



Tournament Rules

- All USA Hockey rules will apply except as modified below. If you are from Canada, then please follow your Hockey Canada equipment rules per the USA Hockey/Hockey Canada agreement.
- All games will be played in Central time.
- All teams and players must be registered with USA Hockey, and birth certificates must be verified with the signed USA Hockey Roster. An official signed roster must be submitted during team check in. If you are from Canada, then you need to have an official Hockey Canada roster to turn in.
- Penalties and penalty minutes will follow NDAHA rules.
- Please bring 4 roster labels for the score keeper's book prior to showing up before each game to be turned in at the check in table.
- The first team listed for each bracket will be the home team and wear their light-colored jerseys.
- A player of the game for each team will be chosen by the teams' coaches after each game.
- Pool Play: All games will be played on Friday and Saturday. Game times on Friday may start as early as 8:00 am, depending on how many teams are in the tournament. Each team has agreed to play at their assigned game time and game times may change if there is a tournament correction. After pool play teams will be seeded accordingly and either placed in the bracket for a semi-finals game that will play into the Championship and 3rd place games or go directly into a championship and 3rd place game. The teams that did not place in the bracket will be seeded into a friendly game. Please refer to the tournament brackets that will be sent out prior to the tournament.
- Length of Games: Games will start with a 5 min warm-up. PeeWees/12U Girls, and Bantams will be played for 15-minute period lengths. Squirt/10U Girls will be played with 12-minute period lengths. There will be a 2-minute break between the periods that won't be resurfaced. Ice will be resurfaced every 2 periods except for Squirts/10U Girls as they will only have the ice resurfaced before each game. Third period run time will occur if any team is 6 goals ahead of the other team and will stop again if the team gets back within 5 goals. Each team will be

allotted one 60 second time-out per game. There will be no overtime during the pool play games.

- Point Scoring System/Tiebreakers: 4 points for a shutout win, 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. In the event of a tie, the tiebreaker will be: 1. Head-to-head play, 2. Goal Differential, 3. Fewest Goals Allowed, 4. Goals For (max win of 6 per game), 5. Coin Toss

- Bracket Play Overtime: If a game is tied at the end of the third period there will be a 5-minute, 5 on 5 sudden death over-time period. If the game is still tied, there will be a 5-minute, 3 on 3 sudden death over-time period. If teams are still tied, there will be a 3-player shootout to determine the game winner. If no one has won after the 3-player shootout the shootout will continue until a winner has been decided with every player taking a turn before someone shoots twice.

- Sportsmanship: There will be a **zero-tolerance policy** regarding abusive conduct, unsportsmanlike behavior or fighting by any player, coach, or fan in attendance. All calls made by the referees are final and may not be protested. The tournament officials and referees have the option to end any game that they feel has become dangerous and has put any player or official in danger. In such cases, the tournament official and referee will determine the outcome of the game. All tournament officials have the authority to eject anyone from the ice arena who they feel is violating this policy.