



The FHA 3v3 Christmas Showdown

Official Tournament Rules

Presented by Dicks House of Sports

1. TEAM & ROSTER SIZE

- 6 teams per division.
- Maximum recommended roster: **6 to 9 skaters + 1 goalie.**
- Teams play **3 skaters + 1 goalie** on the ice.
- Players may not play for more than one team within the same division.
- All players must be properly registered with their team before the tournament.
- All players must wear full equipment, including Neck Guards.

2. GAME FORMAT

Each game consists of:

- **3-minute warm-up**
- **20-minute first half**
- **2-minute halftime**
- **20-minute second half**
- **Running clock throughout the game.**

There will be **no overtime during preliminary games.**

Games are scheduled in **45-minute blocks**, so teams must be ready to enter the rink immediately following the previous game.

3. 3v3 PLAY

- Three skaters and one goalie per team.
- No offsides.
- No icing.
- No center-ice red line restriction.
- Players are encouraged to make quick changes.
- Recommended shift length: **45–60 seconds.**

- Line changes can be made on the fly.
- Players must exit the playing surface before a replacement enters.

5. GOALS

After a goal:

- The scoring team immediately retreats to its defensive end.
- The non-scoring team gets possession.
- Play resumes immediately.

This keeps the game moving and maximizes puck touches.

6. PENALTIES

Because this is 3v3, the goal is to avoid lengthy stoppages.

For minor infractions, the referee will award a **penalty shot** rather than sending a player to the penalty box.

The referee has final authority to determine whether an infraction warrants a penalty shot.

7. MAJOR/MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

For serious or dangerous infractions, the referee may:

- Remove the player from the game.
- Award a penalty shot.
- Assess a game misconduct.
- Remove the player from the remainder of the tournament in extreme circumstances.

8. BODY CHECKING

No body checking.

This is a 3v3 development event and physical play must remain appropriate for the age division.

Players may compete for the puck and use legal body positioning, but intentional body checking is prohibited.

9. PLAYER SAFETY

The referee has complete authority to stop play for:

- Injury
- Unsafe ice conditions
- Equipment issues
- Weather
- Any situation that could compromise player safety

Because this is an **outdoor rink**, tournament officials may modify, delay, shorten, or cancel games due to weather or unsafe conditions.

10. GOALTENDER RULE

- Teams must have a designated goalie.
- Goalies may leave their crease and participate in play.
- Goalies may not intentionally cover the puck simply to stop play.
- If a goalie intentionally freezes the puck repeatedly, the referee may award possession to the opposing team.

11. SUBSTITUTIONS

- Unlimited substitutions are allowed.
- Changes should be made on the fly.
- Players entering the ice must wait until the player leaving is completely off the playing surface.
- Too-many-player violations may result in a penalty shot.

12. TIMEOUTS

No **team timeouts** will be permitted during preliminary games.

For the championship game, each team may be allowed **one 30-second timeout**, provided it does not interfere with the tournament schedule.



TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

Each team plays **four games**.

Points

Result Points

Win 3

Result Points

Tie	1
Loss	0

There is **no overtime** in preliminary games.



STANDINGS TIEBREAKERS

If two or more teams are tied in points:

1. Head-to-Head Result

If applicable.

2. Goal Differential

Goals scored minus goals allowed.

Maximum +5 goal differential per game.

Example:

A team wins 10–2.

For standings purposes, that counts as:

10–5, or a +5 differential.

3. Goals For

4. Goals Against

5. Coin Toss / Random Draw

Tournament officials have final authority over all tiebreakers.



CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

After the first three games, all six teams are reseeded based on the standings.

Round 4:

#5 vs #6

#3 vs #4

 **#1 vs #2**

The #1 vs #2 game is the **FHA Holiday 3v3 Championship Game**.

The winner is the tournament champion.

CHAMPIONSHIP TIE

Unlike preliminary games, the championship **cannot end in a tie**.

If tied at the end of regulation:

3-minute sudden-death overtime

- 3 skaters + goalie
- First goal wins

If still tied:

Shootout

Each team selects **3 shooters**.

If still tied after three shooters, teams proceed to **sudden-death shootout rounds**.

A player may not shoot a second time until every eligible player on that team has had an opportunity to shoot.



OUTDOOR WEATHER POLICY

Because the event is outdoors, player safety takes priority over the schedule.

Tournament officials will monitor:

- Temperature
- Wind
- Precipitation
- Ice conditions
- Lightning
- Visibility
- Other hazardous conditions

Games may be:

- Delayed
- Shortened
- Rescheduled
- Modified
- Cancelled

if conditions become unsafe.

The tournament director and rink/facility officials will have final authority regarding weather-related decisions.



SPORTSMANSHIP

The FHA Holiday 3v3 Showdown is designed to be a **competitive but fun holiday experience**.

Players, coaches and parents are expected to:

- Respect officials.
- Respect opposing players.
- Respect coaches and tournament staff.
- Avoid inappropriate language.
- Avoid arguing with officials.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Keep the focus on the players.

Zero tolerance for:

- Fighting
- Threatening behavior
- Abuse of officials
- Intentional dangerous play
- Harassment of players or coaches

A player, coach, or spectator may be removed from the facility for inappropriate conduct.

COACHING

Because 3v3 is designed to encourage creativity and player development:

- Coaches should keep instructions concise.
- Coaches should allow players to make decisions.
- Coaches should avoid excessive line-management.
- Players should receive meaningful ice time.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring their teams are ready for their scheduled games.
- Coaches should be responsible for managing the door for on the go quick line changes.

This is a development-focused 3v3 event, not a traditional full-ice tournament.



GAME MANAGEMENT

The tournament schedule will run on a tight timeline.

Teams should:

- Be at the rink **at least 30 minutes before their first game.**
- Be dressed and ready **before their scheduled ice time.**
- Have their next line ready before the current line leaves the ice.
- Immediately clear the playing area after their game.
- Follow tournament staff instructions.

Games will not be delayed because a team is not ready.



FINAL AUTHORITY

The **Tournament Director and Tournament Officials** have final authority over:

- Rules interpretation
- Player eligibility
- Game management
- Weather decisions
- Disciplinary decisions
- Tiebreakers
- Schedule changes
- Any situation not specifically covered by these rules

The goal is to keep the tournament **safe, competitive, fast-paced and fun** for every player.



THE SIMPLE VERSION FOR PARENTS

4 Games Guaranteed

3v3 + Goalie

2 × 20-Minute Halves

3-Minute Warm-Up

2-Minute Halftime

Running Clock

No Offsides

No Icing

No Body Checking

3 Points for a Win / 1 for a Tie

Top 2 Teams Play for the Championship

Outdoor Hockey at Dick's House of Sport

One 90-Minute Family Experience Break