

# 2025 Snowball Showcase Rules

December 26-28 2025

## General

- All teams must be registered with U.S.A. Hockey.
- The use of ineligible players will disqualify teams from remaining tournament play. All games played by the disqualified team will be forfeited (3-0 score recorded).
- We will be using U.S.A. HOCKEY playing rules for all games.

## Game Time

- 3 minute warmup for all games
- 14U Division
  - Three 14 minute periods
- 12U/10U Division
  - Three 12 minute periods
- No Timeouts in pool play, 1 per team in championship and consolation games

## Game Supervision

- Each team will be required to have one coach on the bench at all times
- Game officials and scorekeepers/clock operators will be provided for all games.
- Each team is required to provide one attendant for the penalty box
- Referees will be certified officials from the Cleveland Suburban Hockey League

## Scoring

- **Mercy rule:** if 6 or more goals separate the teams at the end of the second period or at any time during the third period, running time will commence for the remainder of the game. If the trailing team reduces the goal differential to 2 goals, stop time will resume for the remainder of the game.
- Max goal differential is 7 goals
- Any forfeited game will be recorded as a 3-0 score.
- Points Breakdown
  - Win – 2 points
  - Tie – 1 point
  - Loss – 0 points

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- No overtime or shootouts in round-robin play.

### Jersey Colors

- Jersey colors will be assigned based on the home or away team.
  1. Home Team - White/Light Jersey
  2. Away Team - Dark Jersey

### Brackets and Playoffs

- Each team plays the other teams in its bracket once (3 round-robin games)
- Seed 1 and Seed 2 Teams at the end of pool play advance to the Championship
- Seed 3 and Seed 4 Teams at the end of pool play, play in the consolation game

### Tournament Tie Breakers:

1. Most wins
2. Head to Head record (if applicable)
3. Goal Differential
  - a. The maximum goal differential per game is 7
  - b. Any forfeited game will be recorded as a 3-0 score.
4. Fewest Goals Against
5. Most Goals For
6. A flip of the coin.
  - In the case of more than two teams involved in a tie-breaker situation, the entire set of tie-breakers will be used to determine the first team to be eliminated. Then the entire tie-breaking protocol will be used with the remaining two teams to again eliminate the team losing via tie-breakers.
    - If there are more than 3 teams tied, the entire protocol will be used again to eliminate teams until there are 2 teams remaining.
    - Of those two teams, one will be eliminated via the tie-breakers

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- In each instance, the entire tie-breaking protocol will be used, beginning with point 1.

### Championship/Consolation game tied at the end of regulation

- If a Playoff game is tied at the end of regulation there will be a shootout
- The shootout will consist of 3 players for each team
- The visiting team shoots first
- If the score remains tied after the first 3 shooters for each team, additional players will shoot until a winner is determined.
- Additional rounds are not sudden death
- No player may repeat until all players have shot once.
- Shootout order must be presented before the start of the Championship Game