



**December 1-3, 2023
Ithaca, New York**

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Age Levels: There are three age levels in this tournament: 10U, 12U, and 14U. 8U games are an informal part of the tournament and will follow a different game format.

2. Registered Players: All players who participate in the tournament must be registered on a USA Hockey team for the current season. Teams are required to provide an approved USA Hockey roster prior to play. Dual rostered players will be accepted as long as they are listed on the approved USA Hockey roster.

3. Game Format: Each age level will have four teams. Every team at each age level will play a round robin of three games.* At the end of round robin play, standings for each division will be determined on the basis of points awarded in the following manner: **one (1) point per period win, half a point (0.5) to each team for each period ending in a tie, two (2) points for a game win, and one (1) point to each team for a game ending in a tie.** The 1st place team will play the 2nd place team in the championship game. The 3rd and 4th place teams will play in the consolation game.

* Each team will need to supply one person for their penalty box.

4. Length of Games: All games will have a three-minute warm-up period. Teams not ready to play will forfeit their warm-up time.* Each team in all divisions will be allowed one sixty-second timeout per game. The ice will be resurfaced at the end of each game.

- 10U teams will play three 12-minute stop-time periods with 1:00 minute minor penalties. Major penalties are 3:00 minutes and misconducts are 6:00 minutes.
- 12U teams will play three 15-minute stop-time periods with 1:30 minute minor penalties. Major penalties are 4:00 minutes and misconducts are 8:00 minutes.
- 14U teams will play three 16-minute stop-time periods with 1:30 minute minor penalties. Major penalties are 4:00 minutes and misconducts are 8:00 minutes.

* Teams should arrive at the rink 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time. Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes before the official game time.

5. Defaults: Should there be a willful default by a team in the tournament, that team is eliminated from further tournament play and the winner from the default is awarded the win and receives the score of 1-0.

6. Overtime: For round robin and consolation games, games tied at the end of regulation play will end in a tie. For any championship game, teams tied at the end of regulation play will play overtime periods of 5 minutes beginning with 5 on 5, plus goalies, for the first overtime period, then 4 on 4, plus goalies, for the second. The team scoring the first goal in overtime play wins.

7. Shootout: In the event that neither team scores a goal during overtime play, a shootout will take place in accordance with tournament shootout rules (see “Shootout Rules”).

8. Tie-Breaking Rules: If two or more teams have an equal number of points at the conclusion of regular round robin games, their position in the standings shall be determined by the first of the following rules to establish a ranking. If one tie-breaker establishes a ranking for one of three or more tied teams, then that team is placed in the applicable ranking, and the remaining teams shall start the tie-breaking process over:

- a) The results of the games played head-to-head.
- b) Goal ratio: total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for plus goals against, in all round robin games (GF^*/GF^*+GA). The team with the highest ratio prevails.
 - * A maximum (6) goal differential per game will be used (e.g. 10-2 score becomes, for this purpose, 2 goals against, 8 goals for); increasing the score to a greater than 6-goal differential will not increase a team’s goal ratio.
- c) If still tied, the team with the fewest goals scored against in all round robin games, up to a maximum of 6 goals against per game, will prevail.
- d) If still tied, team with the fewest penalty minutes for prior games in this tournament.
- e) If still tied, the winner of a single coin toss will take the higher position.

9. Fighting and Game Misconduct: Fighting is not allowed. Any player and/or team official assessed a major fighting penalty will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Any player and/or team official who is assessed a game misconduct penalty may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, pending review by the tournament’s disciplinary committee (see Rule 12). Any player who incurs 4 penalties within a game shall be assessed a game misconduct. Any coach whose team incurs more than 10 penalties within one game shall meet with the disciplinary committee prior to their next scheduled game. Any coach whose team incurs 12 or more penalties during one game shall be suspended for the next scheduled game of that team (Rule 401b). If a player is ejected from the game, a coach from the team’s bench must escort the player to the locker room and remain with the player until a parent or guardian arrives.

10. Mercy Rule: If one team is ahead by seven or more goals at any point in the third period, the clock will change to running time.

11. General Rules: Except as indicated here, all USA Hockey rules will govern and will be enforced, including the following:

- Abuse of officials and uses of language that is hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during, or after the game will not be tolerated (Rule 601).
- The use of tobacco products, vaping products, or alcoholic beverages by any player or team official is prohibited (Rule 601f).

12. Disciplinary Committee: A disciplinary committee will operate during this tournament. It shall be composed of three people and an alternate and shall be appointed prior to the first game by the tournament director. The committee shall be responsible for deciding any action, suspension or otherwise, to be taken against a player or team official receiving a game misconduct or match penalty. The committee shall have full power to waive or increase the suspension(s) called for in USA Hockey rules for this tournament.

A player or team official will be given every opportunity to appear before the disciplinary committee to relate their version of events before a suspension from a game or the tournament is issued. However, the disciplinary committee reserves the right to enforce a suspension from a game or the tournament in the absence of a hearing (due to constraints of time, etc.).

The disciplinary committee reserves the right to suspend parents/guardians/adults from entering an arena due to inappropriate behavior.