



General Tournament Rules

Registration Fee:

- \$1,600 Per Team

Referees

- USA Hockey registered referees will be used

Medical Personnel

- A certified athletic trainer, emergency medical technician (EMT), paramedic or medical or osteopathic physician shall be in attendance at all games. This group shall include a licensed health care professional (such as a registered nurse) or other person who has successfully completed and maintained certification for programs conducted by the Red Cross or the American Heart Association for all of the following:
 - Advanced First Aid
 - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
 - Basic Life Support
 - Qualified First Responder

USA Hockey/Minnesota Hockey Rules

- All games will be played according to the USA Hockey rules as modified by MN Hockey for all the classifications involved and the exceptions are listed in the Appendix.

Equipment

- Neck laceration protection is required (add)
- Canadian teams must wear protective gear as designated by CAHA
- All players must wear HECC or CAHA approved helmets, facemasks and have mouth guards with appropriate chin straps in place
- Goalies must wear approved goalie gear

Release of Liability

- The tournament, its officials, arena facilities and all personnel connected with the tournament shall not be held liable or responsible for any injuries, losses, or damages that may be suffered by a player, coach, manager or spectator during the tournament. Participation in the tournament will constitute acceptance of these terms

Injuries

- Concussions - Minnesota Statute 121A.37 requires the following:
 1. MH must make concussion information accessible to all coaches, officials, players and parents/guardians including the effects and risks of continuing to play after receiving a concussion. This includes the nature and risks of concussions associated with athletic activity, concussion symptoms, the need for urgent diagnosis and treatment when a player is suspected or observed to have received a concussion, and the need for concussed players to follow proper medical direction before returning to play. All coaches and officials must receive initial training regarding concussions and participate in refresher training at least once every three calendar years thereafter.

2. Coaches, officials and/or medical attendants shall and are authorized to remove a player from participating if the player exhibits concussion signs, symptoms or behaviors, or is suspected of sustaining a concussion. A player removed from participation for this reason may not again participate until they no longer exhibit concussion signs, symptoms or behaviors and a "health care provider" evaluates the player and gives the player written permission to again participate. "Health care provider" means a health care professional who is registered, licensed, certified or otherwise statutorily authorized by the state to provide medical treatment, trained and experienced in evaluating and managing pediatric concussions
- If an EMT is required to go on the ice to attend an injury, the clock will be stopped. In the event of an extended injury, tournament officials reserve the right to shorten the following periods to a minimum 10 minutes. Overtime, if necessary, will be played normally. Subsequent game starting times are subject to delay due to extended injuries

Age and Gender

- Age brackets used will be Minnesota District age brackets. Please note that these may differ from USA Hockey and CAHA age brackets
- All rules described herein will apply equally to boys and girls

Round Robin Pool Play

If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by:

- The results of the games played between the **TIED** teams in the following order.
 - The points acquired in these games
 - Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games. Their position being determined in order of the greatest surplus
 - Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals against. The position being determined in order of the greatest quotient
- If after applying the above formulas a tie still exists, the same formulas shall be applied to all games played by each team
- If after applying both formulas a tie still exists, the team with the fewest penalty minutes in all games shall advance
- If after applying all the above rules a tie still exists, a coin toss by the tournament director shall determine the winner.

Game Rules

Player Protests

- Any protest of an individual player must take place before the start of the game and be presented to the tournament committee for a ruling. The tournament committee has the final word on all disputes

Time Outs

- There will be one (1) minute time out allowed for each team per game, including overtime

Penalties

- Penalties will be assessed according to USA Hockey rulebook.

Exit from Ice Rule

- At the resurfacing break or following the game and the handshake, the teams will return to the players bench and allow the team closest to the exit gate to exit the ice first. The remaining team will exit the ice when the referees have instructed them to do so.

Early Termination of Games

- The tournament officials reserve the right to terminate any game at any time after consulting with the referees. A verbal warning will be given to both benches before a game is terminated. In the event a game is terminated, the winner will be determined by:
 - If one team complies with the warning and the other does not, the team complying will be declared the winner
 - If neither team complies with the warning, the score will determine the winner. If the score is tied, a coin flip will determine the winner. The home team will call the coin toss

Excessive Lead Rule

- A five (5) goal lead anytime during the third period will result in running time. A three (3) goal lead will need to be established before stop time will be resumed
- The clock will be stopped if the referee enters the scorekeepers circle and started on the drop of the puck in the case of an injury or penalty

Tie Breakers (No Overtime in Round Robin)

If at the end of regulation play the score is tied, the following steps will be taken to determine a winner:

- There will be a 1 minute break, goalies will not change ends
- Teams will play 4 on 4 with a goalie for a 5 minute running time, sudden victory overtime period. If a team ended the regular game play with a penalty that had not yet expired, that team will continue to serve the balance of the penalty at the start of the overtime period. That team would skate only 3 skaters until the penalty expired.
- If no score occurs, there will be an Olympic style shootout. **VISITING** team shoots first, with each team alternating shots. Teams will then alternate through 5 skaters; the team leading after all five skaters shoot is the winner. Goalies may not leave the crest until the skater has touched the puck at center ice
- If the score is still tied, the rotation is switched. The **HOME** team will shoot first and the shootout becomes sudden victory, with the team in the lead after one skater from each team shoots as the winner. No skater will be allowed to shoot twice until their team has used all of their skaters. The one one-on-one shootout will continue until a winner is determined

Note: Subsequent tournament games starting times are subject to delay due to extended overtimes

ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE REFEREES AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS ARE FINAL

Roster, Coach and Player Rules

Check-In

- Team check in shall occur at least 30 minutes before their first game. All teams must be prepared to present their team credentials package including:
 - USA Hockey Registration (Team membership application)
 - USA Hockey Official player roster, bearing the signatures of all players, coaches, and managers; and displaying the stamp of the respective Minnesota hockey district director
 - Approval letter from the Minnesota district registrar for any player that is playing in a younger age group than is implicit based on the players birth date
- All team and player information required by Minnesota hockey registration will be reviewed when the team is registered in the tournament. This team and player information must be in possession of the team during the entire tournament, in case of a challenge

Personnel

- Only certified coaches are allowed on the bench and in the locker room
- Coaches will be required to show their coaching education program (CEP) cards
- The head coach for each team will sign the official game scorebook before the start of the game
- Each team must have this information readily available for inspection during tournament play
- Twenty players may be rostered and suited up per team, for each game. Not more than 4 coaches will be allowed in the players box at any time. All players on the bench, including players not dressed to play in the game, must wear a helmet, facemask and a team jersey.

Uniform Colors

- The **HOME** team will wear white jerseys, the top or first team listed in your pairing is the home team.

BarDown Tournament Appendix

- A 3 minute warm up will precede each game, starting when the officials step on the ice.
- Teams must be available to start a game fifteen (15) minutes early when asked.
- All games will consist of three (3) fifteen (15) minute stop time periods.
- Penalties will be 1 minute 30 seconds
- Resurfacing will be done at the end of each game (including overtime) for all games.
- Adherence to the USA Hockey ruling on Locker Room supervision will be strictly enforced. All teams are required to have a minimum of one (1) gender appropriate responsible adult of sufficient maturity present in the locker room at any time that any skaters are present. That person may be one of the coaches on the team, a team manager or other responsible adult above the age of eighteen (18) and they must be physically in the locker room at all times. That person will also be responsible for securing the locker room while the skaters are on the ice. That person will also be required to be safe sport certified and have a background check completed.
- Games played in pool play can end in a tie. Championship, 3rd place, 5th place and 7th place games will be played until a winner is determined as defined in the "Tie Breakers" section.
- One minute break in between periods (including overtime) - Goalies will not change ends.
- Sudden victory Overtime:
 - Will be played 5 on 5 for 5-minutes (stop time)
 - If no score occurs after 5 minutes:
 - there will be an Olympic style shootout (3 shots for each team)
 - Visiting team shoots first
 - If the Shootout score is tied after 3 shots each team will alternate shooters until a winner has been determined

Round Robin Tie Breakers

- Teams will receive 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. If two or more teams have an equal number of points, total point tie-breaking for final round seeding will be determined in the following order:
 1. Head to head result
 2. Goals differential in all pool play games
 3. Goals allowed in all pool play games
 4. Fewest penalty minutes in all pool play games
 5. Coin toss

Zero Tolerance

- All Coaches, players, parents and fans are expected to maintain the highest standard of conduct and good sportsmanship. Gross disrespect to other players, coaches or parents, fighting, swearing to coaches, players, parents or officials or intent to injure will result in immediate removal of the offender from the premises. A report will be filed with the offender's association board.