

2026 PALMER LAKE OUTDOOR CLASSIC

ADULT TOURNAMENT

Tournament Details

- Teams will be made up of a maximum of 6 players. No goalies.
- Team cost is \$133 per player (\$799) per team due at the time of registration
- Team fee includes 6x jerseys, 1 beer per player & 4 game guarantee.
- All players must have a current (2025/26 season) USA Hockey player/coach registration. To register or find your USA Hockey number, visit <https://membership.usahockey.com/>

Rostered players can be changed day of event, if USA Hockey number and birthdate are confirmed at check-in.

USAH Officials: Games will be officiated by USAH certified officials.

USAH Volunteers: There will be at least 3 USAH certified manager volunteers administering the event.

Adult Classics Division Descriptions

Gold: 'We want the cup' (Advanced) - This division consists of advanced level players who may have Tier II or III Junior, ACHA, Midget Major AAA, and Prep/Varsity High School playing experience. Teams are comparable to traditional "B" level adult league teams.

Stout: 'Just here for the beer' (Novice) - This division is made up of players of all skill levels. Some players will have limited experience and some players will be advanced. Bring your best team and have fun!

Adult Classic Rules and Structure

All teams will be guaranteed 4 games.

Championship prizeing will be presented on-ice immediately following the championship game.

- Schedule requests are not accepted.
- All games will take place on Palmer Lake, January 11th 3:00pm-8:00pm. Please have your team plan on arriving at the lake to check in, get dressed and be ready for a 3:00pm Faceoff.
- Schedule will be sent out a week or two before the tournament. This is to avoid sending out multiple schedule versions if any last minute changes need to be made.
- There will be 2 divisions of 8 teams. Each division will consist of 2 conferences. Each conference will play a 3 game round robin with advancing winners and losers bracket.

GAMES: (2) 10 minute halves - Running clock, 3 on 3, no goalies, no timeouts.

WARM-UPS: Three minute warmup. The ice will be resurfaced before each game.

OVERTIME RULES:

- **PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES: SHOOTOUT (No Overtime)**
 - If a game is tied at the end of regulation, a three man shoot-out will be held to determine a winner. If after the first three shooters, the score is still tied, a sudden death shoot-out (one skater each) shall continue until a winner is determined. All skaters on the players' bench are required to shoot before a player may shoot for a second time
- **SEMI-FINAL & CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES: OVERTIME then SHOOTOUT**
 - A five minute running time, 3 on 3, sudden-death overtime period will be played. If the score remains tied after the overtime, the above described shootout format will be used to determine a winner.
- **PENALTIES:** minor penalties will be enforced with penalty shot for other team
 - Discipline for Excessive Penalties:
 - Four Individual Penalties carry an automatic game ejection (remainder of game).
 - Fighting WILL NOT be tolerated. Any players involved in a fight as deemed by the game officials will receive an automatic game misconduct (1 game suspension).
- **EQUIPMENT:** Players are required to follow USA Hockey equipment guidelines. Note: Certified hockey helmets must be worn.
- **GAME RESULTS:** A maximum differential of six goals per game will be used for standings/tiebreaker purposes. ex. A score of 14-3 becomes 9-3; a score of 8-0 becomes 6-0.

PLAYING RULES HIGHLIGHTS

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- No Checking.
- No Icing.
- No Slapshots.
- No offsides.
- No Faceoffs. After goals, possession goes to the team scored on.
- Pucks exiting the playing area: officials will award a live puck to defensive zone team with 2-stick spacing.
- **STANDINGS:** Standings will be determined utilizing the following point system:
 - Win in Regulation = 3 points
 - Shoot-out win = 2 points
 - Shoot-out Loss = 1 point
 - Loss in Regulation = 0 points
 - Note: If two or more teams have an equal number of points, the standings shall be determined by:
 - Step 1: Head to Head – The results in the games played between the tied teams. Note: If a team defeated the other team(s) that they are tied with, they will be ranked ahead of those other teams.
 - Step 2: Goal Differential – GOALS FOR minus GOALS AGAINST in all games played. Note: In a given game the goal differential will be a maximum of six (6) regardless of a greater goal differential (i.e. 15-2 would be counted as 8-2).
 - Step 3: Most Wins.
 - Step 4: Coin toss.
- **RULES:** USA Hockey playing rules are in effect except for some modifications listed below.
 - All players are required to follow USA Hockey equipment recommendations.
 - This is a non-checking event. Body checking is not permitted at any level.
 - Slap shots are not allowed at all levels.
- **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** All players must be 18 years of age or older by January 11th, 2026.

CANCELLATION DETAILS: The Palmer Lake Outdoor Classic will make every effort to host the event as scheduled on January 11th. However, in the event of cancellation, the back up date is January 18th. We will make every effort to host the event but if the back up date is cancelled, all Registration and proceeds will be donated to Palmer Lake Outdoor Classic non profit. Jerseys will be distributed to team leads.

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