Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association

Girls Official Tournament Rules

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

•All games are played under USA/NDAHA Hockey rules unless otherwise noted.

•Only USA Hockey certified officials will be used.

•The tournament will assume no liability for personal injury to participants or spectators during the event.

•An official roster must be submitted prior to the tournament.

•Automatic off sides will be used.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

•Competition format will consist of pool play or bracket play depending on the number of teams in the tournament. All tournaments will have a 4 game guarantee.

•Teams are asked to wear their light colored jersey when listed as the home team and their dark colored jersey when listed as the away team.

SCORING AND POINTS FORMAT

•Teams will be able to earn up to 3 points per game. Three(3) points for a game win, Two (2) points for a shoot-out win, One(1) point for a shoot-out loss and Zero(0) for a loss.

- Final division standings will be determined by win percentage. Win percentage will be calculated by: (Points Earned/ (Games Played X 3)) X 100

•If a team forfeits a game during pool-play they are required to forfeit all pool-play games in order to maintain equality in the standings.

GAME TIMES

- All levels will play three (3) 15 minute, stop time periods. A five (5) goal lead in the 3rd period will result in running time until the lead falls to four (4) goals.
    - 10U- The ice will be resurfaced at the end of every game
    - 12U and 15U- The ice will be resurfaced every two (2) periods, when time allows.
- All games will be completed in the set amount of time allowed in the schedule. If time becomes an issue ice resurfacing may be skipped within reasonable terms.
- Each team will be permitted one (1) 45 second time out per game.
- Teams must be ready to play **20 minutes prior** to the scheduled game time. A

five (5) minute warm up will be allowed prior to each game. Games may start early when time permits and when both teams are ready.

EQUIPMENT

•All players must adhere to USA Hockey rules regarding equipment.

- All players will be required to have a colored mouth guard.

PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

12U, 10U

- Minor = 1 minutes, 30 seconds
- Major = 5 minutes
- Misconduct = 10 minutes

Game Misconduct = Player will be removed from the remainder of the game and serve an **additional one (1) game suspension**.

•All referee decisions are final. Protests will not be allowed.

OVERTIME AND TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

- There will be no overtime. All games (including semi finals) tied after regulation will go immediately to a **3 person shoot out**, except for Championship Games.
    - Championship games will go to a five (5) minute 3 on 3 overtime, followed by a 3 person shootout.
- In no case will any team be credited with more than a five (5) goal differential for statistical purposes.

•*Tie breaking procedure for teams tied after pool play:

1. Highest Win percentage

2. Head to head competition

4. Goal differential, up to a maximum of 5 in any game

5. Fewest goals allowed

6. Fewest penalty minutes

•**Brain/Concussion related injuries** – With this tournament being a NON CHECKING tournament, there will be NO Athletic Trainers on site.