



## Panthers Adult Hockey League – Playing Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to help participants determine which league represents the most appropriate division for their skill level. Petitions can be made by the captains PRIOR to the start of the season regarding a player for league review. These petitions are to be submitted to the hockey department and may include but are not limited to: “Grandfathered” players (case by case basis), and Age (all adult league players must be at least 18 years of age). All divisions are NON-CHECKING.

**A Division** – Teams are comprised primarily of advanced to elite level adult players. These players may have professional (any level, including Europe), NCAA Division I and III College, ACHA Division I and II College, Major Jr. and Junior A, Prep, and Midget Major playing experience.

**B1 Division** – Teams are comprised primarily of experienced adult players with advanced to intermediate skill level. These players may have or Varsity High School playing experience. Some players may also have high school, competitive midget or Junior playing experience.

**B2 Division** – Teams are comprised primarily of experienced adult players with intermediate skill level. Some players may have high school, competitive midget or playing experience. Most players will have 10+ years’ experience as a youth travel hockey player and several years playing as an adult.

**C1 Division** – Teams are comprised primarily of experienced adult players with intermediate skill level. Players may have up to high school playing experience, but most of the team has youth playing experience and/or several years playing as an adult.

**C2 Jovanovski Division** – Teams are comprised primarily of less experienced adult players with intermediate skill level. Players may have up to high school playing experience, but most of the team has youth playing experience and/or several years playing as an adult.

**C2 Mellanby Division** – Teams are comprised primarily of seasoned adult novice level players. Although some players may have ten or more years of playing experience (either as an adult or youth), this experience is not to have exceeded the adult novice or recreational youth levels.

**C2 Skrudland Division** – Teams are comprised primarily of novice and beginner level players. Although some players may have five or more years of playing experience (either as an adult or youth), this experience is not to have exceeded the adult novice or beginner youth levels.

**Over 40 Division- Pool 1-** Teams are comprised of experienced adult players 40 years of age or older with advanced to intermediate skill level. These players may have College or High School playing experience. Some players may also have high school, competitive midget or Junior playing experience.

**Over 40 Division- Pool 2—** Teams are comprised experienced adult players 18 years of age and older with Novice to intermediate skill level. Players may have up to high school playing experience, but most of the team has youth playing experience and/or several years playing as an adult.

In order to provide a quality program, the Hockey Department reserves the right to place all players and teams in appropriate skill divisions. Players deemed too skilled for present level of play may be removed at the discretion of the Hockey Department. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact John Peach, league director, at [peachj@floridapanthers.com](mailto:peachj@floridapanthers.com).