



NRI Vikings Junior Hockey Association PO Box 427 Greenville, RI 02828

### Tournament Rules for 18th Annual Thanksgiving Tournament - November 2021

1. All teams must be USA Hockey sanctioned.
2. The USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy will be enforced.
3. Teams are expected to exhibit complete sportsmanship, playing each game to the best of their ability.
4. All players must wear proper equipment in accordance with USA Hockey.
5. The tournament will furnish all timekeepers and scorekeepers for all games.
6. Injured players on the bench must wear team jerseys and helmets.
7. Game officials will be members of the RI Hockey Referees Association.
8. All games will have a 3-minute warm-up period prior to their start.
9. Squirts, Peewees and Bantam will consist of three twelve-minute stop time periods.
10. At the start of, or any time during the third (3rd) period, if a 6-goal differential exists, then running time shall commence and shall revert back to stop time if the difference becomes less than 6 goals.
11. No time-outs allowed during preliminary games.
12. One time-out is allowed during championship games only. The one time-out can be used during regulation time or during overtime (not both).
13. Each team will play a minimum of 3 games.
14. Penalties: Squirt, Pee wee and Bantam minor = 1 1/2 minutes. Major = Squirts and Pee wee 4 minutes, Misconduct = 6 minutes, Fighting Penalty = Tournament Disqualification, Four penalties = out of current and next game.
15. There will be no overtimes, except championship games.
16. Defaulted games, if any, will result in the awarding of a 3-0 win over the opponent of the defaulting team.
17. Determining ties in standings in advancing to championship games: a) Most points – Win=2 points, Tie=1 points, Loss=0 points b) Best record against opponent involved in tie c) Least goals allowed d) Least penalty minutes e) Most Goals for f) Coin toss.  
  
\* in the event of a three-way tie in points (a), in which all tied teams have not played each other, or there is no obvious head-to-head winner, per USA Hockey rules, the tie breaker would proceed to the next step - least goals allowed (c)
18. Determining winners in championship games in case of ties: a) Five minute sudden-death overtime period 5 vs 5, if no winner then sudden death 4 vs 4, then sudden death 3 vs 3 until a goal is scored.
19. Handshakes at the end of the games shall occur at the discretion of the referee.
20. Any game ejection consists of missing next tournament game, there are no appeals, and all referee decisions are final.
21. ALL TEAMS MUST BE READY 15 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED START TIME...IF TIME PERMITS, WE WILL START GAME EARLY