# East Grand Forks Blue Line Club
# East Grand Forks Parks & Recreation Department

## 2026-2027 East Grand Forks Tournament Rules and Regulations

1) Tournament fees are $1600/team if paid prior to June 1st, 2026; $1800/team if paid after June 1st, 2026.
2) All games will be played according to USA Hockey Rules as modified by Minnesota Hockey.
3) Official USA Hockey Rosters are due two weeks prior to scheduled Tournament date. A maximum of 20 players, of which no more than 18 are skaters, and four coaches with appropriate USA Hockey certifications are allowed on the team bench.
4) All referees are certified by USA Hockey. All referee decisions are final; no protests are allowed. The **Zero Tolerance policy** will be enforced for all players, coaches and spectators.
5) Game Times:
    a. A five-minute warm-up period is scheduled prior to each game. The clock will start once the first team steps onto the ice. Please be ready at designated times. Games may start up to 15 minutes early.
    b. All Peewee and Bantam games will be three, seventeen-minute stop-time periods.
    c. Each team gets one timeout per game. Teams do not get an additional timeout if the game goes into overtime.
    d. All games will be running time when a five (5) goal lead exists in the third period. The game will return to stop-time if the margin is less than five (5) goals.
    e. Ice will be resurfaced every two periods.
6) Pool Play Games/Points:
    a. Teams will be awarded three (3) points for a regulation win, two (2) points for an overtime/shootout win, one (1) point for an overtime/shootout loss, and zero (0) points for a regulation loss. Shutout points will not be awarded.
7) Overtime Procedure (For All Games):
    a. Overtime will be a five-minute sudden victory period with three (3) skaters per team plus a goalie. If a team has a non-coincidental penalty, play will be 4 on 3 and any additional penalties to short-handed team will result in 5 on 3 play. When the penalty expires, play will continue at 4 on 4 or 5 on 5 until the next stoppage of play.
    b. If the tie is not broken, a shootout will follow to determine the winner. **Any player with penalty time remaining at the end of the overtime will not be eligible to participate in the shootout.** Each team will select three (3) players who will alternate taking penalty shots. The team that scored the final regulation goal (to tie the game) will have the choice of shooting first or second. Best out of three wins. If still tied, it will go to a sudden death format, alternating one (1) player per team until a winner is determined (same order of teams shooting first/second). Players may only shoot once and cannot shoot again until all eligible players on roster have participated. Once one team begins reusing players in the shootout (as teams may not have an equal number of skaters), both teams may begin reusing players.
8) Pool Play standings will be determined according to point totals. Ties in pool standings will be broken using these criteria:
    a. Two Teams Tied:
        i. Head-to-head results
    b. Three or More Teams Tied:
        i. Total points in games played between tied teams
        ii. Total plus/minus in games played between tied teams with maximum 8 goal differential
        iii. Fewest Goals against in games played between tied teams
        iv. If three or more teams are still tied, then restart process at step one using all games played.
        v. Coin Flip
    c. Note: If three or more teams are tied, once a team is seeded, the tie-breaking criteria will be reset for the remaining tied teams. Example:
        i. Team A scored 7 goals and allowed 4 goals 7-4 = +3
        ii. Team B scored 9 goals and allowed 7 goals 9-7 = +2
        iii. Team C scored 8 goals and allowed 5 goals 8-5 = +3
        iv. This would place Team B as the third seed and Teams A & C would go back to head-to-head results.
9) Medical Personnel/First Aid: A certified athletic trainer, emergency medical technician (EMT), paramedic or medical physician shall attend all games. All decisions regarding an injured player returning to competition during the tournament will be made by the Tournament medical staff. All decisions are final.
10) Jerseys: Each team should have two (2) separate Jerseys, white and dark. The home team is listed FIRST and will wear their white/light-colored jerseys. The away team is listed SECOND and will wear their dark colored jerseys.
11) **Have FUN!!**