



## **2024 SQUIRTACULAR TOURNAMENT**

### **Tournament Rules, Regulations and Additional Information**

1. All teams must be USA Hockey sanctioned to participate.
2. A USA Hockey or Hockey Canada stamped roster must be available to tournament officials during the tournament.
3. All games will be played under USA Hockey rules, as modified by Minnesota Hockey. USA Hockey registered referees will be used for all games. All decisions by the referee are final.
4. All games will be (3) 12-minutes stop time periods. If, at any time, a team is ahead by five goals or more, running time will be used until the margin is lower than 5 goals. Tournament Director may deem running time at any time during a game, if necessary, to keep the tournament on schedule.
5. The top team on the bracket will be the Home Team and should wear light colored jersey
6. Ice resurfacing will be done before each game. Teams must be ready to play 10 minutes prior to the scheduled game.
7. Minor Penalties will be 1:00 minute.
8. Each team will be awarded 1 timeout per game

### **Pool Play Format (Platinum):**

1. There will be 2 points awarded for a win, 1 point awarded for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. (No overtime)
2. After pool play, the top seeds from each pool will move on to quarter-finals.
  - The remaining teams will play section crossover games.

### **Tie Breaker Format:**

- 1. Head to Head Play
- 2. Goals Allowed
- 3. Goal Differential
- 4. Goals For
- 5. Fewest Penalty Minutes
- 6. Coin Flip

\*In case of a three way tie, the tiebreaker process starts at fewest goals allowed.

### **BRACKET PLAY OT FORMAT:**

- There will be a one-minute rest period.
- Teams will change ends between overtime periods.
- If teams are tied at the end of regulation, there will be a 3 V 3, four-minute running-time overtime period.
- If still tied after the first overtime, there will be a 3-person shootout.
  - The home team will have the option of shooting first or second.
- If tied after three shooters, a 1-by-1 Sudden Death shootout ensues.
  - Home team has the option of shooting first or second.
  - Teams are required to use all eligible skaters prior to choosing a player for the second time.
  - Penalized players are not eligible to shoot.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP OT FORMAT:**

- In case of a tie at the end of regulation, there will be a 1-minute rest period. Teams will play a 4:00 minute, run time, 4 V 4 sudden death period.
- If the teams are still tied after the additional period, a 4:00 minute, running time, 3 v 3 period will begin.
  - Teams should change sides again and will get a 1 minute break between.
- If teams are tied after two overtime periods, a 3-player shootout will be used to break the tie.
  - All eligible players must shoot once before a second attempt. Penalized players are ineligible for the shootout.
  - Home team has the option of shooting first or second.
  - Penalized players
- If still tied after three shooters, a 1-by-1 Sudden Death shootout ensues.

### **CROSSOVER GAMES (Platinum) OT FORMAT:**

- If teams are tied after regulation, a 3-player shootout will be used to break the tie. All eligible players must shoot once before a second attempt. Penalized players are ineligible for the shootout. Home team has the option of shooting first or second.
- If still tied after three shooters, a 1-by-1 Sudden Death shootout ensues.

### **Sportsmanship**

All coaches, managers, parents and players are expected to show 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.