

Foothills Hockey Association Foothills Frightfest Tournament Rule **October 24th -26th, 2025**

Section I – GENERAL TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. **General:** This tournament is a sanctioned USA Hockey event and is designed to include recreational and travel competitive teams in the following age classifications: CPHL Tier I Varsity, CPHL Tier II Junior Varsity, 16UAA, Peewee 12UAA, Peewee 12UA, and Squirt 10UA.
2. ENTRY FEES ARE \$2025 for the 18U/16U School/Girls levels and \$2025 for 12UA & AA \$2000. 10UA will be \$1900. All fees must be payable with a money order, online, certified check or Association check. The entry fee must be paid in full and is non-refundable once the Tournament Director accepts the team into the tournament. All tournament rules will be posted at www.foothillshockey.org
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 - a. Except as altered by Tournament Rules & Format, 2025-2029 USA Hockey & CAHA rules will govern hockey play. 2021-25, when stating USAH rules are being used.
 - 18/16U/HS, will be using the HS tag up offsides and icing rules for this division
 - All Divisions will require USA Hockey-mandated neck guards.
 - b. Teams will plan to travel around the dates of the tournament, with games starting the morning of the first day. We will do our best to accommodate out-of-state team travel.
 - c. **Safe Sport Compliance** – The USAH-sanctioned tournament Safe Sport Program Protocol will be adhered to.
4. **Locker rooms will be designated for the home and visiting teams.** 3.a. The Tournament Host Association will provide a timekeeper. 3.b. Teams are required to bring their warm-up pucks.
5. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 4 games. See the section on pool play for a breakdown of gameplay.
 - a. Locker Rooms will be assigned on the day of. The Team Manager or Coach must provide a set of car keys as collateral to check out a locker room key. Please plan for this provision.
6. **Sportsmanship:** Foothills Hockey Association stresses sportsmanship. Fighting, abusive behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches or parents **will not** be tolerated on or off the ice. Such conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the tournament as determined by the tournament director and/or the site director. Referees have the authority to direct the removal of any player(s), acting in an objectionable and/or unsafe manner on the ice. In addition, the game referees in conjunction with the tournament director, have the authority to end any game at the time they feel that continuing that game would endanger players or violate Foothills Hockey Association's stated policy on sportsmanship. The tournament director and the site director will determine the outcome of any game. The tournament and/or site director reserves the right to remove anyone from The Edge Ice Arena whose actions are detrimental to fair play and sportsmanship.
6. **Credentials:** All teams and players must be registered with USA Hockey. The Credentials will be verified one hour before your first scheduled game for each team. Team managers will report to the check-in table at the scheduled rink. Required documents include:
 - a. USA Hockey-certified player roster
 - b. All games will use USAH officials only
 - c. Every division will follow 2025-2029 USAH and CAHA rules per such division

Rosters: Final rosters must be submitted to the Tournament Director at least two weeks before the start of the tournament. (USAH prefers 2 weeks) No roster changes will be permitted beyond this deadline.

- 1. Awards:** Team and individual awards will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place in each division. **2. Game Awards:** After each game, each head coach will award the MVP of the game for the opposing team. The players will receive a Frighfest logo puck.
- 3. Damage to Rinks and their Facilities:** The repair and replacement costs involved with any damage done to any property at any ice arena, hotel or other facility will be the responsibility of the team(s) and the individual(s) causing such damage. Immediate arrangements for restitution must be made, and violations of this rule will result in disqualification from the tournament. Locker rooms will be checked before and after the competition. Lockers' rooms damaged or trashed will result in a \$200 fine or the costs of the damage, whichever is higher.

Section II – GENERAL TOURNAMENT PLAY

- 1. Length of Games:** Each game will have a 3-minute warm-up. Games will consist of 3 periods. The periods will be as follows per division: High School & 16UAA - 3 15-minute stop periods. Pee Wee(12U) 3 14-minute stop periods. & Squirt(10U) 3 12-minute stop time periods. If, at any time during the third period, the score differential is 4 or more, the game clock will become run time until the differential is reduced to less than 4. All HS, 14U, & 12U games, unless otherwise noted or will have a 75-minute curfew. The 10U game will have a 60-minute curfew. The score at the end of the third period or a 75-minute curfew, whichever comes first, will be used to determine the game's outcome. High School games may be curfewed at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. In emergency cases involving weather, injury, or other extenuating circumstances, tournament officials reserve the right to modify the schedule, as necessary. There is no overtime.
- 2. Time Outs:** One thirty (30) second time-out per team will be allowed only in playoffs or championship games. No additional time-outs are allowed for shoot-outs.
- 3. Jerseys:** All teams are required to have a light and dark colored game jersey. Home teams will wear their light-colored jerseys, and visiting teams will wear their dark-colored jerseys. **4. Hockey Equipment:** All teams must adhere to USA Hockey rules and regulations as it pertain to individual players' equipment. Players are required to wear mouth guards during tournament games. **5. Number of Players and Coaches on the Bench:** Bench personnel are limited to rostered players and up to 4 others acting as coaches or trainers. These additional four team members must also be on the team's USA Hockey roster. Injured players on the bench must always wear protective headgear. Parents are not permitted on the bench at any time during a game. Parents who violate these rules are subject to removal from the facility. Only rostered coaches are permitted on the bench during games. No trainers unless they are rostered as coaches. No managers on the bench either. **6. Games and Points:** Games may start early if ice is available. Teams should be dressed and ready to be on the ice fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled start time.
 - a. Points will be awarded as follows: 2 points for a win, 0 points for a loss, 1 point for a tie. b. Semi-final and Championship games will not end in a tie. If a semi-final or championship game is tied at the end of regulation time, a 5-minute (stop-time) 3v3 sudden-death overtime period will be played. If the game remains tied after the overtime period, a 3-player shootout will decide the outcome. Each team will select three shooters and a goaltender from their roster. Shooters will alternate by taking penalty shots at the opponent's goaltender. The team with the most goals after three shots will be declared the winner. If still tied, the shootout will continue using an additional skater from each team until a winner is established. Teams must use all of the skaters on their roster before any of the
Previously chosen skaters are eligible to shoot again. Each team will take the same number of shots.

TIEBREAKER FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEEDING: A tie is reached when 2 or more teams all have the same number of points after round robin play:

Two-way tie:

1. Head-to-head
2. Most wins overall
3. Overall goal differential (capped at a maximum of 6 per game)
4. Overall, the fewest goals allowed.
5. Fewest penalty minutes overall
6. Quickest first goal scored in the Tournament.
7. Coin toss.

Three (or more)-way tie:

1. Most wins overall
2. Overall goal differential (capped at a maximum of 6 per game)
3. Overall, the fewest goals allowed
4. Fewest penalty minutes overall
5. The quickest first goal scored in the Tournament
6. Draw straws.
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7. Electronic scoring: Game Sheets (electronic scoring system) will be used for this tournament. Game score sheets will be posted on Game Sheets within 24 hours of games. Paper Score Sheets will be used, and each team will be responsible for providing roster stickers for each game.

8. Tournament Format (4-team divisions)

- **Pools.** Teams will be placed into a single pool.
- **Round Robin.** Teams will play each of the other teams in their pool once (in the case of two pools, Teams from Pool 1 will play their round-robin games against teams from Pool 2). After round-robin play is completed, teams will be seeded based on point standings (and tiebreakers, if necessary).
- **Semi-Final and Championship Games.** After round Robin Play, the team seeded #1 will play the team seeded #4 and the team seeded #2 will play the team seeded #3 The winners of these two games will advance to the Championship game.

Tournament Format (6-8 team division)

- **Pools.** Teams will be placed into a single pool.
- **Round Robin:** Teams will play four games against other teams within their pool. After round-robin play is completed, teams will be seeded within their pool based on point standings (and tiebreakers if necessary).
- **Championship Game:** The 1st and 2nd place teams will play in the championship game.

Section III – Protests & Refuse to

Play 1. No protest will be accepted.

2. **FORFEITS/REFUSAL TO PLAY** - Since there are no protests, refusal to play any scheduled game(s) will result in a forfeit.

- Any Team that enters a tournament and fails to appear on time for a scheduled.
- Any game or team (CAHA registered or otherwise) that fails to provide a valid T-1 roster to the Tournament Director before 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 Colorado tournaments for the remainder of the season, and in the case of a CAHA team, any approved travel permits will be rescinded.