

General Information

1. This is a CAHA sanctioned tournament. USA Hockey rules regarding age classification will be followed. The tournament will be open to 12UAA teams registered in Colorado, **ONLY**.
2. All teams must be registered and in good standing with CAHA/USA Hockey to participate.
3. The entry fee for the tournament is \$1,800.00 (U.S. dollars) per team.
4. Admission for spectators is free at all venues.
5. Any teams withdrawing from the tournament will forfeit all games and funds.
6. By accepting entrance into the 2025 AIQ, teams and their respective coaches, managers, and parents agree to the rules and responsibilities of representing the Colorado Avalanche in the 66th Annual Quebec International Pee Wee Hockey Tournament.

Team/Player Eligibility

To ensure fair and competitive play in Quebec, your team must meet the following criteria to be eligible to compete in the 2025 Avalanche International Qualifier Tournament:

7. Considered a CAHA Member in good standing*, properly registered in Colorado, and conforming to all USA Hockey and CAHA Age Classification, Division, and Category designations.
8. Your team will be required to submit their USA Hockey 1-T roster at the time of registering for the AIQ. The roster you submit at the time of registration is the roster you are committed to participating with in the AIQ, as well as the Quebec International Tournament.
 - a. *Any player requesting to be added to the roster after registering for the AIQ will need to be approved via CAHA and the Colorado Avalanche.*
 - b. *Teams will need to have a roster of 15 players or more.*
9. Players may be rostered on, and participate on, only **one (1)** entered AIQ team.
10. Double rostering will **ONLY** be permitted for the following exceptions:
 - a. Girl players double rostered on 1 youth team and 1 girls' team
 - b. Goaltenders
11. No "All-Star" or "Tournament Teams" will be admitted into the Tournament. An "All-Star/Tournament Team" can be defined as a team where more than half of their players rostered came from a different club than the one they are rostered on.
 - a. **10.4.2.8.** 12U AA teams that have **more than 25% of their roster be new first year players to the member organization shall not be a team in good standing for the purposes of Quebec Qualifier** or any other high-profile tournament in Colorado as deemed by the CAHA Board of Directors.
 - b. **10.4.2.11 No tournament teams (rostered as a non-regular season team) shall be eligible to play in state playoffs, Quebec Qualifier** or any other tournament as determined by the CAHA Board of Directors.
12. Teams must play a **minimum of 7 in-state**, non-tournament games in order to participate in AIQ.
13. Teams must be declared as "AA" in compliance with the AIQ.
14. No out-of-state players will be permitted.
15. ***CAHA and the Colorado Avalanche each reserves the right to deny acceptance to any team believed to have violated the team requirements.***

Tournament

1. The tournament will be comprised of 9 teams.
2. Each team will play a minimum of 4 games and maximum of 6 games.
3. **Pool Play:** Each Team will play 4 round robin games for bracket seeding for semifinals.
4. **Advancement:** Once pool play concludes, the top 4 teams in will advance to single-elimination semifinal games.
5. **Seeding:** Teams will be seeded for the semifinals based on a points system:
 - 2 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss

The following tiebreakers will be used in succeeding order:

- 1) Total Points
- 2) Results of head-to-head competition (wins) –
☐ Provided tied teams played each other. Does not apply if 2+ teams are tied.
- 3) Fewest goals against in all games
- 4) Goal differential in all games
- 5) Lowest penalty minutes
- 6) Coin Toss

Should 3 or more teams enter a tiebreaker: one team will be eliminated by the criteria. Once one team is eliminated, the remaining teams start over at the head-to-head tiebreaker and go through the criteria again to break the tie. This will continue until one team is remaining. The succession of tiebreakers shall determine the final order. For example, in a three-way tie the first team eliminated shall be the third-place team, the second team eliminated shall be the second-place team, and the final team remaining shall be the first-place team.

6. Forfeits will cause the non-offending team to be awarded a 1-0 victory.
7. For Semi-finals and Finals, the highest seed will be the home team.
8. Games will be scored live via Gamesheets - This link will be shared with your Team Manager prior to the start of the tournament.

Game time

16. Each team will have a 5-minute warm-up period.
17. Games will have three 14-minute stop-time periods, no ice makes.

Clock stoppages

18. Should the goal differential exceed 5 goals in the third period, the clock will become a running clock until the situation changes. All injuries and penalties will stop the clock.
19. Each team will be allowed (1) one-minute timeout per game which can be called only when play is stopped.

Overtime

20. Pool play games that end in a tie will result with each team receiving 1 point in the standings.
21. Should an elimination game be played and end in a tie at the end of regulation, a five-minute 4 vs. 4 stop time will be played, with the first goal deciding the victor. Should neither team

score after the 4 vs. 4 overtime period, a five-minute 3 vs. 3 stop time will be played, with the first goal deciding the victor. Should neither team score after the 3 vs. 3 overtime period, a shoot-out will decide the victor.

22. Teams are required to switch sides at the end of each OT period.

Shoot-out

23. The home team will have the choice of shooting first or second.

24. The referee will ask the coach to designate 3 players for the first round. Should the tie not be broken after the first round, the coach will designate 1 player at a time as required. All players (except goaltenders) must take part in the shootout before any player does so twice.

25. The penalty shot rules are in effect for the shoot-out. Shots are taken in an alternating order.

26. The team having scored the most goals in the complete round will be declared the winner.

27. The game ends when the tie is broken in an equal number of shots by each team.

Rules of Conduct

1. You will follow all USAH/CAHA rules.

2. All players are required to wear neck guards.

3. The referees and tournament directors' decisions are final.

4. The Colorado Avalanche and CAHA will enforce the USA Hockey zero tolerance policy for spectators, parents, coaches, and players. Anyone who violates these principles will be removed from the Tournament.

5. Fighting Penalties will be enforced. See Rule 615 – Fighting (fighting in the USA Hockey Official Rules for more detailed information).

6. 4-Penalty maximum will be enforced. See Rule 401(b). Player with 4 penalties in one game will receive a Game Misconduct.

a. A "GAME MISCONDUCT" penalty involves the suspension of a player or Team Official for the balance of the game with immediate substitution taking place to serve the penalty.

b. A player or Team Official incurring a game misconduct penalty shall also be suspended for his/her team's next game (the game already appearing on the schedule of that team at the time of the infraction). See Rule 404(b).

7. USA Hockey officials will officiate all AIQ Games.

8. If a team receives 12+ penalties in a game, the head coach will be suspended for the next game.

9. Game pucks will be provided by the Colorado Avalanche. Teams will provide their own warmup pucks.

10. Colorado Avalanche staff will run clock and scoring at all games.

11. Each team will be required to provide a volunteer to work the penalty box.

a. A team volunteer **WILL NOT** be required during the Semi-finals and Finals games