



2026 Superior Bay– Girls Ice Jam - Tournament Rules

DATE: November 6th - 8th 2026

Division & Playing Rules

- Division: **12U Girls**
- This is a **non-checking division**. Body contact is permitted in accordance with current USA Hockey rules.
- All games will be played in accordance with current USA Hockey Playing Rules except as modified by these tournament rules.

Officiating

- All games will be officiated by currently registered USA Hockey officials.
- The **two-official system** will be used unless otherwise assigned by the Referee-in-Chief.
- On-ice officials operate independently from Tournament Staff.
- The Tournament Director will not intervene in or overrule officials' judgment calls.

Player Eligibility

- All players must meet **12U Girl's age eligibility** requirements per USA Hockey.
- Players must be **USA Hockey registered** for the current season.
- Teams must provide an **approved USA Hockey or Hockey Canada certified roster**.
- Players may only participate on **one team** during the tournament.
- Use of an ineligible player will result in **forfeiture of all games played**.

Coaches & Bench Personnel

- All coaches must be **USA Hockey registered, SafeSport certified, and CEP compliant**.
- A maximum of **four (4) coaches/bench personnel** whose names appear on the official roster are permitted on or around the players' bench.
- Only rostered players and certified bench personnel are allowed on the bench.

Team Check-In & Readiness

- All teams must check in at the registration desk **at least one (1) hour prior** to their first scheduled game.
- Teams must be prepared to start any game **up to fifteen (15) minutes early** if required.

Game Format

- Games consist of three (3) periods.
- Period length: **15-minute Stop-Time periods**.
- Minor penalties will be served under running time, except during designated stop-time situations.
- Stop-time will be in effect during the final two (2) minutes of regulation play when the score differential is two (2) goals or fewer.
- Five (5) minute warm-up.
- Ice cuts at tournament discretion.

Scoring & Standings

Points System

- Win: **2 points**
- Tie: **1 point**
- Loss: **0 points**

Tie-Breakers (in order):

1. Head-to-head results
2. Goal differential (maximum **+5 per game**)
3. Goals scored (maximum **5 per game**)
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. Coin toss

Mercy Rule

- A mercy rule applies at a **seven (7) goal differential**.
- When the mercy rule threshold is reached, the clock will remain running time.
- Goal differential will be capped for standings purposes per MAHA guidance.
- Coaches are encouraged to manage playing time appropriately.

Overtime & Shootouts

- Preliminary round games may end in a tie.
- Playoff and Championship games:
 - Five (5) minute sudden-death overtime (run-time)
 - If still tied, a three (3) player shootout
 - If still tied, shootout continues in sudden-death format

Penalties & Suspensions

- All penalties will be assessed in accordance with USA Hockey rules.
- Major penalties, game misconducts, and match penalties are subject to automatic review.
- Suspended players or coaches must sit the next scheduled game.
- Match penalties may result in tournament expulsion and MAHA reporting.

Required Equipment & Safety

- All players must wear USA Hockey approved equipment.
- Mouthguards and neck laceration protection are mandatory.
- No jewelry is permitted.

Jerseys & Pucks

- Teams must supply **both home and away jerseys**.
- Teams are responsible for providing their own practice/warm-up pucks.

Major Penalties & Fighting

- Any **major penalty for fighting** may result in **automatic suspension** of the player or coach for the remainder of the tournament.
- Severity and discipline are at the **referee's discretion**.
- The major penalty shall be served by a player who was on the ice at the time of the infraction, selected by the coach or manager.

Zero Tolerance Policy

- Physical or verbal abuse of officials, players, staff, or spectators will **not be tolerated**.
- If abuse occurs:
 - The game will be stopped
 - The offending individual must leave the arena
 - A **MAHA STAR Incident Report** will be filed
- Teams are responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, and spectators.

Goaltender Injury Procedure

If a team dresses only **one goaltender** and that goaltender is injured: A rostered player may be designated as substitute goaltender

- This must be completed **on the bench**
- **No timeout will be granted**
- An additional skater may remain on the ice until the substitute goaltender is ready

Dressing Room Assignments & Conduct

- Dressing room assignments will be posted at the registration desk.
- Teams must use their **assigned dressing rooms only**.
- Only **registered players, team officials, and tournament officials** are permitted.
- Teams are financially responsible for **any damages** incurred.

PHONES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN ALL DRESSING ROOMS.

Game Sheet Verification

- Teams must verify official **game sheets immediately following each game**.
- Any discrepancies must be reported **before leaving the arena**.

Protests

- Judgment calls by officials are **not protectable**.
- Protests must be submitted **in writing** to the Tournament Director.
- Tournament Director decisions are **final**.

Cancellation Policy

- **Team-Initiated Cancellations**
 - Teams that withdraw **30 days or more** prior to the tournament start date will receive a **full refund**, minus a non-refundable administrative fee of **\$100**.
 - Teams that withdraw **15–29 days** prior to the tournament will receive a **50% refund** of the entry fee.
 - Teams that withdraw **14 days or less** prior to the tournament **will not receive a refund**, unless a replacement team is secured at the discretion of the tournament director.
- **No-Shows** - Teams that fail to appear for their first scheduled game will be considered a **no-show** and will forfeit all games.
 - No refunds will be issued for no-shows.
- **Tournament Cancellation by Host** - If the tournament is canceled by the host organization due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, facility issues, lack of teams, or other events beyond control), teams will receive:
 - A **full refund**, or the option to apply their entry fee to a **future tournament**, at the tournament director's discretion.
- **Weather / Force Majeure** - No refunds will be issued for games missed or canceled due to weather, travel issues, or other circumstances beyond the control of the host once the tournament has begun.
- **Refund Processing** - Approved refunds will be processed within **14–30 days** following written cancellation notice.

- **Right to Modify** - The tournament committee reserves the right to modify schedules, divisions, or formats as necessary to ensure the successful completion of the event.

Tournament Director Authority

The Tournament Director reserves the right to interpret rules, adjust schedules, and make decisions in the best interest of **player safety, fairness, and tournament integrity**. All decisions made by the Tournament Director are **final and not subject to protest or appeal**

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Host Location:

Alger Centennial Ice Arena 120 E. Varnum ST., Munising, MI 49862

Presented By:

Munising Hockey Association
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This tournament is sanctioned by the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) and governed by current USA Hockey Playing Rules. Any situation not specifically covered herein shall be governed by USA Hockey rules and MAHA policies.