



DCHL LEAGUES - NEW PLAYER INFO

DCHL Leagues is the largest group of adult co-ed ball hockey leagues in the DC/MD/VA area with over 500 players at its peak during a calendar year. It consists of three similar types of league. We play an NHL game in finesse style and rules (icing, offsides, etc) in an NHL style venue. However, our rules are adapted to ensure safety and competitive balance for recreational players. Our core philosophy is to give EVERYONE a chance to play and enjoy the game. Some people want to play at a high competitive level. Others want to burn calories and/or just learn/develop the game. And then there are those who love the social aspect. Whatever your goals are, you will find that DCHL Leagues will offer you an opportunity in some way to meet them.

DCHL is the founding coed BALL hockey league that plays on Sundays indoors at the Rockville Sportsplex with eleven to twelve games between 10 am – 10 pm. It has 32 teams so everyone can find the right talent based group in which to compete. DCHL game format offers three 15 minute periods of 5 on 5 hockey and a goalie where at least 2 of the 6 players must be female. **As of December 2nd, 2018 we will begin our 30th season (2019 Winter).**

We have FIVE divisions designed so ALL players regardless of skill level can play. Beginners start off in REC Division! We also have a D4, D3, D2 and D1 (top) division.

Women and goalies (regardless of gender) can play for ONE team in EACH division as well as play for the ALL Women's Travel Team (2) that is part of league play.

Men can play twice max (unless granted a league exemption) --- one team per division only!

We do have talent caps and ratings that a player and team must adhere to be eligible for each division.

MDHL is the newer coed Wednesday night league held indoors at the Rockville Sportsplex with FOUR games between 7-11 pm. It currently has 15 teams. MDHL game format offers a UNIQUE three period format totaling 53 minute periods of game time. It is coed 5 on 5 hockey along with a goalie (longest games of any leagues) where at least 2 of the 6 players must be female (for most divisions). **As of January 2nd, 2019 we will be starting our 2019 Winter Season.**

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RHL is our indoor roller hockey league that features the puck (not ball) with 4 on 4 play and no icing or offsides. RHL plays from 8-11 pm and has no gender requirement so both women and men can play. **We will start our 2019 Winter Season on December 10, 2018!**

Average cost to play is \$110 - \$120 per person for a team for usually a 12 game season in DCHL & MDHL. Average cost to play is \$160 for roller hockey (due to smaller rosters) for usually a 11 game season in RHL. You can also put together a new team. Team cost varies based on leagues and based on prepayment. We do have an early bird discount if you pay before the season starts. Please contact ASAP if you want to put a team together.

Full team cost for DCHL, MDHL and RHL is \$1400 (assuming team pays the Early Bird Pricing in one lump sum payment before the deadline and start of new season).

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO PLAY?

- 1) Any hockey stick will do (you can get sticks for as low as \$12 at Sports Authority)
- 2) Shin guards (highly recommended --- you can get them for as low as \$10 at Walmart)

NOTE: Gloves and Helmet are HIGHLY recommended but not mandatory at this time. You do pay an annual liability insurance and if you wear a helmet the insurance is cheaper. ALL ROLLER players MUST wear a helmet!

WHAT MAKES DCHL Leagues Unique:

- 1) We have a website (www.playdchl.com) where you can get more info, read our rules/guidelines, get schedule, watch our feature games and download detailed stats. UPDATE: Website is being retooled so it has limited functions.
- 2) We keep detailed game and cumulative stats like you have not seen before.
- 3) We live stream several games per week via Facebook LIVE on our DCHL Leagues Facebook page.
- 4) We have women, men, and coed travel teams that play in tournaments all across the USA.
- 5) We have a variety of social and sports functions throughout the year such as Happy Hour, local one day tournaments, and other social events (such as Washington Capitals night out).
- 6) We have two very active Facebook pages: DCHL Leagues which post news and info on league happenings and SUDS HOCKEY WUDZY which is the Commissioner's personal page where we engage and talk about the league more openly.
- 7) We are also on Twitter (@DCHL_Leagues) and Instagram (dchl_leagues).

SAMPLE BALL HOCKEY GAME – MDHL (Wednesday) REC Division Finals from 2017 Winter Season -

<https://youtu.be/CaN59pbWrnk>

OUR BALL HOCKEY RULEBOOK –

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/9wkirdley86g6ie/DCHL%20Leagues%202018-2019%20Projected%20Season%20%26%20Tournament%20Dates.xlsx?dl=0>

OUR CODE OF CONDUCT –

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/koxd8xhj0olexni/DCHL%20Leagues%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf?dl=0>

OUR WAIVER –

DISCLAIMER - This waiver does not necessarily require a signature in order for it to be effective. By engaging in any activity associated with DCHL Leagues (as defined below), you are agreeing that you have fully read and agree to the terms of this waiver in defacto and to ensure that you have provided DCHL Leagues with your most current contact information. HOWEVER, a signature (written or electronic) will eventually be required for continual participation.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/uo3zq8i160djl8o/DCHL%20Leagues%20Waiver%20%28Version%20032317%29.pdf?dl=0>

OUR PRIVACY/EMAIL POLICY –

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/oh4cpw0v200zjsc/DCHL%20Leagues%20Email%20%26%20Privacy%20Policy.pdf?dl=0>