

Colorado Youth Pond Hockey Tournament 2026 Rules

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. OVERVIEW

Play will be on January 31 and February 1, 2026. The divisions will be Youth 12U, Youth 10U, Girls U12, Girls U10, Mites/U8 and Mites/U6. Each team will play other teams within their divisional bracket but may not play all teams in their bracket. Standings will be organized by wins and losses followed by goal differential. **Minimum of 4 games.**

In the event of a tie during the general play for seeding for championships tiebreakers will be determined on the following criteria:

1.) Head to Head 2.) Goal differential 3.) Fewest Goals against, 4.) Most Goals For 5.) Coin toss.

Game time will be 25 minutes played in 2 - 12 minute halves with running time and a 1 minute halftime break stated on the Master Schedule given to each team. All Games will be played 4-4. All teams should arrive five (5) minutes prior to scheduled game time. If tournament officials determine that the schedule is in jeopardy, they may shorten warm-up time and breaks between periods to protect the curfew time assigned to each game.

- 6U and 8U will play 4 Games and will not have a Championship per CAHA rules
- All other Divisions will play 4 Pool Play Games with the Top 2 Teams in each age group play a Championship Game as their 5th Game.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP

Should the championship game end in a tie at the end of regulation, a five (5) minute Overtime period will be played. The first team to score will be declared the winner. If two teams are still tied at the end of the overtime period, a Sudden Death Overtime period with no time limit will be played 4 on 4.

3. AWARDS – A Banner will be awarded to the champion of each division only

4. GENERAL RULES

General Pond hockey rules will be observed

1. NO COACHING WILL BE ALLOWED DURING GAMES – A Parent/Guardian may be on the bench to help with line changes but NO COACHING
2. Per USA Hockey regulations, all players are required to wear a neck laceration protector that is commercially designed and
3. manufactured for that purpose.
4. Games will be played 4-4 (Older divisions may play 3-3 depending on ice conditions)
5. All teams and players must be registered with USA Hockey.
6. 2025-29 USA Hockey Rule Book
7. All games shall consist of two (2) periods. All games will have 12 minute run clock halves with a 1 minute intermission. There will be no overtime games during Round Robin Play. Overtime will be played in championship game and 3rd place game only.
8. Penalties may be assessed by a scorekeeper and the penalized team will cede a point to the opposition
9. All players will be required to wear Full Equipment
10. Goaltending is expressly forbidden. Teams attempting to block their goal by either laying down, sliding or standing in the opening of the goal within 4 feet of the goal for an extended period of time so as to prevent goals for the other team will see goals awarded to the other team by the scorekeeper
11. No Checking is allowed
12. There will be no charge to spectators.

5. CREDENTIALS

Official USA T-1 Hockey Rosters must be submitted for each team 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT

6. PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

“Officials” will be scorekeepers provided as volunteers by Summit Hockey

Paper scoresheets will be used for scorekeeping. Scores will be posted at the conclusion of each game on the scoreboard at the main tent.

7. SPORTSMANSHIP

Fighting, abusive behavior, or unsportsmanlike conduct by players, team officials, parents or spectators will not be tolerated either on or off the ice and will be grounds for removal from the tournament. The USA Hockey Zero Tolerance is in effect for both players and spectators. Teams will be penalized for unruly spectators and unruly spectators will be banished from the pond for the remainder of the tournament. The scorekeepers shall have the option of ending any game should they feel that the players or game officials are endangered. In such case, the Tournament Committee and off ice officials will determine the outcome of the game.

If for any reason a team refuses to start play, USA Hockey Rule 633 will be followed.

8. JERSEYS

It will be the home team's responsibility to wear primarily light colored jerseys and the visiting team's responsibility to wear primarily dark colored jerseys. Tournament Officials must be advised in advance if any team is unable to meet this requirement.

9. LOCKER ROOM

There are no locker rooms for this event and all players will need to dress in the areas provided. Neither the Town of Silverthorne nor the Summit Hockey Association assumes any responsibility for personal property left in the changing area. Each team is responsible for the security of its players' belongings and TO that they clean up after themselves.

10. DAMAGES TO RINK

Should any player or players, or any teams willfully damage any property of the town of Silverthorne, all cost for repair or replacement shall be borne by the team(s) concerned. Arrangement for restitution must be made immediately with the town of Silverthorne.

11. CONFLICT/DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The tournament directors of the Kingdom Cup tournament will decide discipline and protests. A protest fee of \$50 will be charged per protest and must be paid before the Tournament Directors or Tournament Committee hears the protest. The Committee shall be responsible for deciding any actions to be taken against a player or team official.

No player or team official shall be suspended from participation in the remaining games unless he/she has appeared before the committee and has been given the opportunity to relate his/her version of the incident. The Committee will act on any such matters that occur after the game in which the infraction occurred and before that team's next game.

12. FEES

The entry fee for the tournament is \$500. **No refunds will be returned after teams have been accepted unless the division is canceled, in which case a full refund will be provided**

13. SAFESPORT

It is each team's responsibility to comply with all USA Hockey and CAHA Safesport policies at this event.