



South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association

State Tournament Rules

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Below are the additional rules and expectations for the SDAHA State Tournaments. All information within these SDAHA State Tournament Rules are in addition to all other SDAHA Rules in Place.

1. **Tournament Locations:**

- a. **Youth Varsity Tournament:** The Youth Varsity Tournament will be assigned through a “bid” (application) process. The SDAHA Executive Committee shall determine the due date for bids and the date the tournament shall be awarded.
- Minimum requirements for the bid process are:
 - Must be at rink located in South Dakota;
 - Must be at facility with 1,250 permanent seats (with standard architectural definitions) with open, unobstructed site lines (does not include obstructions caused by rink and benches), which can include collapsible seating which meets safety criteria for small children. All bids must include a letter dated within the previous 12 months from the local government official that verifies the facility’s legal seating capacity.
 - Must be in town with at least 180 reserved motel rooms within city limits, or in city limits of city contiguous with host city;
 - Must be in rink with clean facility with no dirt or sawdust floors in concourse, locker room area or main rink room;
 - Must be in rink with sufficient lighting for television coverage;
 - Must be in rink with concessions to provide hot and cold drinks, and hot and cold food, with personal service.
 - Must block 24 rooms per team at time of submission of bid, based upon estimate of teams to be registered.
 - Rink facility must have sufficient requirements for provision of television coverage such as power, access and parking for satellite feed truck.
 - The Gate Receipts shall be the property of SDAHA.
 - The State shall reimburse the hosting local a base reimbursement of \$3000 plus a 15% incentive of gate for expenses based on a formula considering tournament expenses and incentive to attract additional gate. This reimbursement amount is determined by the executive board or at the fall meeting by the board of directors.
 - The balance of the receipts shall be allocated among the numbers of league teams.
- b. **All Tournaments other than Youth Varsity:** All Tournaments other than the Youth Varsity will be assigned by the SDAHA Board of Directors. No local association may host two (2) tournaments, so if after the bid process for the Youth Varsity Tournament the winning local was scheduled to host another tournament, that other tournament shall be assigned to a local not hosting a tournament based upon a process similar to the bid process above (excluding the minimum criteria. State Tournaments will be held for the following divisions provided a full league season with a minimum of 5 teams was played: Peewees (A, B and C), Girls 12U, Bantams (A, B), Girls 14U, Girls Varsity/Jr Varsity, Youth Varsity/Jr Varsity divisions. *(Section Updated 05/08/2021)*

2. **Tournament Format:** Tournament formats should be distributed to local presidents in a timely basis by the SDAHA President. The host association should complete the format by inserting the game times and then return the format to the SDAHA President for final approval as soon as possible. Also, a copy should be forwarded to the Referee-in-Chief for referee assignments. The SDAHA President will forward the host association the final standings when the last league game has been played, and score sheets turned in, in each age group. The final Tournament Schedule can be then distributed to the media, other associations and to the Referee-in-Chief. In establishing game times, the following requirements must be taken into account:
- There should be a minimum of 2 hours between peewee, and 2 ½ hours between bantam, girl’s varsity/ jr varsity, and youth varsity/jr varsity games (time is from the start of one game to the start of the next game). During the medal games (usually Sunday), there should be a minimum of 2 ½ hours between peewee games to allow time for awards, etc.
 - No varsity team shall be required to play more than one game per day. There must be a minimum of 12 hours between games played on consecutive days for any team (time is from the end of one game to the beginning of the next).
 - When there are overtime period(s), the ice is to be resurfaced between the first and second overtime period and every other overtime intermission thereafter until a winner is determined. *(Section Updated 04/15/2023)*
 - Overtimes:** Overtimes shall be handled in the following manner:
 - Five minute rest, goalies remain in the same net, ten minute sudden-death overtime.
 - Second overtime, resurface ice, goalies switch ends, 10 minute sudden-death overtime.
 - Additional overtimes, repeat #1 and #2.
 - Only in cases of emergency and with SDAHA approval, should the established game schedule be changed. Often teams will wish to change the time for a consolation and/or third place game. The changing only results in additional problems. All teams entering the tournament will know in advance the game schedule and are expected to play the games when scheduled.
 - Weather Cancellations:** SDAHA Executive Board, SDAHA President/ designee, and Hosting Tournament Director will decide on any weather-related cancellations.
 - The host association/teams will not have any advantage over any other team during the state tournament. The only advantage any team will have will be due to the seeding procedures. All designated persons such as minor officials (e.g. announcers, scorekeeper, etc.), award presenters, tournament directors, etc. are representing SDAHA during performance of their tournament



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duties, not any individual team, and should be impartial.

- h. In the Youth Varsity, Girls Varsity, and both JV State Tournaments only, there will be no places determined other than Consolation Championship (5th/ 6th Places), 3rd Place Championship (3rd/ 4th Places), and Championship (1st/ 2nd Places).
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3. **Team Eligibility:** A team must play its entire SDAHA schedule in order to be eligible for State Tournament competition for that year. Any team which fails to play a regularly scheduled or rescheduled SDAHA league game will be deemed to have forfeited that game and thus will be ineligible for State Tournament competition for that year.
 - a. **Non-Varsity:** However, the President of the SDAHA shall have the administrative power to waive this requirement for all non-Varsity competition should the initial cancellation be the result of inclement weather creating hazardous weather conditions. A determination of hazardous weather conditions shall be made if any stretch of the Interstate Highway system between the towns shall be closed. For towns not lying on the Interstate Highway system, reference to the Interstate system shall be a controlling factor. Such decision whether cancellation falls within this subsection shall be within the exclusive discretion of the SDAHA President or his designee.
 - b. **Varsity:** Varsity competition cancellation shall be upon the same criteria, but shall be made up at a date, time and manner approved by the President in his sole discretion. Criteria that the President shall consider are the length of travel, whether school shall be missed, conflicts with the host site ice availability, and referee availability. Each team may propose their position and solution to the President in writing.
4. **Player Eligibility:** A player must be on the SDAHA team roster by December 31st. As of January 1st, team roster is locked. No exceptions for players that have left their respective SDAHA community to play elsewhere (i.e. playing AAA hockey anywhere). New players that are joining after the December 31st deadline can be looked at on a case by case basis and added to the team roster with SDAHA Board approval. Provided, however, that any player registered with an SDAHA team who moves to another community following December 31st in any year and who receives a transfer pursuant to SDAHA By-Laws shall be permitted to participate in State Tournament competition with the player's new team in that year. The SDAHA registrar will certify a list of the registered players eligible for State Tournament participation to each Tournament Director, each team coordinator and the SDAHA president prior to the tournament starting date. Make sure Game Misconducts are noted on score sheets and that those players are NOT allowed on the bench. Any protest to the eligibility of a player shall be filed in writing with the SDAHA president or his/her designee not less than one hour prior to the affected team's first game.
5. **On-ice Officials:**
 - a. The SD Referee-in-Chief and the SDAHA president will appoint the on-ice officials for each tournament. The RIC will schedule the referees for each game. All on-ice officials are responsible only to the SDAHA president and the SD Referee-in-Chief or their designees.
 - b. No parent/sibling shall officiate a game in which their child/brother/sister is participating.
 - c. The officials will be paid by SDAHA at the same per game rate as they are paid for SDAHA league competition.
 - d. A 4-Man Referee system will be used at the state tournament for youth varsity and youth junior varsity only.
 - e. Only officials who have worked at least twelve (12) SDAHA varsity games during the current SDAHA season are eligible to work the SDAHA Varsity State Tournament. Officials must have worked four (4) week end days outside their home base city if they wish to work at state tournaments.
6. **Minor officials:** One of the duties of the Tournament Committee will be to obtain the minor officials, i.e. score keepers, announcers and penalty box. All minor officials must be experienced and competent adults.
7. **Tournament Committee:** The operation of each tournament will be conducted by the host association tournament committee headed by the Tournament Director. SDAHA will have an SDAHA officer present at each state tournament that would work with the local tournament director and the scheduler. This representative would make the on-site decisions that relate to rules/play in SDAHA Hockey. They would also be the SDAHA presence for medal/trophy awards made during the tournament.
8. **Trophies, Awards, etc:**
 - a. Trophies will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. In addition, a consolation trophy will be awarded if there are 8 or more teams in any given tournament. The Tournament Directors for the Tournaments are responsible to make certain that the association presently having possession of the traveling trophy for that level (last year's championship winner) brings it to the tournament before its first tournament game and that it is in appropriate condition to be awarded immediately upon conclusion of the championship game.
 - b. League championship awards will be presented to each member of the championship team in each league and a plaque to the league championship team. They should be awarded at the opening ceremony (at applicable levels for Girls Varsity and Youth



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Varsity). For all other levels, League Championship Awards shall be presented as a part of the announcing of the lineups during the first State Tournament game played by the championship team. *(Section Updated 05/09/2020)*

- c. Even though a Sportsmanship Award may not be presented, be sure to publicize the need for good sportsmanship by players AND spectators in the tournament programs.
 - d. SDAHA pays for all trophies and medallions through assessments. The SDAHA president will request bids on all these items from among the trophy dealers in the member association communities. The bids are due back by the 15th of January each season. The SDAHA president will arrange to have the trophies, medallions, and plaques delivered to each tournament. *(Section Updated 05/09/2020)*
 - e. All State academic achievement awards will be presented to varsity/jr. varsity players (seniors) that have achieved a 3.30 cumulative grade point or above during three years of hockey participation through the first semester of their senior year. These awards will be handed out during the opening ceremonies of the applicable Varsity Tournaments. *(Section Updated 05/09/2020)*
9. **Awards Ceremony:** An Awards Ceremony will be held only at the SDAHA Varsity State Tournaments. Award ceremonies will not be permitted at any other SDAHA State Tournaments.
 10. **Special Events:** Any special event scheduled during the Tournaments, such as Mites Exhibition Games, Figure Skating Programs, Etc. must be scheduled between games rather than between periods of a game. If there is a special event, schedule the tournament games appropriately so that required time will be permitted teams to warm-up and resurface the ice prior to the scheduled starting time.
 11. **Protest/discipline committee:** The Tournament Director and the SDAHA president or his/her designee will constitute the Discipline Committee. In view of the simplified discipline procedure, the SDAHA president or designee will act as the Discipline Committee.
 12. **Accommodations/skate sharpening:** The host association should contact the participating teams regarding the available housing, rates, etc. Each association is responsible for making their own arrangements for housing. The host association should also arrange for skate sharpening during the tournament if such facilities are not available in the arena.
 13. **Publicity:**
 - a. SDAHA president or the president's designee will be responsible for sending out pre-and post- tournament publicity to the news media and will send the host association a copy of any publicity releases. If there are any other media, which should be added, please let him/her know.
 - b. The host association is responsible for sending out any additional pre-tournament publicity to any other media it deems appropriate. This publicity material should be timed so it reaches the media five to eight days before the tournament commences. If any weekly newspapers will be used, keep in mind they generally need the information at least 2-3 days before their publication date.
 - c. The host association is responsible for making arrangements to call scores into the media during the tournament. Be sure to tell them whether the scores are first round, consolation, semi-final or final round. Be specific. Do not wait until the entire day's competition has been played before calling in scores. Radio and TV stations covering news in communities entered in the tournament should be notified of the scores at the end of each session. Press, radio and TV stations that have cooperated on pre-tournament publicity should always be notified of the tournament scores as it progresses.
 - d. With the approval of the SDAHA president and any media that has already contracted for broadcast rights, radio stations may be able to broadcast a Varsity State Tournament game. There is a \$100.00 fee payable to SDAHA for any radio broadcasts.
 14. **Medical Attention:** A medical or osteopathic physician, emergency medical technician, paramedic or certified athletic trainer shall be in attendance at all games. First Aid Equipment must be available at the arena.
 15. **Program:** Obtaining information from the competing teams is often a "last minute" program. The Tournament Committee may have to call some of the participating teams to obtain the necessary information in order to meet printing deadlines. Participating teams should get the necessary information to the tournament committees upon request.
 16. **Gate Receipts:** With the exception of the previous information on the Youth Varsity tournament, the host association is entitled to 100% of the gate and program advertising receipts. From these, it is responsible for all ice time costs and programs, etc. The SDAHA Board has approved the following entrance fees as the maximum that the host association can charge for state tournaments:



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	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Family</u>
<u>All Levels (Revised 4/9/22)</u>			
Weekend Pass	\$20	\$10	\$45
Daily Pass	\$10	\$ 5	\$25

Recommended family pass includes 2 adults and immediate family. Up to six (6) cheerleaders and one (1) student manager of participating teams will be allowed entry into games and tournaments free of charge.

17. **Conduct:** The host association is responsible to maintain crowd control, furnish security, rink management and related matters as requested by the game referee and SDAHA president.
18. **Seeding for Tournament:** Teams shall be seeded in the SDAHA State Tournaments in the order of their finish in SDAHA league play (ranked by points with two points for a win and one point for a tie or an overtime loss).
- a. The host association should use the seeding procedure in establishing game times for the first day of SDAHA state tournament play. Highest seeded teams should play during the "prime time" slots. The order of play on the first day of the state tournaments for all levels shall be #3 vs #6, #2 vs #7, #4 vs #5, then #1 vs #8. *(Section Updated 05/09/2020)*
 - b. If two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the final league standings shall be determined by the team with the fewest total losses (end of regulation losses plus overtime losses) being the higher seed, then using the following tie breaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tie-breaking process over again. The tie-breaker formulas are as follows:
 - i. The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:
 1. Most points
 2. Most wins
 3. Goals Allowed
 4. Quotient – Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient.
 - ii. If after applying the above tie-breakers the tie still exists, the results of all SDAHA league games played by the teams tied in the following order:
 1. Most wins
 2. Most ties
 3. Goals Allowed
 4. Quotient – Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient
 5. Least penalty minutes
 6. Least match and game misconduct penalties
 7. Coin flip
19. **Other Items:**
- a. **Jersey Color:** The higher seeded team shall always be the home team. The home team will wear light jerseys; the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys.
 - b. **Protests:** No protests shall be allowed on the playing rules.
 - c. **SDAHA Jr Varsity State Tournament:** The primary purpose of the SDAHA Jr. Varsity Tournament is to provide a state tournament for the Jr. Varsity players. Coaches, players, parents and board members need to be ethical and use integrity regarding state Junior Varsity tournament players.
 - d. **Forfeiture:** Once a team has registered for the tournament, failure to appear for a scheduled game will constitute forfeiture unless the team is prevented from appearing on time for its first tournament game by reason of an act of God.
 - e. **Failure to Participate:** All associations and teams must be prepared to participate in any SDAHA sponsored and guaranteed appearance events, if they are the eligible team. Failure to participate could result in a monetary fine of not less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00. This also assumes that their team shall consist of players that have participated on that team for the majority of the season, with exceptions as noted in the specific event rules.
 - f. **Termination of League Play During Season or Failure to Participate in State Tournament Policy**
 - i. **Affiliate Agreement:** Per Article III.A. Team Membership, all teams of Affiliate shall register with SDAHA.
 - ii. **Bylaws:** Per Article 3.1.A. Fees, Dues and Assessments, the player registration fees, dues and assessments for a Participating Member, and dues for Non-participating and Sustaining Members, of SDAHA, shall be established by the SDAHA Board of Directors annually.
 - iii. **Team Assessment:** In addition to the team fee assessed for general expenses, the team will be assessed 50% of the team



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fees approved for state tournament expenses (3 games) at the applicable level of play.