

VAIL MOUNTAINEER HOCKEY CLUB

11th Annual 2024 MLK GIRLS TOURNAMENT

EAGLE POOL & ICE RINK 1700 BULL PASTURE, EAGLE CO. 81631

&

DOBSON ICE ARENA 321 E. LIONSHEAD CIRCLE, VAIL CO. 81657

JAN.17-20, 2025

ENTRY FEE:

\$1,725 for Girls 10U and Girls 12U; \$1,900 for Girls 16U/19U

A non-refundable \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration, if full payment is not submitted.

Only if a division is cancelled or the Tournament Director denies entry of a team will the deposit be returned.

Full payment is due by credit card or check AT LEAST TWO WEEKS prior to the start of the tournament. (on or before January 2, 2025)

Simply submitting a completed registration form does NOT guarantee entry into the tournament. The Tournament Director has sole discretion to determine what teams and division any given team may be accepted into the tournament and or which division they play in. Any team not accepted into the tournament will have their entry fee returned to them via regular mail or Crossbar refund within seven (7) days of the notification deadline. Tournament fees will NOT be refunded once the team has been accepted into the tournament. Teams will receive acknowledgement of receipt of application via email and an additional email acceptance once a division is made.

No admission fee to the public.

LEVEL OF PLAY:

Girls U10A, U12A, U16A & U19A (non-tier)

FORMAT:

Round Robin format with 4-game guarantee.

For divisions with 4 teams, we will play 3 round robin games and a championship/consolation game.

Divisions with 5 or more teams, will play 4 round robin games. The top 2 teams will advance to the championship game.

GENERAL:

USA Hockey and CAHA rules shall apply – Notes and exceptions listed below:

- All teams, players and coaches must be registered with USA Hockey for the current season, or IIHF. This is a USAH sanctioned event.
- Only USAH officials will officiate games.
- USAH 2021-2025 and CAHA playing rules and age divisions will be used unless otherwise approved.
- Teams must provide the following at the credential table:
 - USA Hockey Player Roster T-1 form signed by USA Hockey Registrar with adds/deletes- **due a minimum of 2 weeks prior to start of the tournament.**
 - Each team will need to have jersey numbers entered and goalies identified on their USAH T-1 roster.
- The USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournament SafeSport Program Protocol will be adhered to.
- USA Zero Tolerance Policy and SafeSport Policy will be enforced for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Three Periods run clock for first and second periods, with the third period stop clock.
 - a. **10U:** 12-minute periods
 - b. **12U:** 15-minute periods
 - c. **15U:** 15-minute periods
 - d. **19U:** 17-minute periods

When the goal differential is FIVE (5) or more goals in any portion of the third period, the clock will continue to run. If a team scores, making the goal differential less than 5 in any portion of the third period, the clock will go back to stop time.

The clock will be stopped during a running time period in the event of injuries.

2. Two (2)-referee system using USA Hockey officials.
3. Minor penalty lengths will be as follows:
 - a. **10U:** 1 minute
 - b. **12U:** 1 minute 30 seconds
 - c. **15U:** 2 minutes

d. **19U**: 2 minutes

* All penalties are running time during the run clock (1st and 2nd) periods and stop during the stop clock (3rd) period.

* Penalties will be clock time. Penalties will begin on the drop of the puck. If a penalty ends during a stoppage of play, the player may not return to the ice until play has resumed.

4. Major penalty, player is ejected for the day. The penalized team plays shorthanded for FIVE (5) minutes in length.
5. Team listed first is the home team and will wear light colored jerseys and dark for away.
6. Three (3) minute warm-up will be allowed prior to each game.
7. Teams need to provide their own pucks for the warm-up.
8. CURFEW Rule: In the event that there is not enough time remaining in the allocated game slot, the scorekeeper will run the clock in the 3rd with the remaining time.
9. No overtime in any round robin games.
10. Each team may have one time out per game.
11. Any team that received 12 or more penalties in one game which results in the coach receiving a game misconduct, the coach will be suspended for the entire tournament.
12. Game officials and tournament officials are empowered to call abuse penalties under rule 601 in the immediate area of the arenas, especially for any unsportsmanlike behavior or taunting. Players not actively participating in a game, assessed such a penalty will sit a minimum 10-minute misconduct prior to participating in their next game, and may be removed from all tournament play.
13. The tournament committee will not tolerate abuse of officials and the referees on the ice will have the discretion to call bench penalties for any abuse of officials by the fans, parents, or team officials. Abuse penalties called at the end of a game will carry over to the start of your next tournament game. The referees shall have the option of ending any game should they feel the players or game officials are endangered. In such a case, the outcome of the game shall be determined by the Tournament Director, representative and/or on-ice officials.
14. The first games may begin as early as noon on Friday, January 12th. Championship games will be played Sunday or Monday, depending on the number of teams in the division.

Two (2) points will be awarded for each win, one (1) point will be awarded to each team for a tie, and zero (0) points will be awarded for a loss. If, after round robin, any teams not having played 4 games will play in a consolation game.

Bring both home and away jerseys to all games in case of a last-minute change.

All teams must be ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time in case the ice is available, but games will not begin earlier than 10 minutes to original schedule time.

A forfeit will be declared if one of the teams is not willing or able to play at their designated time. A forfeit can only be declared by the tournament committee. If a forfeit occurs, the non-forfeiting team will be awarded a 1-0 score and two (2) points for a win.

Teams will be expected to travel between the Eagle Pool and Ice Rink in Eagle and Dobson Ice Arena in Vail for games; we will attempt to keep travel to a minimum between games.

TIE BREAKER IN THE SEMIFINAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

The semifinal or championship games will not end in a tie. If the championship game or a semifinal game is tied at the end of regulation, a sudden death 4-on-4 overtime period (5-minute run time for championship/consolation game) will be played. If still no score then a 5 minute 3-3 period will be played. If no team scores, the game will go to a 3 man shoot-out. If no team scores, it will be sudden death shoot-out. If a shoot-out occurs, a player is allowed to be involved only once in the shoot-out until all players have taken a shot. Any player still serving a penalty at the expiration of overtime will not be allowed to participate in the ensuing shoot-out.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the teams in each age division at the conclusion of the championship game.

CREDENTIALS

Upon acceptance into the tournament the following will be required and checked by tournament officials at registration, at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

1. Official Player Roster for 2024-2025 season from all teams (USA Hockey T-1)
2. All out of state and international teams are required to have properly acquired all the necessary travel permits and visa required by USA Hockey Rules.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT PHILOSOPHY

The goal of our tournament is to promote the enjoyment of ice hockey, the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play. We encourage all players, coaches and parents to support and exhibit these principles.

We will be enforcing the District's and USA Hockey's Zero Tolerance Policy. Fighting or abusive behavior and language by players, coaches, officials, or spectators will not be tolerated. Any actions that are deemed abusive or detrimental to fair play and sportsmanship will result in removal of the offending party from the arena for the remainder of the day.

A player receiving a game misconduct penalty will immediately be suspended from the current game and will also be suspended for the next scheduled game. Fighting will result in suspension from the tournament.

It is each team's responsibility to ensure the cleanliness of the locker room to which they are assigned. Locker room assignments can be found on the tournament bulletin board outside the scorekeeper's box, as well as on the game schedule. Locker room keys (Dobson only) will be checked out, with the team supplying some form of ID of value (i.e. Cell phones, Car Keys, driver's license) to ensure the collateral for any damage. All teams will be responsible for cleaning up the locker room and leaving it in excellent condition. Please lock the locker room while your team is on the ice. Neither Dobson Ice Arena, Eagle Pool and Ice Rink, nor Vail Mountaineer Hockey Club assumes any responsibility for the loss/theft/damage of any personal property left in the locker rooms. The Team's Head Coach is responsible for the Locker Room and behavior of players.

All teams should report to the arena at least 45 minutes before game time.

Games scores and statistics will be done using Gamesheet and available within 24 hours of game.

DAMAGES TO THE RINK and PROPERTY

Should any player or team damage property in the ice rinks, all cost for repair or replacement shall be borne by the responsible party/team. Arrangement for restitution must be made immediately with the rink or respective manager. Infractions of this rule will be grounds for dismissal from the tournament. *These same regulations will be instituted at the respective tournament hotels.*

1. EQUIPMENT/JERSEYS/NETS

- All players are required to wear a full complement of hockey equipment, including neck protection and mouth guards, as required by age group per USA Hockey.
- It will be the home team's responsibility to wear white/light colored jerseys and the visiting team's responsibility to wear dark colored jerseys. Tournament officials must be advised immediately if any team is unable to meet this requirement.
- Goal nets will be anchored by friction cleat devices as called for by the revised USA Hockey rules.

2. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE/PROTESTS

- Discipline and protests will be decided by the Tournament Director and local Supervisor of officials
- NO Protests are allowed of an on-ice Official's call.
- Protests of any game must be made verbally within 15 minutes of any game and submitted in writing, with a protest fee of \$ 200.00, within one hour of the alleged occurrence. The line of protest shall be:
 1. On-ice officials
 2. Protest Committee consisting of the Tournament Directors and local Supervisor of Officials.
 3. There may be no protests on playing rules, interpretation of playing rules by on-ice officials or judgment calls.

4. If a referee or linesman fails to show for a game and the coaches agree to play, the coaches lose the right to protest any aspect of the game.
- The Discipline Committee shall be responsible for deciding any actions, suspensions or other actions to be taken against a player or team official.
 - No player or team official shall be suspended from participation in the remaining games except as noted above, unless he/she has appeared before the committee and has been given the opportunity to relate his/her version of the incident. The Discipline Committee will meet prior to that team's next game.

OFF-ICE OFFICIALS

Each team is required to have an adult in their team's respective penalty box. Vail Mountaineer Hockey Club will supply a scorekeeper and timekeeper for each game. The Tournament Director, or representative on duty, will be an off-ice official and will call and issue penalties through the on-ice officials.

ON-ICE CREDENTIALS

All on ice officials will comply and be properly registrar as USAH Ice Officials. Rules will follow all USA Hockey rules for the 2024-2025 season.

ROUND ROBIN TIE BREAKER RULES

After regular play each team will be awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. If 2 teams are tied after regular play the:

1st tie breaker is **Head to Head**

2nd tie breaker, if head to head ended in a tie, will be highest **Period Point Totals**.

3rd tie breaker will be **Fewest Penalty Minute Totals**.

4th tie breaker will be **Goal Differential Totals (maximum of 5)**.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The interpretation of the tournament rules is under the sole discretion of the Vail Mountaineer Hockey Club and The Tournament Committee, including the tie-breaker rule.