

Greater Buffalo Showcase Hockey Tournament Rules

All Rules established and published by USA Hockey shall apply except as modified herein:

1. Major Penalties for fighting may result in appearance before the Tournament Committee. Additional suspension may result in including expulsion from the tournament.
2. Match Penalties will result in a hearing. Suspension from the tournament will be almost automatic. In addition, the results of the hearing will be forwarded to your local governing body for further action.
3. To be eligible for a playoff round game, a player must be signed in and play in a preliminary round game.
4. Equipment Rules that apply within your own local jurisdiction will apply for your team.
5. Elimination round games must be played. If a team cannot (or will not) stay for a playoff game, the next eligible team will take their place. The team that leaves is ineligible for any awards.
6. This is a sanctioned tournament. Only those teams properly recognized by the governing bodies of IIHF recognized federations (USA Hockey, Hockey Canada, etc) are eligible. **THE USE OF ANY ILLEGAL OR UNAUTHORIZED PLAYER WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND LOSS OF ANY AND ALL FEES PAID.**
7. Only those Coaches and Managers recognized by the tournament are eligible to be in the vicinity of the Players Bench area. Team Staff must wear the name badge that is issued to them in order to go on the bench.
8. Players under suspension from their local bodies may be ineligible to play in the tournament. Contact the Tournament Director if there is any doubt.
9. **MERCY RULE:** If 5 or more goals separate the teams at the end of the second period, or anytime in the third period, running time will commence for the remainder of the game. If the team behind comes to within 2 goals of the team ahead, stop time will résumé for the remainder of the game.
10. Teams are expected to arrive at the rink 45 minutes prior to their game. Games may begin as much as 15 minutes ahead of schedule. Teams **MUST** be prepared to begin a game early if asked to do so. If there are any unexpected delays, we will attempt to contact the team through their designated contact person.
11. The on-site Tournament Director reserves the right to end any game at any time where it is apparent that the game is out of hand.

THE RULES COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY ANY RULE HEREIN WHICH IS DEEMED NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF TOURNAMENT OR HOCKEY IN GENERAL. THIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL.