

## **2025 Battle by the Bay AAA Tournament Rules**

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1. Signed roster/waiver forms must be turned in before team's first game or completed online. Any team found to have non-rostered players participating on their team will forfeit all games in which the non-rostered player participated. Players must participate in division appropriate to their birth year or in an age-level up. Any teams found to have players playing that are unapproved/not waived/wrong age may cause their team to forfeit, enforcement at Tournament Director's discretion. Teams should be ready to verify age if challenged (copy of birth cert, USA hockey registration, etc.)
2. All games will be played under USA Hockey rules unless otherwise stated and all officials will be USA Hockey certified.
3. Icing the puck during short-handed play will be allowed.
4. EMT's will be present at each game of the tournament.
5. Twenty players per roster maximum and must consist of only those players listed on roster submitted at team check in. Players may not be rostered on more than one team unless approved by Tournament Director.
6. Home Team will wear light jerseys and use player bench marked home.
7. Each game will consist of a 4 minute warm-up. All levels will play (3) 15 minute stop time periods at all levels.
8. Teams must be prepared 20 minutes prior to scheduled game time to take the ice at the conclusion of the previous game if the ice is not being resurfaced or as soon as the ice is ready if there is a resurfacing.
9. Running time will be used at any time when a team is ahead by 6 or more goals or if a team has a 5 goal or more lead in the 3rd period.
10. Ice will be resurfaced at game completion at all levels.
11. One (1 minute) timeout per team per game and one minute break between periods.
12. There will be no overtime in pool play. All final round CHAMPIONSHIP games will utilize a five minute stop time 4 on 4 OT session, and if still tied will go to a 3 player shootout, home team shoots 2nd. If still tied, a 1 person sudden victory shootout (each team has one attempt) will determine the winner. Team must use all skaters once in shootout before anyone shoots twice. Non-championship games will go directly to shootout.
13. Penalties: Minor Penalties 2 minutes; Major Penalties 5 minutes; Fighting = automatic game misconduct (player is out for the balance of the game & the next game).
14. Teams to assign their own Penalty Box Person each game.
15. Any major misconduct penalty with intent to injure will result in ejection for the remainder of the tournament, pending review by tournament officials.
16. Any time an EMT assesses an injury on the ice; the injured player must remain on their bench for 2 minutes of game time before returning to play or be removed from play if serious injury occurs.
17. Checking will be allowed at the 2011 and older boys' levels. Mouth guards and neck guards must be worn at all levels.
18. Slapshots will be allowed at all levels.
19. Tag-up Offsides will be utilized at all levels. No offsides will be called at the girls 8U level.
20. Pool Play Points: 2 points for win, 1 point for tie. 3 pts for shutout win.
21. Pool Play Tiebreakers: 1-Head to Head (if 2 teams) 2-Most Wins 3-Fewest Losses 4-Fewest Goals Allowed 5-Goal differential (max +6 per game). If still tied, a coin toss will be used.
22. Girls Levels birth years as follows: 8u = 2016/17, 10u = 2014/15, 12u = 2012/13, 14u = 2010/11, 16U=2008/09
23. Rule enforcement is at the Tournament Director's Discretion.

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