

Hyland Hills Hockey Association
Rules and Regulations
Pumpkin Puck Classic
October 29 – November 1, 2026

1 - A check of credentials and qualifications will take place before each team competes. Required documents shall include:
USAH 1-T Roster – must be submitted three weeks in advance of the tournament
Travel permits for all teams (as required)

2 - Only USA Hockey teams will be allowed to enter. The tournament will follow all 2025-2029 USA Hockey Rules and only USA Hockey certified officials will officiate games. The tournament will also follow all USA Hockey and CAHA rules.

The USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournament SafeSport Program Protocol will be adhered to.

3 - An entry fee of an amount to be published on the Hyland Hills website shall be collected from each team before play begins. A team will receive a refund of 80% of the fee if they must cancel out of the tournament and notify the director in writing 60 days before the tournament begins. No refunds will be given for team canceling without 60 days written notice. There is no admission fee for spectators.

4 - This will be a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament for Recreational Divisions, including:
- Recreational: 18U, 14U, 12U, 10U
- This is a non-checking tournament for 18U, 16U and 14U Divisions.

5 - There will be a minimum of five teams at each age division competing in a round robin format. The tournament will tier the age divisions into two or three separate divisions based on the number of teams registered. Points will be awarded according to the following point system: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.

Each team is guaranteed 4 games. The top two teams from each division will advance to the championship.

6 - Home teams shall wear light (white) jerseys and away teams shall wear dark jerseys. The tournament director reserves the right to change color designations if necessary.

7 - Game Length:.

All games will have 3-stop time periods as well as a 3-minute warm-up with period duration as follows:
10U- 12 minutes
12U - 12 minutes
14U - 12 minutes
16U/18U - 12 minutes

8 - No game will be played under curfew rules - however if at any time during the third period the score differential is 4 or more, the game clock will go to running time. Stop time will only resume when the deficit is reduced to less than four goals. When in running time, a penalty will start when play resumes.

9 - Tournament officials reserve the right to end any game or move any game to running time if the officials and/or referee deem the game has become unsafe, or to recover time in the tournament schedule.

10 - No time-outs will be allowed in the round robin games. One time out per team will be allowed in the championship games.

11 - A tie game after regulation play in the round robin portion of the tournament will remain a tie. Only games designated as a championship will have overtime. A tie game after regulation play in the championship games will have a one-minute rest period followed by a 4 on 4 sudden death overtime period of seven minutes. Goalies will change ends. If still tied after the 4 on 4 overtime period, after a one-minute rest period:

A 3-player shootout will ensue. Each team will designate 3 shooters and the teams will alternate shots on the opposing goalie, home team first. Best of 3 shots wins. If the score remains tied following the first 3 shooters, each team will designate an additional shooter, different from the first 3. Each team will alternate shooters until a winner is determined (all members of each team must be used in the shootout before repeating).

A player serving a penalty when overtime expires is ineligible for the shootout.

12 - In the event there is a tie in game points when determining seed positions for the championship, the tiebreakers will be applied as follows:

1. If two teams are tied, head-to-head results between the two teams.
2. Most Wins
3. <u>If still tied</u>, or more than two teams tied:
   Goal differential: Subtracting goals-against from goals-scored, **all games considered**, the team with best +/- rating being ranked highest. The maximum goal differential per game is +/- 4. For example, a team that wins a game 7-2 will only be credited with +4, even though their goal differential is +5. The losing team will be assessed a -4 for the game. Head-to-head results will not factor back in when more than two teams are tied in points. All teams will be ranked and seed based on this tie-breaker.

<u>If still tied, seed determination will follow:</u>

4. Points From Wins
5. Team allowing the fewest goals against.
6. The team with the fewest penalty minutes.
7. Coin toss.

13 - Teams are required to check in 45 minutes before their scheduled game time for locker room assignments and all teams will be flexible and cooperative in the event that start times or rink assignments need to be changed. The first game of the day will start on schedule.

14 - Penalty Box will be covered by volunteers from participating teams. NO coaching from the penalty box. Hyland Hills will provide scorekeepers and clock volunteers for every game at the Ice Centre at the Promenade (ICAP) and all games a Hyland Hills team is playing at a different facility. If a Hyland Hills team is not playing at the ICAP, then the home team is responsible for scoring and running the clock. The home team has first right to run music for the game. If the home teams opts to not control music, the visiting team can elect to provide music. A team will lose music privileges if inappropriate music is played.

15 - Teams must be ready to take the ice within 2 minutes after the Zamboni doors have closed unless directed otherwise by tournament officials or the referees. The warm-up period will start when the officials tell the teams to enter the ice.

16 - Locker rooms will be assigned prior to each game. The Head coach, an assistant coach, or a rostered locker room monitor, is responsible for the locker room. This responsibility CANNOT be delegated to a parent volunteer who is not certified. Teams are required to leave their locker room clean and damage free. Tournament officials will inspect for damage and cleanliness after each game. Teams will be held responsible for following the USAH locker room policy and any damage to the locker rooms will be repaired at the expense of the team/player responsible for the damage. Teams will be refused a locker room for the remainder of the tournament if there are issues. The tournament directors and tournament venues are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

17 – There will be no protests.

18 - Championship and Runner-Up awards will be presented to the first and second place teams of each age division at the conclusion of the championship game. MVP nominations from the head coach of the teams participating in the championship game will tell the tournament director who is selected at the conclusion of each championship game. MVP

awards will be presented to one player from the first and second place teams of each age division at the conclusion of the championship game. Individual awards may or may not be awarded depending on age division.

19 - Any player receiving a major penalty for fisticuffs (fighting) will receive a 1-game suspension from USA Hockey. The Hyland Hills tournament committee will impose an additional 2-game suspension, unless reviewed and overturned by the Tournament Director. The player must leave the ice surface and team bench area immediately. Furthermore, all teams registered under CAHA must comply with all additional suspensions. All 601 penalties will result in a 1 game mandatory suspension from USA Hockey. Any team with 12 penalties will see their coach suspended from the next game. Any player receiving 4 penalties in a game will receive a game misconduct.

20 - Any player, coach, team, team official, parent, or spectator who demonstrates rude, vulgar, damaging, or unsportsmanlike conduct during the duration of the tournament at any of the tournament venues and/or on hotel property is subject to discipline by the Hyland Hills tournament committee. This may include removal from ice arena/hotel property, suspension from games, or expulsion from the entire tournament/hotel stay.

21 - All players are required to wear neck guards.

22 - Only the head coach or the team manager may express concerns to the tournament director and/or other tournament officials.

23 - No noise devices allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, bells and horns.

24 - The following rules are mandated by CAHA:

1. Any team which enters a tournament, which fails to appear on time for a scheduled game or refuses to play, shall (1) forfeit all of its tournament games, (2) shall pay for all expenses, including but not limited to referee's fees and all ice costs for each forfeited game and shall be denied entry in any tournaments for the remainder of the season.

2. All teams, including but not limited to out-of-state teams, must place on file with the tournament director before the first tournament game, a copy of the Team Roster Form which has been approved and signed by their USA Hockey or Hockey Canada Registrar. If any team shall fail to comply with this rule, that team shall forfeit all games until the proper signed and sealed team roster is presented to the tournament director. The team violating this rule shall remain obligated to and shall pay all financial obligations to all opponents for the forfeited game costs and the league or tournament entry fees.

25 - All teams must register in the age-appropriate level/division per the USA Hockey sanctioned levels. Any team found in violation of these rules will forfeit 100% of the tournament registration fee, no exceptions.

26 – Games results will be posted on Game Sheets within 24 hours of game being completed. Standings will be shown on the Hyland Hills website.

27. – Hyland Hills **WILL NOT** provide warm-up pucks for local teams.