

2026 Slapshot Tournament

Hosted by Northern Colorado Youth Hockey – January 15th-19th, 2026

1. Slapshot Tournament Qualifications

Slapshot Tournament is for House/Recreational Squirt 10U, House/Recreational Pee Wee 12U, House/Recreational Bantam 14U and House/Recreational Midget 16U/18U levels.

There will be a minimum of four (4) teams at each age level and a maximum of ten (12) teams at each age level.

Each team will have a minimum of four (4) games and a maximum of Five (5) games.

All teams must be registered with USA Hockey for the current playing season. **Rosters must include players, coaches, at least one manager, jersey numbers, and goalies identified.** Every team entering the tournament is required to provide an official USA Hockey 1-T roster with application and again at check in (if requested). All USA Hockey rosters will be checked by tournament officials.

Only USA Hockey officials will officiate games and USA Hockey/CAHA playing rules and age divisions will be used unless otherwise approved.

CAHA/USA Hockey Penalty Rules used for the Slapshot Tournament for all age levels.
Specifics below:

- 1:00 minute for minor penalty (10U age level)
- 1:30 minute for minor penalty (12U age level)
- 2:00 minute for minor penalty (14U and 18U age level)
- 5:00 minute for major penalty
- 10:00 minute for misconduct penalty

2. Entry Fee

Teams must register online using the link on our website, www.ncyh.org.
The Early Bird (On or before November 30, 2024) registration fee for Squirt will be \$1,700, Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget levels will be \$1,800. Squirt registrations received on or after December 1, 2024, will be \$1,775, Pee wee, Bantam and Midget levels will be \$1,875.
Payment can be by credit card or ACH online through NCYH Crossbar registration.

** There will be NO spectator fee to enter and watch the tournament games

3. Team Withdrawal/Reimbursement Policy

If a team withdraws from the tournament before NCYH has notified them of their acceptance a full refund will be granted.

Any team that withdraws after being accepted and cannot be replaced will not receive a refund. If your team is replaced, you will receive a full refund.

4. USA Hockey Roster Submission

Teams must submit their official USA Hockey 1-T team rosters at time of registration through NCYH Crossbar tournament registration. The contact person on the registration will be notified of their team's acceptance once registration is completed and both payment and USA Hockey 1-T roster is received by NCYH. Copies of birth certificates will NOT be required to attend the tournament.

5. Length of Games and Periods

Each game at all age levels will be scheduled anywhere from 1 hour to 1:15 depending on age level and consist of:

- 3 minute warmup
- 1 minute between periods (or referee discretion)
- 12 minute periods – stop clock – Squirt(10U) Level Only
- 14 minute periods - stop clock – Peewee(12U), Bantam(14U), and Midget(18U) Levels
- One (30) second timeout is allowed per team
- A curfew will be in effect in order to keep games starting on time

6. Overtime

There will be no overtime until the semifinal and final games at the Squirt, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget levels. In the semifinals and finals, if overtime is required, the following overtime format will be employed:

- First overtime is 4 versus 4 sudden-death with a 5 minute stop clock.
- Second overtime is a 3 man shootout.
- Third overtime is a single man shootout until a team wins.

7. Tie Breaking Procedures

Teams will receive two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss during the round robin portion of the tournament. In the event that a team is tied with another team after the round robin portion of the tournament, the following tie breaking procedures will be used to determine seedings/championship game participants for Squirt, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget levels:

- 1) Head-to-Head results between tied teams
 - If 3 or more teams are tied, and the tied teams didn't play each other in round robin play, only tie breaker rule #2, #3, and #4 will be used. (For Example: 1 plays 2, 2 plays 3, but 1 doesn't play 3...Head-to-Head results do not count).
- 2) Most Wins between tied teams(If three teams are tied, but two teams have more wins than the third team the third team will be eliminated). If the two remaining teams played in the round robin, we will revert back to Head- to-Head.
- 3) Overall goals against between tied teams
- 4) Overall least amount of penalty minutes between tied teams
- 5) Coin toss

8. Reporting Times –Arena/Locker Room/Ice

After all teams have been accepted into the tournament, your team contact will be emailed a schedule within one week of the tournament commencing.

All teams must be at the ice arena one hour prior to the start of their game, and games will start early if possible.

Games may be scheduled on weekends as early as 6:00AM and as late as 10:00PM start times, depending on number of teams registered.

Please keep in mind that tournament games may start as early as **7:00AM** on Friday, January 16th, 2026 for non-NCYH teams and as early as Thursday, January 15th, 2026 for NCYH teams.

Locker room assignments will be displayed at the ice arena on TV monitors. The head coach or an assistant coach will be responsible for the locker room to be picked up and cleaned before leaving the locker room. This responsibility cannot be delegated to a parent volunteer or any other individual who is not listed on the team's USA Hockey 1-T roster as a coach. **Please make sure to have teams pick up the locker room.**

All games will be posted to the CAHA Electronic Scoring System within 24 hours of the game's completion. (New Scoring system- Game Sheets)

- Each team must provide their own penalty box officials.
- NCYH Tournament will provide scorekeeper/clock. A parent from each team will need to be in the penalty box.
- NCYH will provide game pucks. Teams must bring own pucks for warm ups.

9. Uniforms & Awards

Every team must provide a home (light) and away (dark) jersey for the tournament weekend.

Tournament Banners will be given to each division championship team and runner-up after the championship game of that particular division.

10. Fighting Rules

Fighting will not be tolerated at any time for any reason. If any officials find players fighting, those players will be barred from competition for the remainder of the tournament.

11. Five Point Mercy Rule

In the event of a score differential of five (5) or more goals, the timekeeper will revert to a running clock in the 3rd period. The clock will remain running until the score differential is four (4) or less. At this point the stop clock rule will be re-employed. All coaches are required to utilize all appropriate means to prevent their team from running up the score on an opponent.

12. Protests and Dispute Procedures

NCYH strives to provide an enjoyable atmosphere for participants and spectators alike. Encouragement for teams and players is always welcome.

Spectators are asked to respect the officials, players, coaches and each other and refrain from obscenities, gestures and inappropriate comments.

NCYH will not tolerate verbal abuse of players, officials, or the general public at any time. If the game official determines that a spectator is being overly disruptive to the event, the official has the authority to ask the spectator to leave the premises.

Players are subject to USA Hockey Regulations regarding game conduct.

Protests and disputes must be appropriately directed to the Tournament Director.

Any dispute of a game can be submitted within 24 hours of the game. You must provide a check for \$100.00 (non-refundable) and your dispute in writing to the Tournament Director. No protests will be heard regarding judgment calls on the part of the game officials.

13. Forfeits/Refusal to Play

If a team is unwilling or unable to play at the scheduled time, a forfeit will be declared and a 1-0 win shall be awarded to the other team. If a team is unwilling to play a scheduled game, that team will be financially responsible for the cost of the ice time and for any referee's fees as well as any punishments imposed upon them by their governing bodies. A team refusing to play will also not be accepted into future Slapshot Tournaments.

14. Body Checking

As a reminder, there is no hitting/body checking in CRHL hockey.

15. Neck Guards

All age levels **MUST** wear neck guards.

16. SafeSport Compliance

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

Questions should be directed to:

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