



MWAHA Select League Rules and Regulations

The goal of the MWAHA Select League is to provide a fun, competitive and enjoyable tournament for all participants, parents and spectators. USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy will be enforced. Improper and abusive behavior will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of all players, coaches and parents to exemplify good sportsmanship.

General Rules and Information:

- All players and teams must be properly registered and rostered with USA Hockey. Each team must produce a certified copy of its roster and provide score sheet roster stickers at check -in.
- All coaches on the bench must be properly certified to coach through the USAH CEP program.
- Teams will be responsible for any damage or littering to locker rooms and any other arena facilities or hotels. Offending teams may be disqualified from games for the remainder of the weekend for serious violations of this provision.
- The decisions of the game officials are final. No protests are allowed.

Playing Time:

- All Age Groups: 12-minute stop time periods.
- **Time Outs:** Each team is permitted one (1) one-minute time out during regulation play.
- **Overtime:** All games will end in a tie at the end of regulation.
 - Only exception for overtime will be for semi-finals or championship games (will be identified as such)
- **Running Time:** Five (5) goal differential in the second period. Clock will only stop for official timeouts or team timeouts. Clock starts on next face off. Stop time resumes if goal differential is reduced to three (3) or less.
- **Start Times:** Teams must be ready to play up to 20 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. **(Except for Friday games that start before 6:30pm, Saturday and Sunday games that start before 8:00am)**
- **Warm Up:** Teams may take the ice only after Zamboni doors are closed and game officials are on the ice. A three (3) minute warm up shall ensue. Players are to take their positions and officials are directed to start play without delay upon the expiration of the three (3) minute warm up period.

Penalties: Minor penalties: 1:30
Major penalties: 5:00

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Misconduct: 10:00

- Any player assessed a **match penalty or fighting penalty** will be immediately suspended from the remainder of game, and serve a minimum of a 1 game suspension in addition to any further penalties applicable under USA Hockey Rules.

Any player assessed a **game misconduct** shall be suspended for the next league as further provided by USA Hockey Rules.

Each team will provide an **adult penalty box attendant** who shall serve as a neutral off-ice official under the direction of the game officials.

Regular Season Play

During regular season play, teams shall receive two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) for a loss.

Finals Weekend Play

Pool Play and Bracket Seeding: Following regular season play, teams will be seeded and placed in the Championship brackets based on points earned during regular season play.

In the event that teams are tied with an equal number of points from regular season play, the following tie breakers shall be used:

1. Head-to-head competition among the tied teams ***
2. Most Regulation wins Head to Head
3. Total goal differential from all games played (maximum 7 per game)
4. Fewest total goals against
5. Fewest penalty minutes
6. Coin toss (Teams will be preassigned by League Officials)

Pool Play: During pool play, teams shall receive:

- Two (2) points for a win
- One (1) point for tie
- Zero (0) points for loss

Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals, and Championship Play: Following the Pool play, teams will be seeded and placed in the Semi-Finals or Championship brackets (depending on ice availability) based on points earned during Pool play.

In the event that teams are tied with an equal number of points from pool play, the following tie breakers shall be used:

1. Head-to-head competition among the tied teams ***
2. Most Regulation wins Head to Head
3. Total goal differential from all games played (maximum 7 per game)
4. Fewest total goals against during Championship Bracket Play
5. Fewest penalty minutes during Championship Bracket Play
6. Fewest penalty minutes during regular season

7. Fewest total goals against during regular season
8. Coin toss (Teams will be preassigned by League Officials)

***If two or more teams are tied in points following regular season or pool play and a clear winner cannot be determined using head-to-head results, then the remaining tie breakers will be applied in order to determine the seeding order of the teams. For head-to-head to break a 3-way tie, all teams must have played each other and there must be a clear winner for the tie to break. If any step in the tiebreaker only seeds one team, that team assumes that position. The remaining teams will start over with the first tie-breaker.

Quarterfinals and Semi-Finals:

- In the event that the game is tied after regulation play, there shall be a three (3) player shootout with the team scoring the most goals winning after each team has taken its three (3) shots. USA Hockey penalty shot rules and procedures shall apply. The visiting team shall shoot first. Players serving penalties at the end of regulation play will not be allowed to participate in the shootout.
- If still tied after three shooters from each side has shot; a sudden death shootout shall occur.
 - Players may not shoot a second time until every player (except goalie) on the team with the least number of players has participated in the shootout

Championship Games

- There will be a one (1) four-minute run time “sudden death overtime” period consisting of four (4) players from each team. Starting immediately at the end of regulation play.
- Teams do not switch ends. The ice will not be resurfaced
- There are no time outs allowed during overtime In the event that a team takes (carries over) multiple penalties in overtime, the following will occur:
- One penalty will be played as 4 on 3 hockey. If another penalty occurs on the same team, the non-penalized team will gain a player making the advantage a 5 on 3
- If the game does not end via a goal being scored, a shootout will be used as described below
 - **Shootout:** In the event that the game is tied after regulation play, there shall be a three (3) player shootout with the team scoring the most goals winning after each team has taken its three (3) shots. USA Hockey penalty shot rules and procedures shall apply. The visiting team shall shoot first. Players serving penalties at the end of overtime play will not be allowed to participate in the shootout.
 - If still tied after three shooters from each side; a sudden death shootout shall occur.
 - ❖ Players may not shoot a second time until every player (except goalie) on the team with the least number of players has participated in the shootout