

TOURNAMENT RULES

- Tournament rules will be governed by Hockey Canada and Hockey Northwestern Ontario unless superseded by tournament rules.
- Travel Permits are required before the first ice time of each team, proof of player registration may be requested, A player must play for the team he/she is registered with and no player shall play for more than one team in the tournament.
- There will be absolutely no verbal or physical abuse tolerated towards, or against any Tournament Official or Game Official (including on-ice and off-ice Officials). Failure to comply will result in immediate expulsion of the individual or team (as seen fit) from further tournament play and the game will be forfeited.
- No refunds will be granted.
- Mouth guards and neck guards are required for all participating players.
- Colour conflicts will result in the home team changing colour. In the spirit of sportsmanship, it is asked that teams with two sets of colour wear colours that avoid conflict.
- Referees will be in ice as this is an opportunity for the junior refs to learn the game as well.

HALF ICE GAMEPLAY RULES:

- Hockey Canada Playing Rules are Followed except as stated below:
- 4 on 4 (plus goaltender in full goalie equipment)
- Puck- The blue 4oz puck must be used for all half ice games.
- Games will consist of two (2)-24minute run time periods
- Face-offs to start each half
- A two- minute timed buzzer will be used for line changes
- The game does not stop, players change on the fly at buzzer/whistle
- If there are fewer than four players on the bench, the active player designated to stay out for the following shift must return to the bench area prior (ie:tag up) to continuing play
- At the discretion of the referee, the time will be stopped due to an injury
- Incidental contact may happen, but body -checking is not permitted
- No icing or offside
- Goaltending. The recommendations in the U9 game-play model is that all players have an opportunity to play goal.

Change of possession guidelines:

-Continuous play- when whistles lead to a change in puck possession, the official will signal the attacking players to back of three meters, once the attackers have moved back, play may resume as soon as the possession team has control of the puck.

-Goaltender freezes the puck- the official blows the whistle to indicate the attacking team backs off three meters and the defending team gets possession.