

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 (5) goal lead in the 3rd period will result in running time until the lead falls to four (4) goals
- The ice will be resurfaced at the end of every game.
- All games will be completed in the set amount of time allowed in the schedule. If time becomes an issue 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 five (5) minute warm up will be allowed prior to each game. Gamers may start earlier 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 attached to their helmet.

PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

- 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 in pool play
 - All games 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. 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.