SQUIRT B AND PEEWEE B HOWLER TOURNAMENT RULES
Ely Blue Line Club

General Tournament Information

1. All games will be played under USA Hockey rules as modified by MN Hockey rules.
2. All tournament games will have USA Hockey registered referees at the correct level of play. All referee decisions are final. No protests will be allowed. Any abuse of officials by a player, coach or fan will result in removal from the tournament.
3. All tournaments will have a trained medical professional (first responder) available at the arena.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Any player, coach, or fan exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior will be ejected from the game and/or tournament by the referee, arena manager, or the Tournament Director. The decision by the Tournament Director will be final.
5. Official USA Hockey rosters will be required to be submitted to the Tournament Director a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of the tournament.
6. All players are required to wear USA and Minnesota Hockey required equipment, including helmets, facemasks, neck guards, and mouthguards.
7. No people, other than certified coaches or rostered players, are allowed on the player bench. Any player not suited for the game must wear an approved helmet, facemask and neck guard while on the player bench.
8. Each team is responsible for adult locker room supervision at all times while at the Ely Ice Arena. Locker room assignments will be sent to teams prior to the tournament start and posted in the arena. No equipment can be left in the locker room.
9. There will be no gate fees. Tournament registration fees must be paid in advance.
10. **Each team will be responsible for staffing their own team penalty box.**
11. No parent/spectator is allowed on the ice surface at any time before, during or after the games per USA Hockey guidelines.

Tournament Format

1. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games in a random round robin format. The top 4 teams will play an additional 1st place or 3rd place game.
2. During round robin play, ties will be allowed and points will be awarded as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a shutout, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss.
3. If there is a tie in points for standings at the end of the round robin play, the tie will be broken in the following order: 1) head-to-head play, 2) goal differential for all games played, 3) least goals scored against in all games played, 4) coin flip
4. During the 1st and 3rd place games, there will be no ties. If a tie exists at the end of regulation play, there will be a 1-minute rest period, followed by 5 minutes of 5 v 5 sudden death period without changing ends or resurfacing. If a tie still exists at the end of the overtime, each head coach will select 3 players to participate in a shootout. The teams will alternate shots with the visiting team shooting first. If there is still a tie after the first 3 rounds, the shootout will continue 1 round at a time, in a sudden death equal shot format. No players can be repeated as shooters until all players have participated.
5. Team trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

Game Play

1. The home team for each game will be listed first. The home team will wear light colored jerseys. The visiting team will wear dark colored jerseys.
2. Each team will have a 4-minute warm up time prior to the start of the game. Each game will consist of 3–15-minute stop periods.
3. **A 5-goal lead at any time will result in running time until the lead falls to less than 5 goals.**
4. There will be a 1-minute rest time between periods.
5. Each team will be allowed 1 minute time out per game.
6. Penalties for all levels of games will be 1.5 minutes for a minor, 5 minutes for a major, and 10 minutes for a game misconduct.
7. A game ejection will automatically be assessed if a player receives their fourth penalty during a single game. The player will be removed only from the game being played. The referees and coaches are responsible for enforcing this rule. A fighting penalty will warrant expulsion from the tournament. All other infractions will follow USA hockey rules.
8. The ice will be resurfaced before every game for the squirt tournament. The ice will be resurfaced every 2 periods for the peewee tournament.
9. Gamesheet will be used to record statistics during each game.