

Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association

Squirt Official Tournament Rules

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

- All games are played under USA/NDHA 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 listed first in pairings will be considered the home team and will be asked to wear the light colored jerseys when possible.
- Once a team is confirmed for the tournament there will be no refunds under any circumstance.

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.
- 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 goal lead in the 3rd period will result in running time until the lead falls to four goals. The ice will be resurfaced after every game 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 timeout per game.

- Teams must be ready to play 20 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. A 5 minute warm up will be allowed prior to each game. Games may start earlier when time permits and when both teams are ready.

EQUIPMENT

- All players must adhere to their local hockey governing body's rules regarding equipment.

PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

Minor = 1 minute, 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

- In no case will any team be credited with more than five (5) goal difference for statistical purposes.

- There will be no overtime in pool play.

- All games tied after regulation will go immediately to a 3 person shoot out, except 3rd place & Championship Games. A 5 minute 3 on 3 overtime will be played followed by a 3 person shoot out.

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

1. Total Points

2. Head to head competition.

3. Most wins in pool play.

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

5. Fewest goals allowed.

6. Fastest goal scored.

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

GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN! PRACTICE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, ON THE ICE AND IN THE STANDS.

· Rules and tournament format is subject based on team registration.