



2026 Frozen Basin Tournament Rules

It is the intent of the Ashley Valley Armature Hockey Association (AVABA) to provide fun and competitive games for all participants and spectators during the Frozen Basin Tournament.

ZERO TOLERANCE and USA Hockey Code of Conduct for all Players, Coaches, Parents, and Spectators will be enforced: We expect that everyone shows good sportsmanship and respect to officials, players, and coaches. There will be “zero” tolerance for verbal abuse to officials, and inappropriate spectator behavior towards opposing teams or opposing spectators. At any time an official or the tournament director may remove a spectator from the rink for violating these rules. It is the responsibility of the coach and team manager to control their respective team and their spectators and to ensure they exemplify good sportsmanship. Coaches, Team Managers, Parent Volunteers should be familiar with the USAH coaching Codes of Conduct in the USA Hockey Official Rules of Ice Hockey. The USA Hockey Code of Conduct standards can be found here: Codes of Conduct

[\(<https://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1015129-codes-of-conduct>\)](https://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1015129-codes-of-conduct)

The 2024 Frozen Basin Tournament is a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament; USA Hockey Rules will govern hockey play. All games will be officiated by USA Hockey certified ice officials. For a complete list of USA Hockey's rules, follow this link - USA Hockey Officiating Rulebook Mobile Site.

[\(<https://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1015030-home>\)](https://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1015030-home)

Damage to the rink and/or facilities:

The repair and replacement costs involved with damage done to any property at any ice arena, hotel or other facility will be the responsibility of the team(s) and the individual(s) causing such damage. Immediate arrangements for restitution must be made and violations of this rule are cause for disqualification from the tournament and the incident may be reported to the team's local, State, or Regional governing hockey body.

Player/Coach Check-in and Safety Guidelines

ALL PLAYERS, COACHES AND STAFF MUST BE ON THE USA HOCKEY ROSTER TO ENTER LOCKER ROOMS. Locker room hallway monitors will be on staff at all times during the Frozen Basin and are safesport and USA Hockey registered. These regulations are in place to protect the safety of all players participating in the Frozen Basin Tournament.

Tournament rules and format

- 1. The home team will wear dark jerseys.** If a team does not have two sets of jerseys, it is the team manager and coaches responsibility to notify the opposing team and referees of any necessary change prior to game time.
2. The only persons allowed on the benches, during games, are the “2024-2025 USA Hockey Official Roster” players in team uniform and safety gear (helmet) and a maximum of four certified 2023-2024 USA Hockey registered coaches. All players and coaches must appear on a USA Hockey Official Roster or equivalent. A credential check will be done prior to the start of the tournament. Team rosters will consist of players that are rostered for the team for the 2024-2025 USA Hockey Season and appear on the 1-T USA Hockey roster, as submitted to the 2024 Frozen Basin committee, with the official team registration documents. To ensure compliance, all participating teams must provide the electronic link to their USA Hockey Official Team Roster, approved by their Associate Registrar. This roster serves as proof of proper registration for all teams and participants, guaranteeing that they are playing in the appropriate age classification. It is important to note that all teams, players, coaches, and team volunteers must be registered with USA Hockey and listed on the tournament roster. The Tournament Director will review the credentials before the first tournament game and may conduct subsequent checks to ensure ongoing compliance. This is an “A and B” tournament. No “ringers” allowed. No tier-level players are allowed in this tournament unless pre-authorized. No Nationally-bound teams or players on nationally bound teams are allowed in this tournament. Each team must provide a penalty box attendant for each game, the exception being the championship games. The penalty box attendant is considered part of the off-ice officiating team and is to behave in an impartial manner as outlined in USA Hockey. The penalty box attendant is to cooperate with the official scorer and timekeeper in adhering to the rules of the game. Coaching from the penalty box is not allowed.
3. All players must wear the required equipment according to USA Hockey rules. Those rules can be found here:

<http://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1084402-rule-304-protective-equipment>

In addition, as of August 1, 2024, USA Hockey requires neck laceration protection, also known as neck guards, for players in all age classifications. The Frozen Basin tournaments will be enforcing all required equipment for players.

4. Teams will be awarded two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.

5. All tournament games will consist of three 12-minute stop time periods. It is up to the officials and the time clock personnel to determine if run time needs to happen to be able to lay in the designated time slot allocated for that game.

6. If a minor penalty is called, the duration will be for 1 minute and 30 seconds in the penalty box. If the opposing team scores on the power play, the penalty is then deemed served and the player can return to normal play.

7. If at any time the goal differential between the teams reaches six (6), the game clock will go to run time and will only stop on whistles for the following:

- a. Goal differential drops below 6
- b. Goal is scored
- c. Penalty is assessed
- d. Injury time out
- e. Team time out

** In trying to stay on time, the Tournament Director has the right to go to run time at their discretion during any period of the game.**

8. There will be a three-minute, pre-game warmup and one-minute breaks between periods

9. Teams will be allowed one, one-minute time out per game.

10. There will be no ice resurface between periods

11. Teams should be prepared to start 15 minutes before their scheduled game time. This will give the tournament personnel time to conduct a roll call prior to each game.

12. Players may only be rostered in one age division (no double rostering) and only on one tournament team.

13. No protests allowed on officials' judgment calls. Only infractions of USA Hockey rules and tournament rules will be heard. Protests must be filed with the tournament director within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the game. A judgment will be rendered within 90 minutes of receipt of the protest.

14. At the conclusion of the game, it is the responsibility of the head coach or his/her designee to review the scoresheet front and back to determine if any players or team officials are suspended or disqualified from participating in any future games. Match penalties will result in the offending player's disqualification from the tournament and subsequent reporting to

the player's local governing body.

15. The Tournament Director is the final authority for the interpretation of any tournament rules, grievances regarding players, team officials and spectators.

16. Players will be assessed a game misconduct after 4 penalties in a game and a coach will receive a game misconduct after 12 penalties in a game.

17. Icing the puck during shorthanded situations is prohibited at all youth. Only exceptions are at High School and Adult classifications.

18. 14U/12U/10U will be using the Black Pucks

19. Tie Breakers as follows

- head-to-head
- least goals against
- most goals for
- least penalty minutes
- coin toss

CONSOLATION & CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SPECIFIC RULES

1. The games will consist of 3, 15-minute, stop time periods. There will be a 3-minute warm up before the game and 1 minute break between periods. There will be no ice resurface between periods.

2. If a minor penalty is called, the duration will be 2 minutes in the penalty box. If the opposing team scores on the power play, the penalty is then deemed served and the player can return to normal play.

3. If, at the conclusion of three periods, both teams are tied, a three-man shoot-out will be held to determine a winner. The visitor team shoots first. If after the first three shooters, the score is still tied, a sudden death shoot-out (one skater each) shall continue until a winner is determined. All skaters on the players' bench are required to shoot before a player may shoot for a second time.