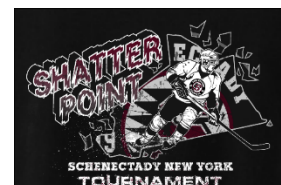




Schenectady Youth Hockey Association 14th Annual Shatter Point Tournament



2020 Format and Rules

The following rules are subject to amendment by the Tournament Director at any time prior to the start of the tournament.

USA Hockey Rules Govern Play

This is a USA Hockey sanctioned Tournament, using USA Hockey rules.

USA Hockey's "ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY"

Referees will be instructed to strictly enforce zero tolerance rules. SYHA and the host arenas reserves the right to remove from the arena players, coaches, or spectators who violate USA Hockey Zero Tolerance policies.

Player Registration

All teams must be registered with USA Hockey or the Canadian Hockey Association. All teams must provide a copy of their certified roster prior to their first game of the tournament. Only players who appear on the team's certified roster may participate in any game during the tournament.

Any team using a non-rostered player in any game will forfeit all preliminary round games and will not be eligible to advance to a semi-final or championship game.

Equipment & Jerseys

All players must wear numbered uniforms in the proper team colors. Home team listed on the game sheet will wear white (light) jerseys. Away team will wear dark color jerseys.

Penalty Box

Teams are **REQUIRED** to provide their own penalty box attendant.

Locker Rooms

Teams will be assigned a locker room one hour before scheduled game times. Teams will be responsible for any damages or littering to locker rooms and any other area facilities. Please report any apparent damage directly to the ice rink personnel.

Ice Resurfacing

The ice will be resurfaced every three periods; before the start of each game.

Score Sheets

Each team is responsible with providing roster stickers to the scorekeeper prior to the start of each game. A team coach must sign game sheets after the completion of each game.

Game Start Time

All teams should be dressed and ready to play 20 minutes before game time. Please note that every attempt will be made to adhere to the schedule, however teams may be asked to begin a game before its official start time.

Warm-up Period

There will be a Three (3) minute warm-up period at the beginning of each game.

Entering the Ice

No player is allowed upon the ice surface until the game officials have entered. Any team entering the ice surface prior to the officials will be automatically assessed an Unsportsmanlike Conduct minor penalty. This penalty will commence at the start of the game.

Length of Periods

12 minute periods will be played for all games.

Time Outs

A One (1) minute timeout per team is allowed at any time during the Championship Game only. No other time-outs will be permitted at any time during the tournament.

Mercy Rule

A mercy rule will apply if six (6) or more goals separate the teams at any time during the third period. Running time will commence for the remainder of the game. If the team behind comes to within three (3) goals, stop time will resume for the remainder of the game.

Penalties

Any major penalty for fighting will result in the player(s) automatic suspension for the remainder of the Tournament. Two (2) major penalties (non-fighting) or four (4) minor penalties by one player in one game will result in an ejection from that game. In addition, the player(s) involved will be suspended from the next tournament game. All major penalties will be assessed at 5:00 minutes. Minor penalties will be assessed at 1:30 minutes for 10u and 2:00 minutes for 12u, 14u, and 16u.

Protests

Protests of games shall not be accepted or considered for any reasons. Decisions of on-ice officials are final.

Officiating

All games will be officiated by officials registered with USA Hockey. USA Hockey rules apply.

Goals

Referees shall judge all goals from the ice.

Team Bench

Only players in uniform and team officials shall be permitted to occupy the player's bench area during a game.

Game Scoring/Tournament Standings for Round Robin Play

Teams will be awarded points in round-robin play according to the following:

- Two points for a win
- One point for a tie
- Zero points for a loss

Forfeits: When a team forfeits a game for any reason, all games in the preliminary round for that team, played or not, will be officially recorded as a 3-0 loss for the purposes of determining tournament standings. A team forfeiting a game is not eligible to play any semi-final or championship games. It should be noted that the purpose of this rule is to absolutely discourage forfeits for any reason, as this causes another team to miss a tournament game. Entry fees will not be refunded to teams forfeiting any games.

Tournament Standings: Standings will be compiled by the tournament director and staff and posted. Teams will be ranked within their tournament division by the total number of points obtained. In the event of a tie, final standings will be determined by the following criteria:

1. Head to head competition – With 3 or more teams tied, all teams must have played each other and there must be an obvious winner. If not we skip Head to Head and go to Most Wins.
2. Most wins
3. Fewest goals allowed in tournament
4. Least Penalty Minutes
5. Coin Toss

If the championship game ends in a tie score, the following steps will be used to determine the placement of finish.

1. Overtime play will be used to break a tie at the end of regulation in championship game only.
2. At the end of the third period, there will be a 1 minute rest.
3. On ice playing strength will be 4 on 4 for the overtime. The clock will be set for 5 minutes and the game will be played to a “sudden victory” conclusion.
4. At the conclusion of the OT and no team scores, there will be a 30 second rest and a second OT at 3 on 3 playing strength will be played for 5 minutes.
5. If no one scores then a shootout consisting of 3 players from each team. The points for the shoot out will be awarded as 1 point for a goal. If still no winner is determined, three different players from each team will be chosen to shoot. This process will continue until there is a winner. No shooter shall shoot a second time until all players have shot once.

Awards

A championship award will be presented to the winning team in each division. Individual awards will be presented to all members of each championship and runner-up teams.

Interpretation of Rules

All questions of interpretation regarding the application of the Tournament Rules in a particular instance during the period shall be decided by the Tournament Committee, after consultation, if necessary, with involved team officials and/or On-Ice and Off-Ice Officials. The Tournament Committee may designate alternate Tournament Committee to act in their place, in the event that they are not in attendance at the tournament venue at the time any question or interpretation of the Tournament Rules occurs. The decision of the Tournament Committee or the alternate Tournament Committee shall be final and conclusive in regards to all tournament issues.