

Park Rapids Amateur Hockey Association Tournament Rules

1. Only USA hockey registered referees will be used. This is a “NO Protest tournament. REFEREES will have the final say on all calls.
2. Medical and ambulance service will be available for each game as required by Minnesota Hockey.
3. All PRAHA tournaments will be conducted under USA hockey rules as modified by Minnesota hockey in the Minnesota Handbook and the Minnesota Hockey tournament handbook, and the exceptions are listed here.
4. Canadian teams must wear protective equipment as designated by CAHA.
5. **Teams shall check in one hour prior to playing its first game of the tournament.**

Every team must present the following credentials to the Tournament Director’s Credentials Committee. Any team that does not have the properly completed credentials is not allowed to participate in the tournament.

- A. USA Hockey Team Roster, signed and stamped by the cognizant associate registrar.
- B. Minnesota teams, all team officials are to show their coaching certification card at the time of check in.
- C. Travel permits for each Canadian and out of state teams requiring permits.
- D. Each player and coach must have a, “Consent to treat form”, allowing for immediate medical attention in the event of an injury.
6. All level games will consist of three (3), seventeen (17) minute, stop time periods. Games played in the round robin format will not proceed to overtime if they end in a tie.
7. In round robin or bracketed format, if a tie occurs at the end of regulation, a two (2) minute on ice rest period will be followed by a ten (10) minute sudden death overtime period. If this does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shoot-out procedure. This will involve each team selecting five (5) players who will alternate taking penalty shots. If after the five (5) players from both teams have completed this procedure, and the tie is not broken, a sudden death shootout will start with each team selecting different players and continuing to alternate penalty shots until one team is

declared the winner. Every player on the bench must shoot before any player can have a second turn during the shoot-out matches.

8. There will be no overtime in the round robin or pool play format. Ties will be allowed. Two (2) points will be given for every win and one (1) point to each team for a tie. The team with the most points in round robin play finishes in first place followed by the next highest point winner and on down the line. In pool play format the team with the most points in each pool is the pool winner. The teams with the second highest point total in each pool will play each other for third and fourth place and so on down the line.

9. Rules for determining final point standing ties between round robin and pool play teams are:

Applied in order:

- 1) Head to head
- 2) Fewest goals allowed (total of all games)
- 3) Goal differential, (goals scored minus goals allowed)
- 4) Coin flip

Wild card Determination (3-pool tournaments), a wild card team will be determined from the 3 second place finishers from each pool. The 3 teams will be compared and the top finisher based on rules applied above (Total points in pools play followed by tie breakers if needed) will be the, Wild card team.

10. All games will be running time when a (6) goal lead exists after the second period.

11. When running time is in use, the clock shall not be stopped for any reason except for injuries and or rink problems and to enter a penalty and only at the discretion of the referee.

12. Penalties will be two (2) minutes for a minor, five (5) for a major, and ten (10) for misconduct.

13. Home teams will be the ones on the top of the bracket or the team listed first in round robin and pool play and will wear their light colored jerseys.

14. No jewelry can be worn except for medical or religious needs. Medical or religious jewelry must be taped to the body under the uniform as to not

remain visible. Penalty: first offense, warning. Returning to the game without correction: game misconduct.

15. All players on the bench, including players not dressed to play, must wear a helmet with a facemask and a team jersey.
16. Suspended players are not allowed to participate in any team activities including being in the locker room or on the bench.
17. Team rest: Teams shall not participate in more than two (2) games per day nor shall they participate in more than one tournament at a time. There shall be a minimum of two (2) hours between games on the same day and ten (10) hours between games on conservative days.
18. All players, including goalies are required to wear a non-clear (colored) internal mouthpiece, which covers all teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper.
19. Conduct of coaches, Players and Parents and fans:
 - A) Racial and or harassing conduct of any kind will not be tolerated.
 - B) Each team is responsible for the conduct of its spectators. Coaches and or general managers should advise their parents and fans of conduct rules.
 - C) If spectator conduct becomes abusive that, in the opinion of the referee(s) may stop play and:
 1. Ask the coach to control their spectators
 2. Ask the coach to request specified individuals to leave the arena
 3. Disruptive use of noise makers (i.e.: cow bell) will be considered abusive conduct.
 4. Possession of a device that could be detrimental to the players or to the conduct of the game, such as laser pointers, will be considered abusive and reported to local law enforcement.
 - D. The tournament personnel shall have the authority to take action as necessary to control spectator conduct.
 - E. Failure of a coach to cooperate with a referee's request within two (2) minutes will result in a bench minor penalty and a warning from the referee that after an additional two (2) minutes, the game will be suspended and the team will forfeit.

F. Coaches, players, managers or spectators (fans) may not enter the referee's room without an invitation before, during, or after the game. The minimum penalties will be assessed for the violation of this rule:

1. Coach or player- game misconduct penalty

a. The incident will be reported for possible additional league action and or suspension.

2. Manager or spectator (fan) - The referee will report the circumstances to the Supervisor of Officials who will notify the District Director

a. A mandatory hearing will be held with the teams coach and a representative of the associations governing board to discuss possible disciplinary action.

G. USA Hockey's zero tolerance Policy will be enforced for players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators (fans).

20. Any team with more than twenty (20) players on their team roster will only be allowed to dress and have twenty (20) players on the bench during any game. The game sheet must note which twenty (20) players are playing in each game.