# 2027 HCF 19th Annual FairbanksFest Tournament

## TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. All participants must be registered with USA Hockey.
2. Bench personnel must follow USA Hockey guidelines as to who is authorized on the bench.
3. Maximum player squad is 20 (18 skaters and 2 Goalies). A player must be a rostered player and participate in at least one preliminary game with their team to be eligible for a championship game.
4. A player can only be rostered to one team during tournament play. NO PLAYERS ROSTERED TO A TIER I, II, MAJOR, MINOR or COMPETITIVE LEVEL TRAVEL TEAM may participate. Any player/team rostered to attend State Tournaments as an A (Tier III) player must play up in the next age division at the B level. If a player is dual-rostered they must play at the highest level they are rostered at for State Tournaments.
5. All substitutions or additions to a team's regular season roster or to the tournament roster, once submitted, must be presented to the Tournament Committee for approval prior to the team's first tournament game. Each team must present their 1T.
6. Players are not allowed to play on more than one team or more than one division.
7. A (Tier III) teams must "play up" in the next higher division at the B level unless the tournament is hosting A divisions.
8. All championship games must be played. If a divisional winner is unable to participate in a championship game due to unforeseen reasons, the divisional runner-up will take their place. The divisional winner will forfeit all rights to any and all awards.
9. In the spirit of recreational hockey, all coaches will be expected to allocate playing time equally among all players regardless of the policies of the team's parent association.
10. No checking is allowed unless playing in the 14UA, 16UA or 18UA divisions.
11. Girls teams' placement will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Tournament Committee/Director.
12. All games will be played using official USA Hockey black pucks.
13. A mercy rule will be enacted if a team is ahead by five (5) or more goals at the start of or anytime during the third period, at which time the clock will convert to running time. If the differential falls below five (5) goals, the clock will revert back to stop time until a five (5) goal advantage is reached again. There is a max of a +5 goal differential for tier breaking purposes. e.g 10-0 win will be a 5-0 win.
14. All games will be 1.00 hour in length with 3 twelve-minute stop-clock periods. If necessary, a running clock will be used to finish the 3rd period within regulation time. No one can change the period lengths except the Tournament Director(s) and/ or the Rink Master.
15. Round-robin standings shall be determined by points; that is, 0 points for a loss, 1 point for a tie and 2 points for a win. If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by Alaska State Hockey Association – House Program Tie Breaker Rules.
16. Teams must be prepared to begin a game up to 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start.
17. There are no team time-outs permitted in this tournament, except that each team will be

allowed one (1), one-minute time-out during the championship game.

18. Home team (1st team listed on the schedule) will be responsible for providing a Timekeeper and penalty box person. Visiting team (2nd team listed on the schedule) will be responsible for providing a Scorekeeper and penalty box person. HCF will use Gamesheets for tournament games. All teams must submit their team roster number by Jan 1.
19. In the case of a tie at the end of regulation time during the cross-over and/or championship game ONLY, there will be one 5-minute sudden death 4v4 OT period. If this does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shoot-out procedure. This will involve each team selecting three (3) players who will alternate taking penalty shots. A toss of the coin will determine who shoots first. If after three (3) players from both teams have completed this procedure, the tie still exists, it shall then turn to a sudden death shoot out with new skaters, until a winner is determined. If a team needs to re-use players, both teams may restart their roster.
20. All tournament referees will enforce a “No Tolerance Rule” during competition. This means that NO ABUSE of any game official will be tolerated and no preliminary warning will be issued before a game misconduct penalty may be assessed. Parents and spectators are subject to removal for any abusive or intolerable behavior.
21. Any player(s) or team official(s) assessed a penalty for fighting WILL BE automatically suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
22. Players or Coaches who are under suspensions from USA Hockey, ASHA, or HCF for a Game Misconduct for Fighting are not eligible to participate in Tournament games.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY ANY RULE HEREIN THAT IS DEEMED TO BE AVERSE TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOURNAMENT OR HCF. ALL DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.

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