



Glacier Avalanche Youth Hockey Association
Whitefish, Montana

Glacier Hockey 8U Battle of the Border Rules 2026

8U January 23-25, 2026

Stumptown Ice Den

- **No Split Squads**
- **4 on 4 game format**
- **Roster Cap of 12 Skaters + 2 Goalies**
- **No Cross Rostering Players between teams**
- **Only 2 teams per Association, per Division**

1. The tournament will be played under USA Hockey rules. Teams will play half-ice games, four vs four plus a goalie. A buzzer will sound every 2 minutes to indicate a line change. The puck will stay in play, aided by the referee to be put in a neutral area. Face offs will occur only to start a period, after a goal, and following a penalty. There will be no line changes outside of the buzzer except in the event of an injury.

2. By default, home teams will wear dark colored uniforms, away teams will wear light. In the event of a conflict, the home team is responsible for changing uniforms.

3. Game time will consist of two 24-minute run-time periods.

4. There will be a five-minute warm-up period before each game.

5. There will be a two-minute break between each period.

6. There will be an ice-make before each game. This may be waived with the direction of the Tournament Director to ensure and maintain tournament schedule.

7. Total game time per game will be no more than 1 hour. Tournament Director/Timekeeper and/or Officials will have authority to adjust game times at any point in order to maintain tournament schedule.

8. The scoreboard will not display more than an 8 goal differential at any point in the game.

9. Each team will play four games.

10. Two points are granted for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

11. During round-robin play, a game ending in a tie will remain a tie. During the final round, a five (5) minute sudden-death overtime period will be held with 4 on 4 skaters. If the game remains tied at the end of the overtime, a 3-player shootout will be held. If the game remains tied, the shootout will continue with one player from each team (not sudden death)

12. Signed referee scoresheets stand - no changes will be made after the fact due to any circumstances.

13. In the event of a tie in the standings, the tie-breaker will be

- 1) head to head games.
- 2) fewest goals allowed.
- 3) fewest penalty minutes.
- 4) most goals scored

14. SPORTSMANSHIP: Fighting, Abusive Behavior, or unsportsmanlike conduct by players, team officials, or spectators will not be tolerated, either on or off the ice, and will be grounds for removal from the tournament.

- The USA Hockey Zero Tolerance policy is in effect.
- The Referees shall have the option of ending any game should they feel that the player or game officials are endangered.
 - In such a case, the Tournament Director and Tournament Rules Committee will determine the outcome of the game.
- Any fans using profanity while watching games will be asked to leave.
- Any coach ejected from a game by a referee will be suspended for the following game; if a second ejection occurs, the coach will be banned from the tournament

15. Penalties will be called for minor infractions. The penalized player will be returned to their bench for the remainder of that shift while the team plays shorthanded.

- a. A player having five penalties in a game will be ejected.
- b. Any player assessed a major penalty will be ejected from the Tournament

16. Top two teams will receive medals.

17. Teams are required to vacate the locker room within 20 minutes of a game ending. Gear cannot be left at the rink when a team is not playing.

18. Teams will clean up after themselves in the locker room. There will be no food or garbage left after their team has vacated the locker room or damage done to the locker room facilities. If the facilities are not respected the tournament director will give a verbal warning to the coach and the manager.

19. The facilities and the tournament director are not responsible for lost or stolen items; it is the responsibility of the person to take care of their valuables. Although any type of theft or damage is condemned and will be reported to the proper authorities.