



2025

December 19th - December 21st

Pueblo Bulls Youth Hockey Association

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 to the tournament director three (3) weeks in advance of the tournament start date. Each team will need to have jersey numbers entered and goalies identified on their USAH 1-T roster.

2 - Only USA Hockey and IIHF registered teams will be allowed to enter. The Pueblo Bulls Youth Hockey Association follows all USA Hockey rules.

3 - There is an entry fee of \$1,750 for all 12U groups and \$1,700 for all 10U groups. At the time of registration, teams may choose to pay in full or pay a 20% non-refundable deposit. The remaining balance will be automatically charged on November 19th, using the payment method on file. If payment details need to be updated, please log into your account and do so before November 19th. 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 30 days before the tournament begins. No refunds will be given for a team cancellation without 30 days' written notice. If the tournament is canceled for any reason, teams will be provided with a full refund. There is no admission fee for spectators.

4 - This will be a USA Hockey sanctioned Recreational tournament at the 12U A and 10U B levels. The tournament is open to teams properly registered with USA Hockey at the 12 and under level and the 10 and under level. All USAH 2025-2029 and CAHA rules will be used.

5 - The USAH Sanctioned Tournament Safe Sport Program Protocol will be adhered to.

6 - All games will be officiated by USAH officials in good standing.

7 - Entry includes a minimum of four (4) games guaranteed- (3) Pool Play games and (1) Championship or Consolation game.

- A team's spot is secured upon confirmation of submission of the online tournament registration and payment for the tournament is established. All tournament registration fees (paid in full or deposit) must be paid using a credit card or ACH bank transfer at the time of registration.

8 - There will be a minimum of four (4) teams accepted at each of the age classifications, PBYHA reserves the right to alter the number depending on ice availability: If less than 4 teams apply the age division may be dropped. 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. The top two teams in each age division advance to the Championship Game. If more than 4 teams in any one age division are accepted into the tournament, there will be the possibility of crossover games from each of the two pools to determine which teams play in the championship. Depending on pool sizes, there is the possibility of additional games.

9 - 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. Please bring both jerseys to all games.

10 - All games will have 3 stop time periods with period duration as follows:

- 12U - 14 minutes (3-minute warm-up) serving 1:30 minutes for minor penalties
- 10U - 12 minutes (3-minute warm-up) serving 1:00 minute for minor penalties
- PBYHA will NOT supply warm-up pucks.

11 - First games may begin as early as 9:00 AM on Friday, December 19th. Games may be scheduled to begin as late as 9:30 PM for 12Us and 9:00 PM for 10Us.

12 - No game will be played under curfew rules – however, if at any time during the 3rd period the goal differential is (4) or more, the game will go to running time. Stop time will only resume when the deficit is reduced to less than (4) goals. When in running time, a penalty will start when play resumes. In the event of injury, a running time clock will be stopped.

13 - Games designated as quarter-final, semi-final or championship will have a run clock if the goal differential is six (6) or more in the third period. The game clock will return to stop time when the goal differential is five (5) or less.

14 - 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.

15 - No time-outs will be allowed in the round-robin games. One time out per team will be allowed in the 'semifinal' and/or 'championship games'.

16 - A tie game after regulation play in the round-robin portion of the tournament will remain a tie. Only games designated as 'semifinal' or 'championship game' will have overtime. A tie game after regulation play in the championship rounds will have a one-minute rest period followed by a 4 on 4 sudden death overtime period of five (5) minutes. If still tied after the 4 on 4 overtime period and after a one-minute rest period:

- In championship games: the 4 on 4 with goalies, sudden-death format will continue for an additional five minutes. The goalies must switch ends. If the game remains tied at the end of the 4 on 4 overtime, a 5-man shootout will ensue. Each team will designate 5 shooters, and the teams will alternate penalty shots on the opposing goalie, home team first. Best of 5 shots wins. If the score remains tied following the first 5 shooters, each team will designate an additional shooter, different from the first 5. Each team will alternate shooters until a winner is determined (all members of each team must be used in the shootout before repeating).

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

- If two teams are tied, head-to-head results between the two teams.

If still tied 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 who wins a game 7-2 will be credited with +4, even though the team's goal differential was +5 and the losing team will have a goal differential of -4. Head-to-head results will not factor back in; all teams will be ranked and seeded based on the tiebreaker.

If still tied:

- Team allowing the fewest goals against.
- The team with the fewest penalty minutes.

If still tied:

- Coin toss.

18 - Teams are required to check in one hour before their first scheduled game time, and all teams will be flexible and cooperative if start times or rink assignments need to be changed. The first game of the day will start on schedule.

- Games may start 15 minutes early if ice is available. Teams should be dressed and ready to be on the ice 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- There may be less than 4 hours between games in the tournament schedule. Every effort will be made to avoid this.

19 - Volunteers from the participating teams must cover the Penalty Box. Coaching from the penalty box is strictly prohibited. PBYHA will provide scorekeepers and clock operators for every game.

20 - Locker room assignments can be found posted across from the arena's box office. Locker room keys will be checked out at the arena box office before each game. Locking the locker room during the game is the responsibility of the team. The Head coach, or one of their assistants if they are not available, is responsible for the locker room. This responsibility CANNOT be delegated to a parent volunteer, or any other individual that is not an assistant coach on the team. All meetings being held in a locker room between a player and a coach must be monitored by an additional adult. 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. PBYHA nor the tournament venue is responsible for lost or stolen items.

21 - The tournament committee, through its director, will manage protests and disputes. The director reserves the right to make final decisions regarding the interpretation of the tournament rules-including the tiebreaker rule. The director will act in the best interests of the players, coaches, and the game in general. The director's decisions are final and not subject to appeal. Players, coaches, and parents should always be fully aware of the potential consequences of their actions.

22 - Any player receiving a major penalty for fisticuffs (fighting) will receive a 1-game suspension from USA Hockey. 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 Rule 601 penalties will result in a 1 game mandatory suspension from USA Hockey. Any team with 12 penalties in a game will see their coach suspended from the next game, per USA Hockey Rules.

23 - Any player that receives four (4) penalties in one game will receive a game misconduct and be suspended for the remainder of the current game, and the following game.

24 - Any player, coach, team, team official, parent, or spectator who demonstrates rude, vulgar, damaging, unsportsmanlike conduct or taunting behaviors during the duration of the tournament is subject to disciplinary actions by the PBYHA tournament committee that may include removal from ice arena, suspension from games, or expulsion

from the entire tournament. All team officials, players, parents, and fans shall follow the “ZERO TOLERANCE” rule listed in the current USA Hockey Rule Book, and as posted in the rink. **Remember, it is just a game!**

25 - All players are required to wear a full complement of hockey equipment, including mouth guards, as required by age group per USA Hockey.

26 - NECK GUARDS ARE REQUIRED-NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Neck guards are mandatory for all youth, girls, high school and adaptive players per USAH rules. Hockey Canada players must wear throat protectors.

27 - Only the head coach or team manager may express concerns to the tournament director and/or other tournament officials. Please do not address problems or complaints to the scorekeeper, timekeeper, or penalty box person. They are volunteers and are unable to address your issues.

28 - 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, (3) denied entry in any Colorado tournaments for the remainder of the season and in the case of a CAHA team, any approved travel permits will be rescinded.

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.

29 - 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.

30 - Games will be scored via GameSheet electronic scoring system on the CAHA site, and scores will be posted on the ESS system within 24 hours of game completion.

31 - Rules and formats are subject to change prior to the start of the tournament. If adjustments are made, the tournament director will notify all teams via emails provided at the time of registration.