

# Woodland Park Hockey Association 2026 Frozen Face-off U10 and U14 Outdoor Invitational January 23-25, 2026 Meadow Wood Sports Complex Ice Rink, Woodland Park, CO

I. Credentials Check and Qualifications: Teams are required to check-in one hour prior to their first scheduled game. A mandatory credential check shall include the following documents: (Must have certified signed rosters before allowed to play in tournament).

- Official USA Hockey Certified roster for the 2025-2026 season signed by affiliate registrar. Must include players, coaches, and at least one Manager. Official rosters must be submitted 2 weeks prior to the tournament.
- Only certified coaches listed on 1-T roster will be allowed on the team bench.
- Travel permits will be required /checked for all teams from an affiliate requiring travel permits and all Canadian teams. (An International Competition Travel Form is required for all other foreign teams.)

#### **II. General Information**

#### Age Classification and Level of Play:

- 10U/14U House/Recreation or 10U/14U C Non Check Tournament
- This will be a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament and all teams must be properly registered with USA Hockey.
- There will be a maximum of (6) teams chosen to participate in the tournament maximum of 6 teams in one age group and 4 in another age group.

# Fees and Registration

- Spectators Welcome No Admission Fee
- 10U House/Rec/C \$1650.00
- 14U House/Rec/C \$17500.00
- All teams must submit a completed tournament application and submit their entry fee
  to the tournament director no later than December 31, 2025 (or until the tournament
  has been filled). Forms can be emailed. Teams will be notified of acceptance upon
  receipt of application and fee. (Copies of team rosters are due as soon as available).

- Entry Fee is non-refundable once notified of acceptance into the tournament except in the event that the event is canceled/postponed due to extreme weather conditions.
- If your team is not accepted, your entry fee will be refunded by January 1, 2026.
- All games will be played at Meadow Wood Sports Complex Ice Rink (2000 Evergreen Heights Parkway, Woodland Park, CO 80863)

III. Tournament Rules and Regulations: The goal of our tournament is to promote the enjoyment of ice hockey, the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play. The following rules are designed to help us accomplish that goal. Tournament rules are posted online at <a href="https://www.woodlandparkhockey.com">www.woodlandparkhockey.com</a> Current USA Hockey rules shall govern hockey play except as altered below:

**Neck Guards:** Neck guards are required for all players and youth participants.

**Arrival Time:** Each team should arrive at the rink at least one hour prior to their game. Games may start early, and teams should be dressed and ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.

# **Locker Rooms/Warming Huts:**

- Locker room/Warming Hut assignments will be posted at the rink. These are public spaces used for both dressing and warming for all participants and players. Players should dress accordingly.
- 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 damage in the locker rooms.
- Teams should pile their bags in the corner of locker rooms or outside to allow the team after them to use the locker rooms.
- WPHA is not responsible for any lost/stolen items left in the locker rooms/warming huts players must take care to store their items appropriately between games.

#### Jerseys:

- All players must wear a numbered jersey in the proper team color.
- If teams have home/away jerseys, then the home team will decide which jersey to wear
   this will be decided by coaches and communicated prior to taking the ice.

**IV. Games:** Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 4 games in round robin play with a chance for a maximum of 5 total games. Points are awarded as follows;

- 2 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

**FORFEITS/REFUSAL TO PLAY:** Any Team which enters a tournament and fails to appear on time for a scheduled Game or any Team (CAHA registered or otherwise) who fails to provide a valid 1- T roster to the Tournament Director prior to the first Game of the tournament will be subject to: 1) Forfeit all tournament Games as determined by the Tournament Director. 2) Pay for all expenses, including but not

limited to Referee fees and ice costs for each forfeited Game. 3) Denied entry in any Colorado tournaments for the remainder of the season and in the case of a CAHA team, any approved travel permits will be rescinded.

- Forfeits: (the non-offending team will be awarded a 1-0 victory)
- If one of the teams is unwilling or unable to play at their designated game time, a forfeit shall be declared.
- A team must have at least six (6) players to be eligible to play a game or a forfeit shall be declared.

# Period Length/ Game Curfew/ Stop/ Run Clock:

- Each team shall have a 3-minute warm-up which will begin as soon as the officials are on the ice.
- Period one (1) and two (2) are 15-minute run time. Period three (3) is a 12-minute stop-time.
- U10 Penalties: Minor penalties will be 1:30 in time for the 1st and 2nd periods; 1:00 for the 3rd period. Major penalties will be 5 minutes, Misconduct penalties will be 10 minutes.
- U14 Penalties: Minor penalties will be 2:00 in time for all three periods. Major penalties will be 5 minutes, Misconduct penalties will be 10 minutes.
- No games will be played under curfew. If at any time during the third period the goal differential is 5 or more, the game clock will go to running time. Stop-time will resume when the goal differential is reduced to 4 goals or less.
- The clock shall stop on all injuries.
- Games will end in a tie during round robin play.

**Timeouts:** No timeouts allowed in round robin games. During Semi-final and Championship games each team will be allowed one 60 second timeout per game.

**Round Robin Tie Breakers:** In the case of a point tie for any seed, the following will be used to determine ranking in making the semifinals (in the following order until the tie is broken).

- Head-to-head game results will determine the higher seed.
- The team with the greatest goal differential in pool play will determine the higher seed.
- The team with the fewest goals against in pool play will determine the higher seed.
- The team with the most goals in pool play will determine the higher seed.
- The team with the least amount of penalty minutes during pool play will determine the higher seed.
- A coin toss will determine the higher seed.

**Ice Make:** There will be an ice make after every game throughout the tournament.

**Scorekeepers:** Neutral scorekeepers and clock operator shall be provided. If a neutral scorekeeper and time clock operator cannot be provided the hosting team will be responsible for providing one.

**Pucks:** WPHA will provide all warm-up pucks and game pucks.

**Penalty Box:** A volunteer (18 years or older) from each of the participating teams will cover the penalty box.

#### **Game Results:**

- CAHA electronic scoring system will be used to score the game online. Each game will have a back-up scoresheet in case of internet failure.
- Team Managers will need to report the team roster to the scorer's table prior to each game.
- The game results will be posted on CAHA within 24 hours of completion of the game.

# **Player/Coach Conduct:**

- Any player receiving a game misconduct penalty will immediately be suspended from the current game and will also be suspended for the next scheduled game. **Fighting** will result in the suspension from the tournament.
- Any player receiving four (4) penalties in any game is suspended for the remainder of that game and for the next game; receiving a game misconduct.
- Any team that receives 12 penalties or more in a game will have their Head Coach suspended for the next scheduled game.

**Noise Makers:** As a courtesy to all teams and spectators — **No Noise Makers** — no horns, cowbells, drums etc. will be permitted at the rink.

**Damage to Facilities:** Any damage to the facilities or property will be paid for by the team concerned. Arrangements for restitution shall be made immediately with the tournament director or WPHA representative. Any profanity or abusive behavior towards players, fans, or rink personnel will result in an ejection from the premises.

# **Substitute Goalkeepers:**

- A team may pick up a substitute goalie from within its own association if it does not already have a spare goalie registered. The substitute goalie must be registered in the current season on a team of equal or lower age classification and equal or lower team classification.
- A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in case of injury to the regular goalie.
- If a team elects this method for a substitute goalie, the team may have only 19 players registered at any time so as not to exceed the maximum number of players allowed.

**Officials:** All tournament games will be officiated by registered officials in good standing with USA Hockey.

**Zero Tolerance:** We will be enforcing our ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. Fighting or abusive behavior and language by players, coaches, team officials or spectators will not be tolerated. Any actions that are deemed abusive or detrimental to fair play and sportsmanship will result in the immediate removal of the offending party from the arena.

#### **Protest and Grievances:**

 Shall be ruled on by the Tournament Director and members of the protest/grievance committee.

- The Tournament Director reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the interpretation of the tournament rules and shall act in the best interest of the players, coaches, and the game in general.
- The Tournament 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 and it must be submitted within an hour after the conclusion of the game in protest along with a check for \$100.00.
- The protest / grievance committee's decisions will rule. This committee's decisions are not subject to appeal.

**Awards:** Awards will be presented to the first place teams in each age division at the conclusion of the championship game. All players will receive a tournament beanie.

#### V. Semifinal Games

- Each team will be allowed one 60 second timeout per game.
- Ties that exist at the conclusion of regulation play will be broken using the following criteria:
  - 1st Overtime Period teams will play a 5-minute period 4v4 sudden death. (Teams switch ends)
  - If teams are still tied after the overtime period, a 3-person shootout will be used.
  - If teams are tied after the original 3 players, the shootout will continue until a winner is determined.

# **VI. Championship Games**

Ties that exist at the conclusion of regulation play will be broken using the following criteria:

- 1st Overtime period Teams will play a 5-minute period 4v4 sudden death. (Teams switch ends).
- 2nd Overtime period Teams will play 5-minute period 3v3 sudden death. If teams are still tied after the 2nd overtime period, a 3-person shootout will be used.
- The higher seeded team will determine which team will shoot first.
- Coaches will submit 3 different players for the shootout.
- Any player serving a penalty at start of overtime will not be allowed to participate in the shootout.
- If teams are tied after the original 3 players, the shootout will continue until a winner is determined.
- Players that have already participated in the shootout may not shoot again until the team's entire roster has been used. (Excluding goalies and any players in the penalty box).

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