



Fraser Valley Hockey Association

Tournament Rules and Regulations

Section I – General Tournament Administrative Matters

1. **General:** All USA Hockey rules will apply except as modified below. All Players and Teams must be registered with USA Hockey.
 - a) USAH and CAHA rules will govern
 - b) Tournament costs:
 1. 12U B: October 24-26- \$1675
 2. 14U B: October 31 – Nov 2- \$1775
 - c) If your team is not accepted, you will receive a full refund. Teams will be notified no later than 3 weeks before tournament dates if accepted to participate. NOTE: If the tournament is canceled for any reason, a full refund will be given to registered teams.
 - d) Teams will plan to travel around the tournament dates, with games starting the afternoon of the first day. We will do our best to accommodate teams that need to travel.
 - e) Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 5 games. Either round robin, brackets, or pool format will be used. Or a combination of any or all. Should there be less than the guaranteed four games played due to emergencies involving weather, injury, or other extenuating circumstances, a refund of a prorated amount may be offered.
 - f) The category of play will be at the Travel B level for the age classifications. 5 teams will be accepted at each age classification represented in paragraph b above.
 - g) Locker rooms will be assigned on the day of the tournament. Locker room keys will be provided upon request and released to the Head Coach in exchange for car keys as collateral.
 - h) There is no admission fee for spectators
 - i) Each team must provide a Penalty Box attendant for each game.
 - j) All participants must abide by any and all procedures and restrictions required by the CDC, State, local government and/or the facility.

2. **Sportsmanship:** Fraser Valley Hockey Association (FVHA) stresses sportsmanship. Fighting, abusive behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches or parents will not be tolerated on or off the ice. Such conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the tournament as determined by the tournament director and/or the site director. Referees have the authority to direct the removal of any persons acting in an objectionable or unsafe manner in the facility during games. Additionally, game referees have the authority to end any game if they feel that continuing would endanger players or violate the FVHA's policy on sportsmanship. The tournament director and the site director will determine the outcome of any such game. Tournament and or site director reserve the right to remove anyone from the Icebox Rink, whose actions are detrimental to fair play and/or sportsmanship.
3. **Credentials:** All teams and players must be registered with USA Hockey. The Credentials will be verified one hour before your first scheduled game for each team. Team managers will report to the check-in table at the scheduled rink. Required documents include:
 - a) USA Hockey Certified Player Roster (T1)
 - b) Travel permits are required and will be checked for any non-USA team.
4. **Rosters:** Final rosters must be provided to the Tournament Director no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
5. **Awards:** Team and individual awards will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place in each division.
6. **Damage to Rink and their Facilities:** The repair and replacement costs involved with any 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. Locker rooms will be checked before and after competition. Locker rooms damaged or trashed will result in a \$200 fine or costs of the damages whichever is higher.
7. **Neck guards-** Neck guards are mandatory for all players at all levels of play.

Section II – General Tournament Play

1. Length of Games:

- a) 12U & 14U levels will have a three-minute warm-up. Three 12-minute stop periods with a 60 minute curfew.
- b) If the difference in score is four goals or more during the third period, the clock will run. If the score goes back to a score differential of 3 or less the game will return to a stop clock.
- c) In emergency cases involving weather, injury or other extenuating circumstances, tournament officials reserve the right to modify the schedule as necessary. There is no overtime.
- d) Time Outs: One 30 second time-out per team will be allowed in any regulation game. No additional time-outs are allowed.
- e) Penalties:
 - i. 12U Minor Penalties = 1.5 minutes/Major Penalties = 5 minutes

ii. 14U Minor Penalties = 2 minutes/Major Penalties = 5 minutes

2. **Jerseys:** All teams are required to have a light and a dark colored game jersey. Home teams will wear their light-colored jerseys and visiting teams will wear their dark-colored jersey.

3. **Hockey Equipment:** All teams must adhere to USA Hockey rules and regulations as it pertains to individual players' equipment. Players are required to wear mouth guards during tournament games.
4. **Players and Coaches on the Bench:** Bench personnel are limited to up to 4 coaches who must be on the team's USA Hockey roster. Injured players on the bench must wear protective headgear at all times. Parents are not permitted on the bench at any time during a game. Parents who violate these rules are subject to removal from the facility.
5. **Officials:** Only USAH Registered Officials will be used in all games except in Mite Jamborees where USAH coaches and/or older players may officiate.
6. **Games and Points:** Games may start early if ice is available. Teams should be dressed and ready to be on the ice 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
 - a) Points will be awarded as follows: 2 points for a win, 0 points for a loss, 1 point for a tie.
 - b) Bracketed games and Championship games will not end in a tie. If a bracketed or championship game is tied at the end of regulation time, a 5 minute stop time sudden-death overtime period will be played. If the game remains tied after the overtime period, a shoot-out will decide the outcome. Each team will select three shooters and a goaltender from their roster. Shooters will alternate taking penalty shots at the opponent's goaltender. The team with the most goals after three shots will be declared the winner. If still tied, the shootout will continue using an additional skater from each team until a winner is established. Teams must use all of the skaters on their roster before any of the previously chosen skaters are eligible to shoot again. Each team will take the same number of shots.
 - c) Ties which exist at the conclusion of a round robin or position round will be broken using the following criteria (in order until the tie is broken):
 - i. Head-to-head win-loss records will determine the higher seeding.
 - ii. The team with the greatest goal differential in pool play will determine the higher seeding.
 - iii. The team with the fewest goals against in pool play will determine the higher seeding.
 - iv. The team with the most goals in the pool play will determine the higher seeding.
 - v. The team with the least amount of penalties during pool play.
 - vi. Coin toss will determine the higher seeding.
7. **Electronic Scoring by GAMESHEET:** FVHA will be responsible for scoring all games on Gamesheet and running the score clock. Games will be posted on Gamesheet within 24 hours of the conclusion. Paper score sheets will be used as a backup only.
8. **Pucks:** FVHA will provide all warm-up and game pucks.
9. **Forfeits/Refusal to play:**

- a) Any team which enters a tournament and fails to appear on time for a scheduled game or any team who fails to provide a valid T1 roster to the Tournament Director prior to the first game of the tournament will be subject to:
 - i. Forfeit all tournament games as determined by the Tournament Director.
 - ii. Pay for all expenses, including but not limited to Referee fees and ice costs for each forfeited game.

Section III – Protests

- 1. No protest will be accepted.
- 2. Since there are no protests, refusal to play any scheduled game(s) will result in a forfeit.

Section IV – Safe Sport Compliance

- 1. The USAH Sanctioned Tournament Safe Sport Program Protocol will be adhered to.

Section V – Interpretation of Rules

- 1. Interpretation of all tournament rules including the tie-breaker rule is under the sole discretion of the Fraser Valley Hockey Association and the Tournament Committee.