



Tournament Rules

1. All teams must be USA Hockey sanctioned.
2. The **USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy** will be enforced.
3. Teams are encouraged but not required to exchange pins with the opposing teams prior to games.
4. All players must wear proper equipment in accordance with USA Hockey.
5. The tournament will furnish all timekeepers and scorekeepers for all games.
6. Each team will be responsible for and is expected to furnish one adult to run its penalty box.
7. Injured players on the bench must wear team jerseys and helmets.
8. Game officials will be assigned by the Manchester Flames.
9. All games will have a 3 minute warm-up period prior to their start. The 3-minute warm-up will start as soon as the doors are closed after the ice-resurfacing machine leaves the ice.
10. Squirts, Peewees and Bantam will consist of three twelve minute stop time periods.
11. At the start of, or any time during the third (3rd) period, if a 6 goal differential exists, then running time shall commence and shall revert back to stop time if the difference becomes less than 6 goals.
12. No time-outs allowed during preliminary games.
13. One time-out is allowed during semi-final and championship games. The one time-out can be used during regulation time or during overtime (not both).
14. Each team will play a minimum of 4 games.
15. **Penalties:** Squirt, Peewee and Bantam minor = 2 minutes. Major = 5 minutes, Misconduct = 10 minutes, Fighting Penalty = Tournament Disqualification.
16. Any game misconduct penalties will consists of missing next tournament game, there are no appeals, and all referee decisions are final.
17. Handshakes at the end of the games shall occur at the discretion of the referee.
18. There will be no overtimes, except in the semi-final and championship games.
19. Forfeited games, if any, will result in the awarding of a 1-0 win over the opponent of the defaulting team.
20. Tournament Point Structure: Win=2 points, Tie=1 points, Loss=0 points.

21. Tournament Play Structure: Teams will play 3 round robin games followed by a 4th semi-final game where:

1st vs. 4th,
2nd vs. 3rd,
5th vs. 8th,
6th vs. 7th.

The winners of games 1st vs. 4th & 2nd vs. 3rd, will compete in the **A** Divisional Championship and the winners of games 5th vs. 8th, 6th vs. 7th will compete in the **B** Divisional Championship

22. Determining ties in standings in advancing to semi-final and championship games:

TWO TEAMS:

- a) Head to head;
- b) Most wins;
- c) Fewest goals allowed
- d) Fewest penalty minutes
- e) Most Goals for;
- f) Coin toss

THREE TEAMS:

- a) Most points;
- b) Head to head;
- c) Fewest goals allowed
- d) Fewest penalty minutes;
- e) Most Goals for;
- f) Coin toss

23. Determining division winners in semi-final and championship games in case of ties:

- a) Continuous 10 minute sudden-death overtime period 5 on 5.

24. Championship award will be presented to the winning teams in Squirt, Peewee and Bantam **A** & **B** divisions. A runner-up award will be presented in each Squirt, Peewee and Bantam **A** & **B** division.

25.) We ask that you represent your organization with good sportsmanship and respect to all other attendees. Good Luck to all the teams!!

There is no gate fee for this tournament!

