

2021 Tier I State Championships

Game Guidelines

All Games will be played using USA Hockey Rules and the
USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the
2020-2021 Season

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Time Management Rules:

- 5 Minute warm-up prior to start of game
- All 13U/14U Games: (3) Sixteen minute Stop-time periods (16-16-16)
- All 15 Only & 16U Games: (3) Seventeen minute Stop-time periods (17-17-17)
- All 18U Games: (3) Twenty minute Stop-time periods (20-20-20)
- **One** (1) 1-Minute time out per team per game
- Ice cut prior to game for ALL age divisions. Ice Cut between 2nd and 3rd periods for 13U, 14U, 15 Only and 16U age divisions. **Ice Cut between 1st and 2nd AND between 2nd and 3rd periods for 18U age division.** 12 minutes shall be placed on the clock for the ice cut between periods and shall begin when the last player exits the ice. Upon returning to the ice, **before the start of the following period.** players will receive a one minute warm-up on the clock with no pucks allowed.
- There shall be a two (2) minute rest period between the first and second periods for 14U, 15Only & 16U ages.
- All warm-ups, rest periods and ice cuts between periods shall be placed on the game clock.
- All teams shall be ready to begin play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- Running time is not allowed at any time

General:

- ALL age divisions shall be a best-of-three series to determine the State Champion
- Each team shall place an **adult** (no players shall be allowed) in their respective penalty box for each game

All Games will be played to a winner:

AAHA policies shall yield to the USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2020-21 Season (applicable sections).

ALL Games of ALL Age Divisions Shall be treated as a Championship Game:

If the game is tied following regulation play, **One sudden death overtime period equal in length to the 3rd period shall be played.** At the completion of the third period, **the tied teams shall receive a two (2) minute rest period.** Teams shall remain on the ice. The teams shall change/switch ends. If the score remains tied at the end of the sudden death overtime period, there shall be a shootout. The shootout shall be as described in the USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2020-2021 Season, Section U (1)(b1, 2 & 3).

** Any player serving a penalty at the end of any tied game or at the end of a tied overtime period will continue to serve that penalty into the sudden death overtime period or shootout.

** No OT period shall begin after 11:45pm on a school night. If still tied at this time, play shall resume at a time and place as determined by the Tournament Director.

Discipline (All Divisions):

The Discipline Committee for the State Tournament shall be the AAHA Discipline Committee. The Committee shall act in accordance with Section V of the District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook, 2020-2021 Season.

There shall be NO hearing for a game misconduct (or for player or coach suspension under USA Hockey Rule 401 (b)) unless deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee shall hold a hearing on any Match Penalty prior to the team's next game.

All suspensions incurred in the course of the National Playoff schedule (i.e., in State or District Playoffs) shall be served during regularly scheduled games of the National Playoff schedule. In no case may such suspension(s) be served in a game occurring outside the National Playoff schedule by scheduling a game not included in the National Playoff configuration and having the player suspended for that game. Any player or coach on a team winning the State Championship who receives a suspension in the final game of the State Championships will serve their suspension during their team's next game on their team's schedule under USA Hockey rules **AND** during their team's next game in the National Playoff schedule.