

VGPHL TOURNEY RULEBOOK



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Section 1 – Gameplay

1. General

1.1.1 Seeding and playoff games must be played 6 vs. 6. It is up to Team Management to make sure they have a full line-up at game time.

1.1.2 If a player quits on his/her team during a game, the player will be eligible for suspension at the discretion of the VGHL. Players caught quitting VGHL games to join games in a different league will face harsh suspensions and possible blacklisting.

1.1.3 VGPHL seeding game times are listed below (Eastern Time).

Sunday 9:30 & 10:30

Monday 9:30 & 10:30

Wednesday 9:30 & 10:30

Thursday 9:30

1.1.4 VGPHL playoff game times are listed below (Eastern Time). Each best of 3 series must be completed in one night.

Quarter Final best of 3 series: Sunday 9:30

Semi Finals best of 3 series: Monday 9:30

Finals best of 3 series: Wednesday 9:30

1.1.4 During seeding games, if a team does not have a full roster at game time, there will be a **10 minute window** to start the game. If a team is unable to play a forfeit will be issued. The search window ends at :39:59. To claim a forfeit for failure to search within 10 minutes, a team must provide a pair of time stamped PSN screenshots showing a game search occurring within the open window and at the end of the window. Pictures are not required if the losing team claims a forfeit loss on the website using the Manager Control Panel.

1.1.5 During playoff games, if a team does not have a full roster at the start of a best of 3 series, there will be a **10 minute window** to start the game. If a team is unable to play the game, a forfeit will be issued. Teams have an **additional 10 minute window** to show up for

the second game of their scheduled series. If the team does not show up for the second game within 10 minutes, the team will forfeit that game. Teams have an **additional 10 minute window** to show up for the third game of their scheduled series. If the team does not show up for the third game in 10 minutes, they will forfeit that game. The search window ends at :X9:59. To claim a forfeit for failure to search within 10 minutes, a team must provide a pair of time stamped PSN screenshots showing a game search occurring within the open window and at the end of the window. Pictures are not required if the losing team claims a forfeit loss on the website using the Manager Control Panel.

1.1.6 Teams discussing the possibility of FF must do so following the VGHL game night rules. If a game is to be forfeited, it is to be posted in the appropriate area and no game shall be played that evening. If these rules are ignored, and a game is played, the game is official and no other decision can be made.

1.1.7 If any team uses an illegal roster, the result will be a 1-0 regulation forfeit win for the opponent.

1.1.8 The VGPHL operates Sunday through Thursday.

1.1.9 Teams must use the pin number generated by the website to search for a game using club challenge. The home team on the site selects home, and the away team selects away. If the opposing team refuses to follow these settings and it is preventing the game from starting, they may be reported to the VGHL resulting in a forfeit loss. The VGHL requires time-stamped PSN screenshots showing correct settings and the match up screen.

1.1.10 If a team has an issue with a game which has already started and requires staff assistance for a potential forfeit win, the team must stop playing the game and send their evidence to the commissioner for review . The staff will not reverse the results of any game if teams continue to play the game out unless invalid rosters were used. If a team stops a game that has started because they feel that the other team has broken a rule, the staff will review their evidence and decide which team shall receive the ff win. Partial games will not be restarted or rescheduled once they have been stopped for staff review.

1.1.11 Any game that is not completed on the original scheduled night, and is not settled via forfeit, will be rescheduled to a new time, and starting at a 0-0 game. Stats, lineups, etc. will not be carried forward.

1.1.12 A VGHL game officially begins with puck drop of the opening faceoff. At this time lineups are locked in and all applicable rules including disconnects, ECU's etc must be followed.

2. Disconnects (DC)-

1.2.1 If any player disconnects before the 2 minute mark of the start of the game, or of the restarted game, the game is to be paused at the earliest whistle and is to be restarted. All play up to the whistle, including any CPU stats, will still carry over into the restarted game. There will be no 2 minute DC penalty for this restart, and it will not count toward a player's limit of 2 disconnects.

1.2.2 If a single skater disconnects after the 2 minute mark of the first period, or of the restarted game, the game must be played until the next period. During the intermission the teams must take stats and restart. Upon restarting, play **CAN NOT RESUME** until the disconnected player takes a DC penalty and is in the penalty box. The 1st period becomes the first period to be made up.

1.2.3 If the goalie or two players from the same team have disconnected, the game is to be paused at the next available whistle. Each team is responsible for recording their stats and the time of the restart, then the game is to be restarted. All play up to the whistle will still be counted. If a goalie has disconnected then the team may choose who is to take the DC penalty. If players on both teams disconnected then the penalties are voided and no team has to take a DC penalty. If two players from the same team have disconnected then the team that had the DC's may choose between the two for taking the penalty upon restart. If two players DC only one DC penalty has to be taken.

1.2.4 If a player disconnects during an intermission (between periods), teams **MUST** continue into the next period and follow the above guidelines. Teams **NEVER** back-out and restart during intermission.

1.2.5 Any stats accumulated by computer players will carry over into the restart.

1.2.6 Teams have up to 10 minutes to restart the game after a DC. If a Team cannot produce the same lineup, PHL Teams must use an ECU. Teams may use a player from their roster or an ECU. If an ECU is used, the ECU'd player must follow all ECU guidelines and the ECU will count as an official ECU. Any player replacing a DC'd player must replace that player in the exact same position which that player was playing before they DC'd.

1.2.7 If a Team is unable to restart the game after 10 minutes, the result will be a 1-0 regulation forfeit loss. If the DC occurred in OT and the team is unable to restart the game after 10 minutes then the result will be a 1-0 overtime forfeit loss.

1.2.8 Any player that disconnects twice during one game is not allowed to play in the next restart. Teams must replace this player following guidelines set in Rule 1.2.6. The ECU used must follow all ECU guidelines and the ECU will count as an official ECU.

1.2.9 If a team has any ongoing penalty time when a game must be restarted, the team is obligated to take that remaining time as well as the DC penalty.

1.2.10 The team that has the player/player's DC must pause the game and backout. If they do not and continue to play passed the above guidelines the game will result in a forfeit loss.

1.2.11 Each Team is responsible for their own stats on restarted games.

1.2.12 In the event of a DC, all players must continue with the player build selected in the original attempt. The opposing team is responsible to submit evidence to the VGHL if this is violated. Infractions could result in an invalid roster and suspensions for those involved.

3. Game Freezes and Game Loops

1.3.1 If a game freeze or game loop occurs during a game, and the game is able to continue, the game must go on with whatever time, penalty minutes and score that the score clock is showing after the freeze or loop. Any goals lost as a result of a freeze or loop will not count towards the official game score. If a game freezes before the game ends and stats are not able to be retrieved, the game must be restarted from the beginning of the game with a 0-0 score.

Section 2 – Code of Conduct

1. General

2.1.1 All members of the VGHL are expected to carry themselves in a respectful manner at all times. Trash talking is allowed, but if it gets out of hand and people start complaining. Then action will be taken by the staff. The players and captains involved will be contacted.

2.1.2 If for any reason a player feels that another player is making his or her VGHL experience unenjoyable, that player may contact the commissioner for further action. The reported player may appeal a ruling by contacting a commissioner within 24 hours. The commissioner will then forward the information to the staff for a ruling. In that ruling there must be a commissioner and advisory board member present. Once there is a ruling, the decision is final.

2.1.3 Players must assign the PSN that they plan to play with to their gamer profiles. If they wish to change the PSN associated with their account, they can only do so during the Off-Season when the Status Change edit feature becomes available.

2.1.4 Any player complaints should first be addressed by team management, followed by a commissioner. These issues should not be addressed in the general population (e.g. chat box, Forums, Etc.).

2.1.5 All members of the VGHL are expected to carry themselves in a respectful manner when using the site. Excessive trolling and abusive behavior could result in the temporary or permanent removal of your league privileges.

2.1.6 It is not the responsibility of the VGHL to monitor the actions of its members outside of the confines of the league. As such, the VGHL will not be held accountable for any actions carried out by its members in these events and will not be willing to provide members with any form of conflict resolution. If you feel that any member of the community is directly or indirectly causing you any form of disturbance, please resolve these matters on your own or contact the appropriate authorities for further assistance.

2. Infractions

2.2.1 All infractions must be posted in the infractions section in the Manager Control Panel within 24 hours of game-time. All Evidence for the complaint must be submitted to the commissioner within 24hrs of game time or the case will be invalid. Posts may be made by either team.

2.2.2 If a player is under suspension and the player has not served the entire term of the suspension once that player's season/playoffs have ended, the remaining games will be carried over to their following season.

2.2.3 Players that are suspended are exempt from all game requirement rules.

2.2.4 Repeat offenders will receive more severe suspensions for continued offenses regardless of the nature of the offense. Three suspensions in one season could result in a season ending suspension, severe team fine, or blacklist.

3. Owner/Captain & Player Communication

2.3.1 All players that play in the VGHL represent the league. All player names used must be respectful. If the VGHL finds a player name to be disrespectful that player will be suspended until he/she changes their name. To what some people find funny, some will find offensive. Keep it Clean!

2.3.2 All connection issues must be reported to team management before game time. It is the player's responsibility to prevent connection problems during games.

2.3.3 Respect your teammates, owners, captains and your opposition. Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated by the VGHL. We are all here to play and have fun, with the opportunity to be in a competitive environment.

2.3.5 A player is not allowed to act as a team manager or have any access to the Manager Control Panel under any circumstances. Sharing accounts will result in a possible fine and/or suspension from the VGHL.

2.3.6 No Player or Manager is allowed to communicate with other team's players regarding league matters (availability, scheduling, transactions, etc.) other than to organize a game. This is considered tampering and the team/player accused will be penalized accordingly by the VGHL.

2.3.7 Management may speak to a player regarding the matters in 2.3.6. if granted permission by a member of the player's management team.

Section 3 – Players

1. Rights

3.1.1 Players in the VGHL are obligated to meet the Minimum Game Requirements per week. If a player CAN NOT meet these requirements for any reason then it is the PLAYER'S responsibility to inform their team management ahead of time so that the team can adjust the line-ups accordingly.

3.1.2 Any player suspended by their team may appeal it through the commissioner.

3.1.3 Players must play in the positions selected on the website if instructed by their owner. Owners must play their players in the positions selected on the website if instructed by the player. Players may play outside the selected positions, but may only play a position within the category they selected. The 3 categories are Forward, Defense, Goaltender. Ex. If a player selects LW/RD, he/she may play any F or D position, but may not play G. If any player is found playing outside a selected category, this will result in an invalid roster and a forfeit win for the opposing team.

3.1.4 PHL Owners may ignore 3.1.3 and play any position in any regular season or playoff game.

3.1.5 During the off-season, players may edit their weekly availability range on their gamer profile. Players must be available for the minimum amount every week, and are responsible to submit this weekly using the availability tool. Players may not play more than their maximum amount in a single week. This range is in effect for the entire season and cannot be changed.

Option 1 on gamer profile: 2-5 Games Per Week

Option 2 on gamer profile: 5-8 Games Per Week

2. Appeals

3.2.1 Players can ONLY appeal their suspensions if they notify the commissioner before the office closes the night of the suspension. The player must then submit a written document to the advisory board stating why they feel that their appeal should be reviewed. Appeals must be submitted within **24 hours** from the time the suspension was posted.

3.2.2 If a player notifies the advisory board that they wish to appeal their suspension before the office closes on the night of their suspension, they will be allowed to play that night and may use the full 24 hours to prepare their written appeal.

3. Availability

3.3.1 Players and AC2 managers must use the lineup tool to submit their availability each week by Sunday at 4 P.M. EST. The number of games submitted must fall within the pre-selected weekly availability range on the gamer profile.

3.3.2 Availability must be updated every week throughout the season by all players and AC2 managers. Each block of games will be open one week early, and will be available from Sunday at 5 PM EST until the following Sunday at 4PM EST. Changes may not be made to weekly availability after it is locked.

3.3.3 If a player or AC2 manager does not follow 3.5.1 & 3.5.2, and leaves a week blank, the player will receive a warning. After a second offense, the player is not eligible to play during the week. A third offense may result in removal from the PHL. This does not apply for ECU eligibility.

Section 4 – Management

1. Owner & Captain Responsibilities

4.1.1 All Owners, Captains, and Assistants must follow all the rules and guidelines set by the VGHL. If the VGHL deems a team to be poorly managed and feels that the team is hurting the league, the VGHL can step in and attempt to restore the team using any management tools necessary.

4.1.2 Each Franchise must consist of a PHL Owner & PHL Captain

4.1.3 PHL Owners can demote managers to their regular roster. They must name a replacement manager from their regular roster by the next league night.

4.1.5 Captains and Assistants that are released at the PHL level may not be auto assigned back to the team that released them.

4.1.6 All VGHL Managers must communicate lineups, game times, roster changes, and roster needs to all the players on the team.

4.1.7 All VGHL Managers are expected to communicate with other team's managers on all VGHL matters.

4.1.8 Team Management is allowed to suspend a player on his/her team with good reason. **Team rules are not recognized by the VGHL.** At no time may a custom team suspension contradict any of the VGHL rules.

4.1.9 Teams may name a second assistant captain after the entry draft. This captain will have limited access to management privileges and can be removed without consequence.

4.1.10 If an Owner, Captain, or Assistant can not be present for a game, it is their responsibility to notify the VGHL Staff and opposing team on who will be responsible for their team.

4.1.11 Each team is responsible for its own stats. All stats must be posted on the site within 12 hours of scheduled game times. Teams will be fined 200k in the PHL for not posting their stats on time. Teams that do not have their stats recorded and submitted to the VGHL within 24 hours of scheduled game times will be fined an additional 200k for the PHL. Any teams caught tampering with stats or rosters are subject to fines, suspensions, or blacklist from the VGHL.

4.1.12 Teams that play with an illegal roster will forfeit the game.

4.1.13 Forfeited games that are not played will still count as a game played for players on the winning team as long as the following guidelines are met:

- Team line up must be posted using the lineup tool by Sunday 7:30PM ET.
- Adjustment lineups must be submitted 1 hour before the scheduled game time.
- A time stamped PSN screenshot of the team's lineup must be taken within 30 minutes of the scheduled game time.
- A time stamped PSN screenshot must be submitted to the commissioner within 12 hours of the scheduled game time.

4.1.14 Forfeiting games will result in fines issued by the VGHL. The first forfeit will be a warning, subsequent forfeits will result in a 200k fine for PHL teams

4.1.15 All managers will be warned when a team reaches 2 forfeits. If the team reaches 3 forfeits, management will be eligible for removal by their league commissioner (excludes final week of season).

4.1.16 Management may not input stats for forfeit wins or losses. All forfeit stats must be reported to VGHL staff using the MCP on the website. Failure to follow this process will result in fines from the commissioner.

4.1.17 Any PHL Owner or PHL Captain that quits during the season on his/her team will automatically be removed from the PHL and receive BL2 status.

4.1.18 Management transactions which have not yet been approved by the league may not be leaked by anyone regardless of the significance. **ANY** infractions will be dealt with by the commissioner accordingly and could result in fines, suspensions or possible blacklists.

4.1.19 Management is responsible to monitor a player's weekly game range as reflected on the player's gamer profile. If an opposing team is suspected of using a player beyond a weekly maximum amount of games, a request may be submitted to the commissioner to forfeit the game due to invalid roster. Alternatively, management has the ability to report their own players to the commissioner for failure to submit their minimum selected games played using

the availability tool. The VGHL is not responsible for any violations that were not reported.

2. Player Management

4.2.1 Managers must report players to the commissioner if a player is inactive, uncontrollable, or unresponsive. The definition of an inactive player is as follows: a player will be deemed inactive once they miss at least four games which they have been scheduled to play and they haven't communicated with their management. A game is considered missed if it was submitted by the player and scheduled by management on the lineup tool following all guidelines, and the player no shows. The definition of an unresponsive player is as follows: a player who fails to reply to a message sent from the player's management team in four league days (League Days: S,M,W,T). Falsely reporting inactive players will result in team fines from the VGHL. The VGHL will not assist in any inactive claims if the lineup tool has not been used to list weekly lineups. All evidence for inactive players must be added under the reason section of the report. Evidence from non-official platforms may be dismissed by the VGHL including, but not limited to, 3rd party messaging apps or private discord servers.

4.2.2 All players must meet the minimum games per week requirement. If a player does not meet the minimum games played per week requirement, the team will be fined 200k per game at the PHL level. Fines will be doubled for each consecutive week of inactivity and will continue to be doubled as such. PHL managers who do not report inactive players to the VGHL will be subject to fines from the VGHL. Team Management does not have to play 2 games per week at the PHL level. Please note that call ups must still follow this rule.

4.2.3 Minimum Game Requirements for Players During Seeding Weeks:

- 6 or more games: Players must play a minimum of 2 games
- Less than 6 games: Players must play a minimum of 1 game
- *Reschedules DO NOT adjust these requirements unless they are played during the same week that they were originally scheduled to be played.
- Practice Roster players have no minimum game requirements

4.2.4 All call-ups must be posted in the Call Up section in the Manager Control Panel by **8PM EST**.

3. Roster Specifics

4.3.1 Team rosters at the PHL level must always consist of a minimum of 12 players. One spot will be given to the Owner and one spot to the Captain. The captain will be appointed by the Owner and approved by the VGHL. All Rosters must stay within the guidelines of the VGHL

4.3.2 Team rosters at the PHL level will always consist of a 6 player practice roster which is automatically assigned by the league. *Practice roster sizes may be changed at the VGHL's discretion to account for the number of free agents.

4.3.3 Players on a practice roster may not play more than 2 ECU games for their team during each seeding week.

4.3.4 Players on a practice roster may not play more than 1 ECU game for their team during each playoff round.

4.3.5 PHL teams may promote a player from their practice roster to their regular roster by releasing a player from their regular roster to free agency.

4.3.6 Players may not be sent down from the regular roster to the practice roster. All released players are sent to free agency and may be re-assigned to a new team's practice roster. They may not be re-assigned back to their original team.

4.3.7 Random Assignments will be done nightly. Free agents will only be assigned to open spots on a practice roster. Holes on the regular roster must be filled via promotion from the practice roster before the next league night.

4.3.8 PHL teams will not be allowed to call up players from the practice roster after seeding week's have concluded.

4. Reschedules

4.4.1 VGPHL teams may not use reschedules during seeding weeks or playoff rounds.

5. Appeals

4.5.1 Team managers may appeal any fines which they have been given by submitting a written document stating why they feel that their appeal should be reviewed. Appeals must be submitted to the advisory board within **24 hours** from the time that the fine was given.

4.5.2 Team managers may appeal any forfeit loss which they feel was inaccurately given. Managers will need to submit a request to the advisory board within **24 hours** from the time that the forfeit loss was given. Evidence will be needed to support such requests.

6. Lineups

4.6.1 Team managers must use the lineup tool to finalize their lineups each week. The cutoff is Sunday at 7:30 P.M. EST if they wish to receive any assistance from the league regarding inactives. Team managers must also schedule themselves for games that they wish to play.

4.6.2 Lineup changes may be submitted up to 1 hour before the scheduled game time. This info will be used when disputing inactive cases or when trying to obtain credit for WGP from an opposing team's forfeit.

7. Trades

4.7.1 Trading is not allowed during the PHL tournament.

Section 5 – Contracts

1. Player Contracts

5.1.1 All players in the VGHL must play for the team that has acquired their rights.

5.1.2 Once a player is released, the player will become a free agent and will be eligible for auto assignment to another team's practice roster. Players will not be re-assigned to the same team.

5.1.3 FAA's signed to a PHL team will be signed to a PHL Contract (PHLC). They will remain in AHL free agency and will still be eligible to be signed by an AHL team unless they have been protected.

5.1.4 FAP's signed to a PHL team will be signed to a PHL Only Contract (PHLOC). They will not remain in AHL free agency and will not be eligible to be signed by an AHL team.

2. PHL Protected Players

5.2.1 PHL teams can offer up to 2 protection contracts per tournament to PHL2 active players on their roster. Protection contracts must be offered during seeding weeks up until the contract negotiation window has closed. Players must accept the offer by the player acceptance deadline in-order for the protection tag to be applied to their contract. The protected player will not enter AHL bidding as long as they remain with the original PHL team that offered them the protection contract.

5.2.3 If a protected player is released, the protection contract dissolves and the player is eligible to be assigned to a PHL practice roster, as well as AHL free agency.

Section 6 – Salary Cap

6.1.1 There will be no salary cap during the PHL season. Fines may be applied to track infractions, and review management performance throughout the season.

Section 7 – Injured Reserve

1. General

7.1.1 There is no injured reserve during any stage of the PHL tournament.

Section 8 – Releases, Free Agents & Emergency Call-ups

1. Releases

8.1.1 If a PHL team wishes to release a player during the seeding weeks, the player will not be auto-assigned back to the team that released them.

8.1.2 PHL teams may only drop 4 players per week.

8.1.3 If a PHL team drops a player from their regular roster, the team must promote a player from the practice roster before the next league night. A new player will then be auto assigned to the practice roster.

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2. Free Agency

8.2.1 PHL free agency will only be open during seeding weeks. No players may be released once seeding weeks have ended.

8.2.2 The league has the ability to randomly check if a free agent player is active or inactive. A staff member will message the player and if the player fails to reply in seven days it will result in the player receiving a retired status.

8.1.3 If a PHL Contract player from the regular roster is signed to an AHL team, the team

must promote a player from the practice roster before the next league night. A new player will then be auto assigned to the practice roster.

8.1.4 The league will only auto assign FAP players and only to PHL practice rosters. FAAs are not eligible to be auto assigned.

8.1.5 If a player is removed from a team's roster for inactivity, BL, etc after seeding weeks have concluded, the league will promote a player from the team's practice roster. A free agent will then be assigned back to the team's practice roster.

2. Emergency Call-ups

8.2.1 Emergency Call-Ups must be announced in the Manager Control Panel. There are no salary, roster, or position restrictions on Emergency Call Ups.

8.2.2 Each PHL Team may use a maximum of eight ECUs per seeding week. Teams may only use up to two ECUs in one game. All ECU's must be made for players from the practice roster. Each practice roster player may only play a maximum of two ECU games per team, per seeding week.

8.2.3 Management needs to post ECU's in the Manager Control Panel within 12 hours of the scheduled game time for which the player was used or the team will be fined.

8.2.4 Illegal use of an ECU in a game will result in a forfeit for invalid roster.

8.2.5 Emergency Call-Ups are allowed at any time.

Section 9 – PHL Draft

1. PHL Draft

9.1.1 All PHL teams will build their pre-season rosters through a snake draft. The draft order will be randomly selected before the draft begins.

9.1.2 Each team will begin the draft with an owner and a captain.

9.1.3 The draft will consist of 6 rounds.

9.1.4 The remaining empty roster spots on each team will be filled with free agents once the draft ends via the auto-assignment process.

9.1.5 FAAs will only be eligible to be drafted to a team's regular roster.

Section 10 – Playoff Section

1. Format

10.1.1 All PHL teams will qualify for the playoffs

10.1.2 Seeding for the PHL playoffs will be determined from the results of the seeding weeks. Teams will be seeded within their respective conferences.

10.1.3 Tie breaker procedures are as followed:

1. Wins
2. Games Played
3. Season series
4. Goal differential
5. Goals for

*Please note: Ties will not be broken past wins until the season ends.

10.1.4 Home Ice is determined by seeding.

10.1.5 Each series will consist of a best of 3 series that will last one night.

10.1.6 Playoff schedule will be as follows:

Quarter Finals

Sunday 9:30PM EST

Semi Finals

Monday 9:30PM EST

Finals

Wednesday 9:30PM EST

Games MUST BE played in sequential order.

Example: You CAN NOT play game 3 before playing game 2.

2. Rules

10.2.1 Forfeited games will still count as a game played for the winning team as long as the same guidelines to receive credit during seeding weeks are followed.

10.2.2 Teams may no longer call up players during the playoffs. Practice roster players may only be used as ECUs.

10.2.3 PHL teams may use up to 4 emergency call ups per playoff round from their practice roster. Emergency call ups will not affect a team's or roster space. Emergency call ups may be made at any time.

10.2.4 PHL team owners and Captains must play at least 1 game by the end of the 2nd game of the series. A total of 6 players from the team (including ECUs) must also play at least 1 game by the end of the 2nd game of the series. In total, this means that a minimum of 8 players must play 1 game by the end of the 2nd game of the series. If team owners, team captains and 6 players have not registered a minimum of 1 game and the 3rd game is played, that game will be forfeited. Teams will continue to forfeit subsequent games until these requirements are met.

Section 11 – Blacklist

1. General

11.1.1 Players that do not finish out the term of their contract, break rules repeatedly, do not report to the team that has signed them, or members that the VGHL deem to be insubordinate will be placed on the appropriate Blacklist.

11.1.2 All Blacklisted players will lose their PHL status and must return as FAP's once they are eligible to play if they wish to return.

11.1.3 Players who receive a BL3 during the tournament will have to sit out the remainder of that tournament plus the next full VGHL season before being eligible to appeal. Players who receive a BL3 after seeding weeks have ended will have to sit out a minimum of two full VGHL seasons before being eligible for an appeal. Players who have been blacklisted more than once will automatically receive BL3 status. The VGHL reserves the right to give a player BL3 status at any time for violating any of the VGHL rules and guidelines.

11.1.4 Players blacklisted during seeding weeks will receive a BL1 status and are not allowed to continue to play in the tournament. Players blacklisted during the playoffs will receive a BL2 status and must miss the remainder of the tournament plus the next full VGHL season.

11.1.5 Repeat offenders and certain members deemed unworthy will receive a BAN status and will not be allowed to return to the VGHL.

11.1.6 The VGHL may hold a vote to change a player's status to BL1, BL2, BL3 or BAN at any time if said player has acted in any way which violates our code of conduct and/or our rules.

Section 12 – Transaction Schedule

1. General

12.1.1 Transactions may be processed outside of office hours if the transactions team has the opportunity to do so, otherwise they will be processed during office hours which are between 5PM-8PM EST on league nights (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday).

12.1.2 The Office is closed from Thursday 8PM until Sunday 5PM for all transactions.