



2020 RMD Championship Tournament

Game Guidelines



All Games will be played using USA Hockey Rules and the USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2019-2020 Season

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Time Management Rules:

- 5 Minute warm-up prior to start of game
- All 14U (Youth and Girls) Games: (3) Sixteen minute Stop-time periods (16-16-16)
- All 15 Only; 16U (Youth and Girls) and Girls 19U Games: (3) Seventeen minute Stop-time periods (17-17-17)
- All 18U (Youth) Games: (3) Twenty minute Stop-time periods (20-20-20)
- **One** (1) 1-Minute time out per team per game
- Ice cut prior to game for **ALL** age divisions
- Ice cut between 2nd and 3rd periods for ALL 14U, 15 Only, 16U and 19U age divisions
- For Youth 18U - Ice Cut between 1st and 2nd **AND** between 2nd and 3rd periods
- For ALL Ice Cuts, twelve (12) minutes shall be placed on the clock for the ice cut between periods and shall begin when the last player exits the ice. Upon returning to the ice, before the start of the following period, players will receive a one minute warm-up on the clock with no pucks allowed
- There shall be a two (2) minute rest period between the first and second periods for **ALL** age divisions (Youth and Girls) except Youth 18U which shall have an ice cut between the 1st and 2nd periods
- All warm-ups, rest periods and ice cuts between periods shall be placed on the game clock.
- All teams shall be ready to begin play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- Running time is not allowed at any time

General:

- The Girls 16U Tier II & 19U Tier I age divisions shall be a best-of-three series to determine the Rocky Mountain District Champion. All games in these age divisions shall be treated as Championship Games if the Game ends with the scored tied.
- The Girls 19U Tier II age division shall consist of a set of preliminary round games. After the preliminary round of games the four teams with the most points (after applying tiebreaker(s), if necessary) shall advance to two Semi-final round games. The winners of each Semi-Final round game shall advance to a single Championship Game to determine the Rocky Mountain District Champion
- All other age divisions (Youth and Girls) shall consist of a set of preliminary round games followed by a Championship Game. After the preliminary round of games the two teams with the most points (after applying tiebreaker(s), if necessary) shall advance to a single Championship Game in each age division to determine the Rocky Mountain District Champion
- ALL Games will be played to a winner

Team Standings (Preliminary Round Games - All Divisions except Girls 16U Tier II & 19U Tier I):

Each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win in regulation; two (2) points for a win in overtime or shootout; one (1) point for a loss in overtime or shootout and zero (0) points for a loss in regulation.

The Home team for Semi-Final and Championship Games will be determined by the Tournament Director. Tie breaking rules to determine standings position shall be as described in the USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2019-2020 Season, Section U (2)(c).

Preliminary Round Games ending in a tie:

If the game is tied following regulation play, **One (1) five-minute sudden death overtime period shall be played.** At the completion of the third period, **the tied teams shall receive a two (2) minute rest period.** Teams shall remain on the ice. **The teams shall change ends.** If the score remains tied at the end of the sudden death overtime period, there shall be a shootout. The shootout shall be as described in the USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2019-2020 Season, Section U (1)(a1 and b2 & 3).

Semi-Final and Championship Games (and any Girls 16U Tier II or 19U Tier I Game) ending in a tie:

If the game is tied following regulation play, **One sudden death overtime period equal in length to the 3rd period shall be played.** At the completion of the third period, **the tied teams shall receive a two (2) minute rest period.** Teams shall remain on the ice. The teams shall change/switch ends. If the score remains tied at the end of the sudden death overtime period, there shall be a shootout. The shootout shall be as described in the USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2019-2020 Season, Section U (1)(b1, 2 & 3).

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Player Penalty at end of tied game

** Any player serving a penalty at the end of any tied game or at the end of a tied overtime period will continue to serve that penalty into the sudden death overtime period or shootout.

Shootout Procedure

Preliminary Round & Championship Games (All Games played to a Winner):

Reference: USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the 2019-2020 Season, Section U (1)(b2 & b 3).

a. Shootout

The shootout will be conducted as follows:

- A shootout is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring the goal.
- The referee shall call the two captains to the referee's crease to flip a coin to determine which team takes the first shot. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice as to whether his/her team will shoot first or second.

The Home Team shall call the coin toss.

- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- The goalkeepers will defend the net they were defending in the 3rd period.
- Any penalized player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s) and must remain in the penalty box.
- The shootout procedure shall begin with five different individual shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.
- If after the five-man shootout the score is still tied, there will be a sudden death shootout.

b. Sudden Death Shootout

The sudden death shootout will be conducted as follows:

- A sudden death shootout is defined as each team attempting a shot. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shootout.
- Teams will select their shooters to participate in any order in the sudden death shootout, whether or not they shot in the previous round. The last player in the 1st round of the shootout may be the 1st player in the sudden death shootout.
- Players in a sudden death shootout shall not be allowed to take another shot until four additional shooters have completed their attempts.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- Any penalized player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s) and must remain in the penalty box.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The official scorekeeper shall record all shots taken indicating the players, indicating the players, goalkeepers and goals scored.

Discipline (All Divisions Youth and Girls):

The Discipline Committee for the Rocky Mountain District Championship Tournament shall be appointed by the Tournament Director prior to the first Game of the Tournament. The Committee shall act in accordance with Section V of the District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook, 2019-2020 Season.

There shall be NO hearing for a game misconduct (or for player or coach suspension under USA Hockey Rule 401 (b)) unless deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee shall hold a hearing on any Match Penalty prior to the team's next game.

All suspensions incurred in the course of the National Playoff schedule (i.e., District Playoffs) shall be served during regularly scheduled games of the National Playoff schedule. In no case may such suspension(s) be served in a game occurring outside the National Playoff schedule by scheduling a game not included in the National Playoff configuration and having the player suspended for that game. Any player or coach on a team winning the RMD Championship who receives a suspension in the final game of the RMD Championships will serve their suspension during their team's next game on their team's schedule under USA Hockey rules **AND** during their team's next game in the National Playoff schedule.