

Pikes Peak Catamounts — 12U A Tournament

Tournament Rules & Format

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Tournament Overview

A CAHA-sanctioned 12U A tournament hosted by the Pikes Peak Catamounts. Final field size, ice sites (Air Force Academy Ice Arena, Robson Ice Arena, Sertich Ice Arena), and game times will be confirmed once team registration closes and are not fixed as of this draft; this sheet describes the format, guarantee, and governing rules under which the event will operate regardless of final field size.

Game Guarantee

Every registered team is guaranteed a minimum of four (4) games. Final bracket structure (pool/round-robin play plus semifinal and championship rounds) will be set once the field size is finalized, sized to preserve this guarantee for every team.

Entry Fee

\$2,000 per team.

Game Format

Games consist of three (3) stop-time periods. Period length will be set between 12 and 14 minutes based on final ice allocation and confirmed to all teams in advance of the event. A standard game curfew and warm-up period will apply, consistent with regional CAHA tournament practice.

Governing rules: current USA Hockey Rulebook and CAHA Rules & Regulations. Per CAHA Policy & Procedures Section 10.4.4.1, 12U game rules are established at the host/Recreation Committee level; a running-time provision may apply in the third period when the score differential reaches a predetermined margin, consistent with standard practice at other CAHA-sanctioned Colorado 12U events.

Format & Bracket

Field size: 4–6 teams (final field determined by registration). All teams will play a combination of pool/round-robin play and playoff games (semifinal and/or championship rounds as the field size requires) sufficient to meet the four-game guarantee above. The specific bracket will be published once entries close.

GameSheet: Once teams are confirmed, games will be posted on GameSheet.

Roster & Credentials

- All players must be currently registered with USA Hockey; teams must present a USA Hockey–certified roster.
- Final rosters are due to the Tournament Director in advance of the event; exact deadline to be published with the event schedule.
- Credentials will be verified prior to each team's first scheduled game.
- Teams should be dressed and ready to be on the ice ahead of their scheduled start time.

Check-In: Head coaches must check in with the Tournament Director one (1) hour prior to their team's first scheduled game.

Jerseys

Home team wears light-colored jerseys; visiting team wears dark-colored jerseys.

Game Officials, Ice Crew & Pucks

Clock: Catamounts volunteer.

Score/GameSheet: Catamounts volunteer.

Penalty Box: One (1) parent volunteer provided by each participating team.

Pucks: Catamounts will supply game and warm-up pucks.

Overtime & Shootouts

Pool/round-robin games may end in a tie. Semifinal and championship games will not end in a tie: a stop-time sudden-death overtime period will be played, followed by a shootout if still tied, consistent with standard CAHA tournament practice.

Standings Tiebreakers (two-way ties)

1. Head-to-head result
2. Most wins overall
3. Goal differential (capped per game)
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. Fewest penalty minutes
6. Quickest first goal scored
7. Coin toss

Equipment

Neck guards and mouth guards are mandatory for all players, in addition to standard USA Hockey equipment requirements.

SafeSport

Current USA Hockey SafeSport certification is required for all coaches, team volunteers, and any parent volunteering in the penalty box.

Forfeit Rule

Any team that enters the tournament and fails to appear on time for a scheduled game, or fails to provide a valid USA Hockey 1-T roster to the Tournament Director prior to the team's first scheduled game, will be subject to: (1) forfeiture of all tournament games as determined by the Tournament Director; (2) payment of all expenses, including referee fees and ice costs, for each forfeited game; and (3) denial of entry into any Colorado tournament for the remainder of the season — in the case of a CAHA-registered team, any approved travel permits will be rescinded. Any team refusing to play a scheduled game under any circumstances forfeits that game and its entry fee.

Weather, Refunds & Protests

- Tournament officials reserve the right to modify the schedule for weather, injury, or other emergencies.
- Entry fee refund policy will be published with tournament registration.
- No protests will be accepted, consistent with standard CAHA tournament practice.

Ice times, exact period length, roster deadlines, and final bracket format will be finalized and republished once team registration closes and ice allocation is confirmed.