Northwest Montana Youth Hockey Association

12U Winter Classic

January 8-10, 2027

Woodland Ice Rink

1. The tournament will be played under USA Hockey rules. Tournament will be held as a full-ice format.

2. By default, home teams will wear light colored uniforms, away teams will wear dark. In the event of a conflict, the home team is responsible for changing uniforms.

3. Game time will consist of three 15 minute stop-time periods. If there is a goal differential greater than 5 points at the start of the 3rd, the 3rd period will switch to run time. During run time, the clock can be stopped for injury.

4. There will be a five-minute warm-up period before each game.

5. There will be a two-minute break between each period.

6. There will be an ice-make before each game. This may be waived with the consent of both coaches.

7. Total game time per game will be no more than 1 hour and 15 minutes. Timekeeper and/or Officials will have authority to go to run-time at any point in order to maintain tournament schedule.

8. If at any time during the third period, the goal differential is greater than eight (8) goals, the clock will be set for run-time. The scoreboard will not display more than an 8 goal differential at any point in the game.

9. Each team will have 4 game guarantee.

10. Two points are granted for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

11. During round-robin play, a game ending in a tie will remain a tie. During the final round, a five (5) minute sudden-death overtime period will be held with 5 on 5 skaters. If the game remains tied at the end of the overtime, a 3-player shootout will be held. If the game remains tied, the shootout will continue with one player from each team (not sudden death).

12. In the event of a tie in the standings, the tie-breaker will be

1) head to head games.

2) fewest goals allowed.

3) fewest penalty minutes.

4) most goals scored the is a max goals scored for each game to count for this is 8 (to prevent running up the score)

13. SPORTSMANSHIP: Fighting, Abusive Behavior, or unsportsmanlike conduct by players, team officials, or spectators will not be tolerated, either on or off the ice, and will be grounds for removal from the tournament.

· The USA Hockey Zero Tolerance policy is in effect.

· The Referees shall have the option of ending any game should they feel that the player or game officials are endangered.

o In such a case, the Tournament Director and Tournament Rules Committee will determine the outcome of the game.

· Any fans using profanity while watching games will be asked to leave.

· Any coach ejected from a game by a referee will be suspended for the following game; if a second offense or incident occurs, the coach will be banned from the tournament

14. Running time minor penalties will be three minutes; stop time penalties will be two minutes.

a. A player having four penalties in a game will be ejected.

15. Top two teams will receive banners.

16. Teams are required to vacate the locker room within 20 minutes of a game ending. Gear cannot be left at the rink when a team is not playing.

17. Teams will clean up after themselves in the locker room. There will be no food or garbage left after their team has vacated the locker room or damage done to the locker room facilities. If the facilities are not respected the tournament director will give a verbal warning to the coach and the manager.

18. The facilities and the tournament director are not responsible for lost or stolen items; it is the responsibility of the person to take care of their valuables. Although any type of theft or damage is condemned and will be reported to the proper authorities.

19. Protective Equipment: All US Teams must adhere to USA Hockey Protective Equipment Rules. All Canadian Teams must adhere to Hockey Canada Protective Equipment Rules.

20. All teams must provide USA Hockey or Hockey Canada approved rosters

21. This tournament is 12U USA Hockey appropriate contact (body contact as defined by USA Hockey; body checking is not permitted).