

CPHL 9th Annual Early Bird Tournament

1 - This will be a High School USA Hockey sanctioned Recreational tournament (High School Prep Teams) open to teams properly registered with USA Hockey with competition at the 18 and under. All USA Hockey High School rules and CAHA rules will govern. Tournament dates August, 21st – 25th 2025.

2 - There will be a minimum of four teams competing in a round robin format. Points will be awarded according to the following point system: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. Tier 1 and Tier 2 will play 4 round robin games and the 2 teams with the most points advance to the final.

3 - Home teams shall wear white sweaters and away teams shall wear dark sweaters. The tournament director reserves the right to change color designations if necessary.

**4 - All games will have 3 periods with period duration as follows:
Three - 15 minute stop periods. Ice cuts will be every two periods.**

5 - No game will be played under curfew rules - however if at any time during the third period the score differential is 4 or more, the game clock will go to running time. Stop time will only resume when the deficit is reduced to less than four goals. When in running time, a penalty will start when play resumes.

6 - Tournament officials reserve the right to end any game or move any game to running time if the officials and/or referee deem the game has become unsafe, or to recover time in the tournament schedule.

7 - No time outs will be allowed in the round robin games. One time out per team will be allowed in the semi-final and championship games.

8 - A tie game after regulation play in the round robin portion of the tournament will remain a tie. Only games designated as semi-final or championship will have overtime. A tie game after regulation play in the semi-final and championship rounds will have a one minute rest period followed by a 4 on 4 sudden death overtime period of for 5 minutes. If still tied after the 4 on 4 overtime period, after a one-minute rest period:

- 1. In semi final games: A 3 man shootout will ensue. Each team will designate 3 shooters and the teams will alternate penalty shots on the opposing goalie, home team first. Best of 3 shots wins. If the score remains tied following the first 3 shooters, each team will designate an additional shooter, different from the first 3. Each team will alternate shooters until a winner is determined (all members of each team must be used in the shootout before repeating).**

2. In championship games: the 4 on 4 with goalies, sudden-death format will continue for an additional five minutes. The goalies must switch ends. If the game remains tied at the end of the second 4 on 4 overtime, a 3 man shootout will ensue. Each team will designate 3 shooters and the teams will alternate penalty shots on the opposing goalie, home team first. Best of 3 shots wins. If the score remains tied following the first 3 shooters, each team will designate an additional shooter, different from the first 3. Each team will alternate shooters until a winner is determined (all members of each team must be used in the shootout before repeating).

9 - In the event there is a tie in game points when determining seed positions for the semi-final round the tiebreakers will be applied as follows:

1. If two teams are tied, head-to-head results between the two teams.

If still tied or more than two teams tied:

2. Subtracting goals-against from goals-scored, all games considered, the team with best +/- rating being ranked highest.

If still tied:

3. Team allowing the fewest goals against.

If still tied:

4. The team with the fewest penalty minutes.

If still tied:

5. Coin toss.

10 - Teams are required to check in one hour before their scheduled game time for locker room assignments and all teams will be flexible and cooperative in the event that start times or rink assignments need to be changed. The first game of the day will start on schedule.

11 - Penalty Box will be covered by volunteers from participating teams. Clock and score keeper will be provided by the home team.

12 - Teams must be ready to take the ice within 2 minutes after the Zamboni doors have closed unless directed otherwise by tournament officials. A 5 minute warm up period will start when the Zamboni doors close. Teams provide their warm up pucks.

13 - Locker rooms will be assigned and keys will be checked out at the tournament table or at venue's front desk before each game. All teams are to follow the USAH locker room policy: Teams must have at least one adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events. An adult must monitor and supervise the environment and conduct in the locker room at all times while players are present and appropriately secure the locker room when players are on the ice. Meetings between a player and a coach in the locker room must be monitored by an additional adult. Teams

are required to leave their locker room clean and damage free. Tournament officials will inspect for damage and cleanliness after each game. Teams will be held responsible for following the USAH locker room policy and any damage to the locker rooms will be repaired at the expense of the team/player responsible for the damage. Teams will be refused a locker room for the remainder of the tournament if there are issues. Locking the locker room during the game is the responsibility of the team. The Sportstable are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

14 - The tournament committee, through its director will handle protests and disputes. The director reserves the right to make final decisions regarding the interpretation of the tournament rules. The director will act in the best interest of the players, coaches, and the game in general. The director's decisions are final and not subject to appeal. Issues relating to officiating are not subject to the jurisdiction of the tournament director. Coaches may make a formal written appeal regarding officiating to the tournament committee no sooner than 12 hours after the game in question has ended. At that time, a meeting of the tournament committee and the director of officiating will convene to consider the appeal. The decision of the tournament committee and the director of officiating will be final. The fee for a written appeal is \$150.00 and is payable when filing the appeal with the tournament director.

15 - Championship team trophy/banner will be presented to the first place teams of each age division at the conclusion of the championship game.

16 - Any player receiving a major penalty for fisticuffs (fighting) shall automatically be assessed a game misconduct penalty and a three game suspension. The player must leave the ice surface and team bench area immediately. Furthermore, all teams registered under CAHA must comply with all additional suspensions. All 601 penalties will result in additional 1 games plus the 1 game mandatory suspension from USA Hockey. Under USA Hockey, a 601 is a game misconduct. Any team with 12 penalties will see their coach suspended from the next game.

17 - Any player, coach, team, team official, parent, or spectator who demonstrates rude, vulgar, damaging, or unsportsmanlike conduct during the duration of the tournament at any of the tournament venues and/or on hotel property is subject to discipline by the Sportstable tournament committee. This may include removal from ice arena/hotel property, suspension from games, or expulsion from the entire tournament/hotel stay.

18 - Only the head coach or the team manager may express concerns to the tournament director and/or other tournament officials.

19 - No noise devices allowed. This includes, but is not limited to bells and horns.

20 - The following rules are mandated by CAHA:

1. Any team which enters a tournament which fails to appear on time for a scheduled game shall (1) forfeit all of its tournament games, (2) shall pay for all

expenses, including but not limited to referee's fees and all ice costs for each forfeited game and shall be denied entry in any tournaments for the remainder of the season.

- 2. All teams including but not limited to out-of-state teams, must place on file with the tournament director before the first tournament game, a copy of the Team Roster Form which has been approved and signed by their USA Hockey or CAHA Registrar. Each team needs to present the following credentials to be checked by a tournament official USA hockey 1 – T roster. If any team shall fail to comply with this rule, that team shall forfeit all games until the proper signed and sealed team roster is presented to the tournament director. The team violating this rule shall remain obligated to and shall pay all financial obligations to all opponents for the forfeited game costs and the league or tournament entry fees.**

21 - All teams must register in the age appropriate level/division per the USA Hockey sanctioned levels. Any team found in violation of these rules will forfeit 100% of the tournament registration fee, no exceptions.

22 - Game results will be posted on ESS with in 24 hours of game being completed.

23 – All games will be officiated by USA hockey referee's.

24 – Each team must pay a tournament fee of \$2400.00

25 – There is no admission fee for spectators. .

26 – USAH 1-T will be checked a minimum 1 week prior to start of tournament.

27 – SAFE SPORT COMPLIANCE – The USAH Sanstioned Tournament Safe Sport Program Protical will be adhered to.

28 – Score keeping will be done by home team . Ipad will be provided.

29 – All players must have a USA hockey certified neck guard.