

2023 AAA State Rules

The 2023 AAA State Tournament will follow USA Hockey rules with noted exceptions:

- 14 min stop time periods, no resurfaces.
- Running time with 5 goal-margin at any time.
- No timeouts in pool play.
- All minor penalties will be 2:00.
- No checking, except 2010's.
- Touch up offsides.
- No icing the puck while short-handed.
- Fighting, racial slurs, & homophobic slurs will result in Tournament Disqualification.

Preliminary Round

- Scoring: Regulation Win=3 points. Overtime/Shootout Win=2 points. Overtime/Shootout Loss= 1 point. Regulation Loss=0 points.
- In case of a tie there will be one 3-minute running time, 3-on-3 sudden-death period. If still tied, there will be a one-player shootout. Teams must exhaust all eligible players on their roster before repeating any shooter.

Tie Breaker

Teams are ranked based on points earned during preliminary round. In case of a tie between 2 or more teams, these tiebreakers will be used in this order:

- Head to head winner (2-team tie only)
- Goals allowed
- Goal differential (max of 5 goals per game)
- Goals scored
- Team with fewest penalty minutes
- Coin flip (done by director with both coaches present)

Playoff Round:

- **2010:** Top 2 teams by points will advance to play for the Championship. The two teams with the next highest points will advance to 3rd place game. The two teams with the highest points will play in the 5th place game.
- **2011:** Top 2 teams by points will advance to play for the Championship. The two teams with the next highest points will advance to 3rd place game.
- **2012:** Top 2 teams by points will advance to play for the Championship. The two teams with the next highest points will advance to 3rd place game. The two teams with the highest points will play in the 5th place game.
- **2013:** Top 2 teams by points will advance to play for the Championship. The two teams with the next highest points will advance to 3rd place game.
- **Overtime rules for Championship Games.**
 - 1-minute rest period
 - First overtime is played 4-on-4 with a 3:00 minute running time period.
 - If a tie remains, a second overtime is played 3-on-3 with a 3:00 minute running time period.
 - If a tie remains, a third overtime is played 2-on-2 with a 3:00 minute running time period.
 - If no winner in OT, there will be a one player sudden victory shootout. Every rostered skater must shoot before a player on the team shoots twice.
- **Overtimes rules for 3rd & 5th Place Games.**
 - In case of a tie there will be one 3-minute running time, 3-on-3 sudden-death period. If still tied, there will be a one-player shootout. Teams must exhaust all eligible players on their roster before repeating any shooter.

Conduct

All players, coaches & spectators are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship. Anyone disrespectful to tournament officials, volunteers, referees, and/or the other team WILL NOT be warned, they will be asked to leave. The sole purpose of this event is to give great teams a chance to play against other great teams in one venue. Any disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.