



GAMES, TOURNAMENT AND FESTIVAL PLAY

Many games will be played during the hockey season, which runs approximately from September through late-February. Each Association determines their home game guidelines.

NMAHA game guidelines are as follows:

| <u>Division:</u> | <u>Class:</u> | <u>Warm Up:</u> | <u>Period length:</u> | <u>Curfew / Time Outs:</u> | <u>Overtime</u> | <u>Minor:</u> | <u>Major:</u> | <u>Game Misconduct / Match:</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Rec | 6U-Mini 8U-Mite Cross-Ice | 2 min | 56-minutes - RUN clock 2-min. or 3-min. line changes HORN (Coach choice) | 60-minutes / No Time Outs* | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Rec | 10U- Squirt | 3-min | 12-minute Stop clock Runtime in 3rd to stay under curfew | 60-minutes / No Time Outs* | N/A | 1-min. | 3-min. | 6-minutes / +3-minutes |
| Rec | 12U- Peewee | 3-min | 12-minute Stop clock Runtime in 3rd to stay under curfew | 60-minutes / No Time Outs* | N/A | 1-min. | 3-min. | 6-minutes / +3-minutes |
| Rec | 14U- Bantam | 3-min | 13-minute Stop clock Runtime in 3rd to stay under curfew | 60-minutes / No Time Outs* | N/A | 1-min. 30-sec. | 4-min. | 8-minutes / +4-minutes |
| Rec USA Hockey as of 2024 | 16U- Midget1 | 4-min | 15-minute Stop clock Runtime in 3rd to stay under curfew | 75-minutes / No Time Outs* Non-curfew Non-curfew gets one 1- min. Time Out | Curfew: N/A Non-curfew: YET Allowed (NMAHA: 5- minutes 3v3) | 2-min. | 5-min. | 10-minutes/ +5-minutes |
| Rec USA Hockey as of 2024 | 18U- Midget2 | 4-min | 17-minute Stop clock Zam between 2nd/3rd periods Runtime in 3rd to stay under curfew | 120-minutes / No Time Outs* Non-curfew Non-curfew gets one 1- min. Time Out | Curfew? N/A Non-curfew: YET Championship Only - full periods. | 2-min. | 5-min. | 10-minutes/ +5-minutes |

* No Timeouts in ANY time-limited (curfew) game – USA Hockey Rule #636(f).



EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

(from NMAHA Handbook)

Each skater must wear the following USA Hockey required equipment when participating in games or practices:

1. **Hockey skates** (not figure skates).
2. USA Hockey-approved protective **helmet with full-face protection of any style**. (must have the HECC seal of approval and not be expired)
3. **Ice hockey stick** (not a plastic street hockey stick). (UNCURVED sticks are strongly recommended for new players)
4. **Neck/throat protector. *Required for BOTH practices and games at all levels by USA Hockey going forward as of 8/1/2024.**
5. **Hockey elbow pads.**
6. **Hockey gloves.**
7. **Hockey shin pads with hockey socks** over them.
8. **Hockey shoulder pads.**
9. **Hockey padded pants** (aka: "breezers").
10. **Colored mouth guard – REQUIRED in games at Pee wee (12U) and up.** NMAHA recommends that when using a mouth guard that attaches to the face mask, it is a type that will separate upon impact.
11. **Protective cup/supporter.** ("Jill" pelvic protector for girls) – recommend the type with Velcro on the legs to support our current game socks.
12. **Jersey** - Game jerseys (and socks) can be purchased from NMAHA. Jersey numbers are distributed first to returning team members. A returning team member can keep his or her number from the previous season. If that player wants to change his or her number, then the number goes to the next player who seeks the number and has paid the dues. For all new players on a team, the first person to request a jersey number will receive that number based on the timestamp of their season registration. The team manager will resolve any conflict over jersey numbers & the decision is final.

NMAHA has a limited supply of equipment, especially goalie equipment, available to you. Parent/Players should check availability before planning on using NMAHA equipment. If you are needing equipment, please contact the VP of the level of your player (Rec or High School) needing the equipment.