



2026 Mile High Meltdown February 13th -16th

Local teams may have games scheduled 9th – 12th no earlier than 4:00pm.
Out of town teams games will not be scheduled earlier than Friday 13th.

I. Credentials Check and Qualifications

Teams are required to check-in one hour prior to their first scheduled game. A mandatory credential check shall include the following documents: (must have certified signed rosters before allowed to play in tournament).

- Official USA Hockey Certified 1-T roster for the 2025-2026 season signed by associate registrar. Must be received no later than 2 weeks prior to the tournament.
 - Must include the following: Players, Player Numbers, Goalies Identified, All Coaches and at least one Team Manager.
- Coaches must be listed on the team roster or will not be allowed on the bench.
- Travel permits will be required /checked for all Canadian teams. (An International Competition Travel Form is required for all other foreign teams.)
 - Canadian teams 14 days prior to tournament.
 - International (non-Canadian) team's inbound application for international competition form submitted 30 days prior to tournament.

A. Tournament Participant Eligibility

- "Tournament Teams" will automatically be placed in the Upper Divisions.
 - "Tournament Team": An extension of an "in-house" program. The team is made up of players from each team of the "in-house" program at a specific age level. For instance, combining the most advanced players from two or more separate teams within an association to form a single team.
 - All teams will be reviewed and may be placed in a different classification than registered.

II. General Information

A. Age Classification and Level of Play:

- 10U House Recreation Upper
- 10U House Recreation Lower
- 12U House Recreation Upper
- 12U House Recreation Lower
- 14U House Recreation Upper
- 14U House Recreation Lower
- 18U House Recreation Upper
- 18U House Recreation Lower

This will be a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament and all teams must be properly registered with USA Hockey.

B. Fees and Registration

- 10U \$1,700
- 12U \$1,700
- 14U \$1,800
- 18U \$1,800

Spectators welcomed – No Admission Fee

NO Noise Makers:

- As a courtesy to all teams and spectators – **No Noise Makers** – no horns, cowbells, drums etc. will be permitted in the building.

All teams must submit a completed Tournament Application and Entry Fee payment to the Tournament Director no later than February 2nd, 2026. Teams will be notified of acceptance upon receipt of application and fee.

- Entry Fee is non-refundable once notified of acceptance into the tournament.

- If your team is not accepted or the tournament is cancelled for any reason, your entry fee will be refunded by February 23, 2026.
- All games will be played at **Family Sports Center** (6901 S. Peoria St, Centennial, CO 80112) and **South Suburban Sports Complex** (4810 E County Line Road, Littleton, CO 80126).

III. Tournament Rules and Regulations

The goal of our tournament is to promote the enjoyment of ice hockey, the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play. The following rules are designed to help us accomplish that goal.

Tournament rules are posted online at www.warriorshockeyclub.com

Current 2025-29 USA Hockey league rules shall govern hockey play except as altered below:

- All divisions are no check.

B. Arrival Time:

- Each team should arrive at the rink at least one hour prior to their game. Games may start early and teams should be dressed and ready to play 10 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.

C. Locker Rooms:

- Locker rooms will be assigned, and keys will be checked out by the team's Head Coach at the Check-In Registration table in exchange for a set of car keys.
- Responsibility for the locker rooms belongs to the head or acting head Coach and cannot be delegated to a parent volunteer or any other individual that is not listed on the USAH roster as a coach.
- 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 and damage in the locker rooms.
- Locking the locker room during the game is the responsibility of the team. South Suburban Family Sports Center and Sports Complex tournament venue are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

D. Jerseys:

- All players must wear a numbered jersey in the proper team color.
- It is recommended that teams bring both sets of jerseys to each game.
- The home team is to wear a white or light-colored jersey and the visiting team a dark colored jersey.
- The tournament director reserves the right to change color designation if necessary.
- **All players are required to wear a neck guard. Officials will not allow players to participate in games if not wearing a neck guard.**

E. Games:

- Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 4 games in round robin play with a chance for maximum of 6 total games.
- Points are awarded as follows;
- 2 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss

F. Forfeits/Refusal to Play

- Any team that fails to appear on time for a scheduled game or any team failing to provide a valid 1-T roster to the Tournament Director prior to the first game of the tournament will be subject to:
 1. Forfeit all tournament games as determined by the Tournament Director.
 2. Pay for all expenses, including but not limited to referee fees and ice costs for each forfeited game.
 3. Denied entry in any CO tournaments for the remainder of the season and in the case of a CAHA team, any approved travel permits will be rescinded.
- If one of the teams is unwilling or unable to play at their designated game time, a forfeit shall be declared. (the non-offending team will be awarded a 1-0 victory)
- A team must have at least six (6) players to be eligible to play a game or a forfeit shall be declared.

G. Period Length/ Game Curfew/ Stop/ Run Clock:

- Each team shall have a 3 minute warm-up which will begin as soon as the officials are on the ice.
- Period one (1) and two (2) are 15 minute run time. Period three (3) is 12 minute stop-time.
- No games will be played under curfew. If at any time during the third period the goal differential is 4 or more, the game clock will go to running time. Stop-time will resume when the goal differential is reduced to 3 goals or less.
- The clock shall stop on all injuries.
- Games will end in a tie during round robin play.

H. Timeouts:

- No timeouts allowed in round robin games.
- During Semifinal and Championship games each team will be allowed one 60 second timeout per game.

I. Round Robin Tie Breakers:

- In the case of a point tie for any seed, the following will be used to determine ranking in making the semifinals.
 1. Win record amongst the tied teams. The team with the most wins advances.
 2. Head to head game results.

3. Teams allowing the fewest goals against.
4. Goal Differential (goals against subtracted from goals for). The team with the highest difference advances.
5. Penalty minutes. The team with the lowest PIM advances.
6. Coin toss

J. Team Responsibilities:

- Neutral scorekeepers and clock operator shall be provided. In the event that a neutral scorekeeper and time clock operator cannot be provided the hosting team and then home team will be responsible to provide one.
- A volunteer (18 years or older) from each participating team needs to cover the penalty box.
- All teams are responsible for providing pucks for their team's warmup. The Home team is responsible for providing game pucks which can be collected from the scorekeeper at the end of the game.

K. Game Results:

- CAHA electronic scoring system **Game Sheet** will be used to score the game online. Each game will have a back-up scoresheet in case of internet failure.
- Team Managers will need to report the team roster to the scorer's table prior to each game.
- The game results will be posted on CAHA within 24 hours of completion of game.

L. Substitute Goal Keepers:

- A team may pick up a substitute goalie from within its own association if it does not already have a spare goalie registered. The substitute goalie must be registered in the current season on a team of equal or lower age classification and equal or lower team classification.
- A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in case of injury to the regular goalie.
- If a team elects this method for a substitute goalie, the team may have only 19 players registered at any time so as not to exceed the maximum number of players allowed.

M. Officials:

- All tournament games will be officiated by registered officials in good standing with USA Hockey.

N. Penalties:

- Per USAH minor penalties for 10U & 12U with periods of 12 minutes or less are 1 minute; minor penalties with periods greater than 12 minutes are 1:30.
- Per CAHA minor penalties for 14U & 18U are 2:00. ALL groups, Major penalties are 5 minutes, Misconduct penalties are 10 minutes and Match penalties are 5 minutes.
- Any player receiving a game misconduct penalty will immediately be suspended from the current game and will also be suspended for the next scheduled game. **Fighting** will result in the suspension from the tournament.
- Any player receiving four (4) penalties in any game is suspended for the remainder of that game and for the next game.
- Any team that receives 12 penalties or more in a game will have their Head Coach suspended for the next scheduled game.

O. Zero Tolerance:

- We will be enforcing our ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. Fighting or abusive behavior and language by players, coaches, team officials or spectators will not be tolerated. Any actions that are deemed abusive or detrimental to fair play and sportsmanship will result in the immediate removal of the offending party from the arena.

P. Protest and Grievances:

- Shall be ruled on by the Tournament Director and members of the protest/grievance committee.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the interpretation of the tournament rules and shall act in the best interest of the players, coaches and the game in general.
- The Tournament Director's decisions are final and not subject to appeal.
- Referee's judgment calls on the ice, and off-ice official's actions.
- Interpretation by the officials of the playing rules.
- Misunderstanding the tournament rules as specified in the tournament package.
- Issues relating to officiating are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Tournament Director.
- Coaches may make a formal written appeal and it must be submitted within an hour after the conclusion of the game in protest along with a check for \$100.00.
- The protest / grievance committee's decisions will rule on the protest committee's decisions are not subject to appeal.

Q. Awards:

- Awards will be presented to the first and second place teams in each age division at the conclusion of the championship game.

R. Safe Sport Compliance

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

IV. Semifinal Games

- Each team will be allowed one 60 second time out per game.
- Ties that exist at the conclusion of regulation play will be broken using the following criteria:
 - 1st Overtime Period teams will play a 5 minute run period 3v3 sudden death. (Teams switch ends)
 - If teams are still tied after the overtime period, a 3 person shootout will be used.
 - The higher seeded team will determine which team will shoot first
 - Coaches will submit 3 different players for the shootout

- Any player serving a penalty will not be allowed to participate in the shootout.
- If teams are tied after the original 3 players, the shootout will continue until a winner is determined.
 - Players that have already participated in the shootout may not shoot again until the team's entire roster has been used. (excluding goalies and any players in the penalty box)

V. Championship Games

- Ties that exist at the conclusion of regulation play will be broken using the following criteria:
 - 1st Overtime Period teams will play a 5 minute run period 3v3 sudden death. (Teams switch ends)
 - 2nd Overtime Period teams will play 5 minute stop period 3v3 sudden death.
 - If teams are still tied after the overtime period, a 3 person shootout will be used.
 - The higher seeded team will determine which team will shoot first
 - Coaches will submit 3 different players for the shootout
 - Any player serving a penalty will not be allowed to participate in the shootout.
 - If teams are tied after the original 3 players, the shootout will continue until a winner is determined.
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