another zone's club (club Y). Player "X" is now deemed an

affiliate player for club Y for that calendar season. If the next season the problem arose again, where player X doesn't have enough players in their zone to make a team, player X must play for club Y. However, if there are enough players in the Red Deer zone to form a team, Player "X" would be Red Deer zone property.

- ³Clarification: This rule is for two reasons. First to help with the creation of a tiered league (First division, second division, etc.) and secondly to encourage more players to play. This rule is not intended for clubs to fill out their rosters.
- ⁴Example: (Henceforth) Player "X" moves their permanent residence from the Edmonton Zone to the Calgary Zone. Player "X" played for club "Y" in Edmonton and finds it easier to play for club "Z" in Calgary based on jurisdiction. Player "X" remains the property of club "Y" until proper release from club "Y" and written approval of the ATHL commissioner. Player "X" may now play for club "Z", the ad is deemed the property of club "Z".

Open Women Transfers/Release/Players looking for a Team

- A. The open women division shall follow the points (A.), (B.), (C.), (D.), and (F.) of the Open Men's Rules and Regulations.
- **B.** Subsection **E.** of **Section 2** shall be changed to the following. *ATHL* will have an unrestricted player clause for players 25 years of age or older This clause stipulates that any player, in any zone, 25 years of age or older, may not need to ask for release from their property zone, and may play for any club of their choice in any zone.

Youth Leagues, Divisions, Transfers

- **A.** The Youth League 19U division will be for players born 2001 or later. The Youth league U16 division will be for players born 2004 and later. Players from their club must first play in their age category. A team may add up to three overage players born in 2000 on to a U19 team being that they meet the following conditions:
- Never been on a trip with the Handball Alberta Youth Development Program
- Had prior written approval from the ATHL commissioner
- Followed all other necessary registration and payment rules
- **B.** Similar to the Open league, a club-based system will come into effect immediately. Clubs have the right to recruit any players within their zone, as bound by the zone boundaries outlined in Article 2 Section 5. The Edmonton zone was reset effective June 23, 2017; no past club affiliations will be taken into consideration by the ATHL commissioner if a dispute were to arise on club property of players. Henceforth, players will be deemed club property onward from their participation in the 2017/18 ATHL season.
- C. If a zone does not have enough players to form a youth category team within their zone, these players will be sanctioned for one season with the next closest zone (deemed an affiliate player). Following the conclusion of that season, the player is considered their original zone's property. Furthermore, if the following season has the same problem of not enough players in the

- affiliated player's zone to create a team, they would be deemed the property of the club most previously played for. *
- D. No players are to be released from a club or zone due to an excess of players. If a Club has an excess of players, however, not enough to form a second team, have the right to form a joint team with another club within their zone. These players will remain property of their original club, however, deemed an affiliate player for that calendar season. A player may not play for more than one team in any category. If a team within a club cannot field enough players for one game during the season, affiliate player(s) may play on a "call up" basis from a lower division/age category, confiding with the rest of the rules outlined in this document, specifically Article 2 section 1.
- **E.** A youth aged player may request to be released from their property club. The club representative will inform the ATHL commissioner of such player being released and will not be termed released until written approval by the ATHL commissioner. Once released, this player may play for any other club within their zone, however, is restricted by the zone boundaries outlined in Section 5.

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- **F.** Clarification of rules based on player eligibility shall be addressed to the ATHL league commissioner first. If the commissioner is unable to come to a reasonable decision, it will be taken before the ATHF BOD for the final decision.
- *Example: Red Deer zone doesn't have enough players in the Red Deer zone to form a team. Red Deer player "X" may be recruited (as per zone pairings) by an Edmonton zone club (club Y). Player "X" is now deemed an affiliate player for club Y for that calendar season. If the next season the problem arose again, where player X does not have enough players in their zone to make a team, player X must play for club Y.
- **Example: (Henceforth) Player "X" moves their permanent residence from the Edmonton Zone to the Calgary Zone. Player "X" played for club "Y" in Edmonton and finds it easier to play for club "Z" in Calgary based on jurisdiction. Player "X" remains the property of club "Y" until proper release from club "Y" and written approval of the ATHL commissioner. Player "X" may now play for club "Z" and is deemed the property of club "Z".

League Zones

Edmonton Zone - Postal code beginning with T5- or T6-

Parkland: Any municipality west of Edmonton boundary. (Affiliated to Edmonton)

Sherwood Park: Sherwood Park: Any municipality within Strathcona County and surrounding municipalities east of Highway 21 with the notable inclusion of Camrose county.

East Handball Club: Any municipality east of Sherwood Park (Affiliated to Sherwood Park)

Red Deer: All Red Deer, South of Leduc municipal boundaries and surrounding area (Affiliated to Calgary)

Calgary Handball Association: The City of Calgary and, all municipalities (Affiliate players from Red Deer and southern Alberta)

Note: In event of a zoning dispute (players between zones), the player in question must make a written declaration with a reasonable rationale to the ATHL Commissioner before their first game/tournament stating their club choice to be eligible for the season.

Fees, Performance Bond, Fines

Fees

Fees made payable to the Alberta Team Handball Federation:

- A. 100% of total ATHL fee's must be paid 48 hours prior to the first ATHL game as sent out by ATHF at least 1 month prior to the start of the season.
- B. Late ATHL entry fee payments will result in a \$100 fine biweekly to a maximum of \$300 for the club.
- C. A match participant who is not registered and paid all required fees will result in a forfeited match played with said unregistered member(s) and will follow the fines set out in Article 5, Section 2.
- D. A performance bond of \$250 CAD dollars is required at the start of the ATHL season from each club. Shall a team be fined throughout the season (including but not limited to forfeited matches, stickum, jerseys) this will come from the performance bond. Shall the performance bond be depleted; another \$250 bond must be in place before the start of the next game. Failure to comply will result in forfeited matches, and consequent fines to be paid prior to any clubaffiliated teams participating in any division or age category. The performance bond will be returned within 10 business days of the final match of the season, following your club does not have a team still playing in another category.

ARTICLE 4 – Sanctions and Violations Section 1 – Sanctions

Reason of Disqualification	1st offense	2 nd offense	3 rd offense
Offensive gesture or insulting remarks	Match Report	1 Match	Hearing
Physical/Verbal abuse to an official	Hearing	Hearing	Hearing
Direct disqualification (blue card assessed)	Match report	1 Match	Hearing
Direct disqualification causing bodily harm (blue card assessed)	Match Report	Hearing	Hearing
Continued offence of permitted defences (Article 6 – Section 2.3)	Match Report	Hearing & Potential Fine	Hearing & Fine

Stickum - Gym Locations

A. Stickum can only be applied to 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 a forfeit of the match. All match officials can assess this suspension.

- **B.** A referee can change the ball at any time at the request of a participating team in the match if they deem the ball has too much stickum.
- **C**. If a Gym does not allow the use of Stickum the games at that gym will be Stickum free. If a team is caught using the Stickum it will be an automatic forfeit of the game and a \$250 Fine
- **D.** Approved ATHL gym locations are as follows: Commonwealth Recreation Centre, University of Alberta, Hunting Hills, Lindsay Thurber, Penhold, Bearspaw Academy, Bishop O'Byrne Gym, and the University of Calgary.
- **E.** The only stickum approved gym is Commonwealth Recreation Centre.

Appeals and Procedure

Match 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 advise the club representative which will forward it to the
- League Commissioner by email
- **B.** The decision from the ATHL Commissioner of the appeal will be made public before 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 before the next match of the team of the member involved.
- **D.** All ATHF decisions are final; cases that are denied on appeal cannot be reopened.
- **E.** Matches cannot be appealed due to court lines or jersey numbers.

Violation Reporting and Appeals Procedure

- **A.** Violations can be reported to the ATHL Commissioner by any ATHF BOD member, match referee, or tournament/match director. A written report (with documentation and photographs if applicable) should be sent to the ATHL Commissioner as soon as possible to log the violation.
- **B.** Upon confirmation of the violation with the reporting party (and a third party if required), the notice of an incurred violation will be emailed to the offending club with stated fine and/or punishment to be payable prior the offending team's next game/tournament.
- **C.** Clubs wishing to appeal the assessed violation can do so by replying to an email notice from ATHL Commissioner within 48 hours. The ATHL Commissioner shall collect information

from relevant parties (including, but not limited to match referees, opposing coaches, match officials, and club officials to gain the necessary information to rule on the reported violation and modify the violation if required.

- **D.** All collected information with supporting references will be available via email to the offending club and reporting official to view the final report.
- **E.** Any resulting fines will be withdrawn from the team's performance bond or paid by the club before the team or clubs next game, respectively (depending on the violation incurred).
- **F.** If the ATHL Commissioner cannot sufficiently verify the violation following the appeal process due to lack of enough evidence or rule ambiguity, the ruling will favour the offending party.
- **G.** The ATHL Commissioner reserves the right to waive, decrease, or increase the initial punishment depending upon the presented evidence from the case.
- H. The ruling of the appeal process by the ATHL Commissioner will be final and cannot be reopened

ATHL Voting Procedure

- **A.** 2 votes will be allocated to each club at the annual ATHL league meeting. (1 for Men's. 1 for Women's). If a club does not have a team in one Gender category, they will only receive 1 vote.
- B. The ATHL Commissioner will not have a vote, unless to break a tie

I have read the 2020/21 athl rules and regulation	
TEAM REP NAME (PRINT)	
TEAM REP SIGNATURE (SIGNATURE)	