



# Shamrock Adult Recreational Hockey Tournament

## Official Tournament Rules

### Sanctioning

This tournament is sanctioned by **USA Hockey** and all games will be played under current USA Hockey Adult Playing Rules unless otherwise stated below.

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## 1. Divisions

The tournament will consist of two adult recreational divisions:

### Upper Division (Competitive Recreational)

- Intended for experienced adult players
- Faster pace, higher skill level

### Lower Division (Recreational / Beginner–Intermediate)

- Intended for true recreational-level players
- Emphasis on balance, safety, and sportsmanship

The Tournament Director reserves the right to **move teams or players** to ensure competitive balance.

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## 2. Player Eligibility

1. All players must:

- Be **18 years of age or older**
- Be **currently registered with USA Hockey**

2. Players may only roster on **one team** in the tournament.
3. All players must appear on the official team roster prior to their first game.

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### **3. Player Rating & Roster Composition (Lower Division)**

To preserve the recreational nature of the **Lower Division**, the following roster restrictions apply:

- Players rated “C” (or equivalent mid-level adult classification) may make up **no more than 30% of a team’s roster**.
- Roster size is calculated using the **maximum rostered players**, not players dressed per game.
- Example:
  - 15-player roster → maximum of **4 C-rated players**
  - 18-player roster → maximum of **5 C-rated players**
- Players rated above “C” (B, A, collegiate, professional) are **not permitted** in the Lower Division.

Failure to comply may result in:

- Player removal
- Game forfeiture
- Team removal from the tournament without refund

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### **4. Upper Division Player Restrictions**

- No current professional players
- No NCAA Division I or Major Junior players within the past **5 years**
- Tournament Director retains discretion on borderline cases

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## 5. Game Format

- **Game length:** 45 minutes
- **Periods:** Two (2) 20 minute runtime periods
- **Warm-up:** 4 minutes
- **Period Break:** 1 minute
- Ice resurfaces are scheduled as required by the facility

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## 6. Scoring & Standings

- Win: 2 points
- Tie: 1 point
- Loss: 0 points

### Tie-Breakers (in order):

1. Head-to-head result
2. Goal differential (maximum  $\pm 5$  per game)
3. Goals for
4. Least goals against

5. Coin toss

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## 7. Overtime & Playoffs

- Championship games only
- 5-minute sudden-death overtime (3-on-3)
- If still tied, a 3-player shootout
- Sudden-death shootout rounds thereafter

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## 8. Rules of Play

- **Non-checking hockey**
- Body contact consistent with adult recreational standards permitted
- **Automatic icing**
- Slap shots permitted unless restricted by facility policy

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## 9. Penalties & Discipline

- All USA Hockey penalties apply
- **Fighting:** automatic game misconduct, tournament ejection, and possible USA Hockey discipline
- **Game misconduct:** second offense results in tournament suspension
- **Match penalties:** immediate removal and report to USA Hockey

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## 10. Mercy Rule

- Maximum goal differential recorded for standings: **±5 goals**

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## 11. Officials

- All games officiated by **USA Hockey-registered officials**
- Officials' decisions are final and not subject to protest

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## 12. Protests

- Judgment calls are not protestable
- Any tie breaker and placement decisions are at the discretion of the tournament director and are not protestable.

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## 13. Tournament Authority

The Tournament Director has final authority over:

- Division placement
- Player eligibility disputes
- Schedule changes
- Disciplinary matters not explicitly covered

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## 14. Sportsmanship

This is an **adult recreational fundraiser tournament**. Unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches, or spectators may result in removal from the event.