

## Somerset Squirt Hockey Tournament Rules

1. All games will be played in accordance to USA Hockey/WAHA rules. USA Hockey rules will be used when assessing penalties. **Minor penalties will be 1:30.**
2. Certified USA Hockey team rosters must be submitted to the tournament officials at registration check in.
3. Home Team will wear light colors.
4. Each team must be dressed and ready to play 15 minutes before scheduled game time. When games are ahead of schedule teams will be called up to 15 minutes early and must be ready to play.
5. All players are required to wear complete equipment. Players not properly dressed will receive automatic misconduct penalty.
6. Game Information:
  - ✗ **1<sup>st</sup> period will be 12 minutes running time (Clock will be stopped for goals and to put penalties on the scoreboard; during run time penalties will also run) 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods are 12 minutes stop time.**
  - ✗ 5 minute warm up period - Teams should bring their own pucks for warm-ups.
  - ✗ 1:00-minute break between periods
  - ✗ Ice will be resurfaced between games.
  - ✗ If a team is ahead by 6 goals, running time will be enforced. Clock will stop temporarily to put penalties on the board, but not for goals. During run time penalties will also run.
  - ✗ Each team is permitted 1, one-minute time out per game
  - ✗ Pool play games tied at the end of regulation time will remain tied - no overtime. Trophy games tied at the end of regulation time will be determined by a best of 5 shootout. Home team will decide which team shoots first. If still tied after first five shooters teams will continue shooting in "sudden death" mode. The game cannot end until each team has taken the same number of shots. New players must be used each time until all have had a turn, not including goalies.
  - ✗ Bracket games tied at the end of regulation will be settled by a best of 5 shootout. Home team will decide which team shoots first. If still tied after first five shooters teams will continue shooting in "sudden death" mode. The game cannot end until each team has taken the same number of shots. New players must be used each time until all have had a turn, not including goalies.
7. Pool Play games:
  - ✗ 2 points for a win
  - ✗ 1 point for a tie
  - ✗ 1 point for a shutout (not awarded for a 0-0 tie)
  - ✗ 0 points for a loss
8. Placement tie breakers:
  - ✗ Head to Head (if only two teams tied in a pool)
  - ✗ Goal differential in all games (max of +6 per game)
  - ✗ Least total goals allowed
  - ✗ Flip of a coin
9. Only registered USA hockey officials will be used.
10. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of the players on and off the ice.
11. Coaches are responsible for making sure the locker room is clean before they leave.

**12. Spectators are encouraged to enjoy the game and cheer their team on but remember to refrain from any profanity, abusive or obscene language or gestures directed to any spectator, player, official or coach. No noisemakers. Violators may be asked to leave the arena for the remainder of the Tournament. Please direct any concerns or issues to the Tournament director. We want everyone to have a great time and enjoy the tournament.**