

025-2026 MAHA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT RULES

1. REFEREES: All tournaments will have a minimum of 2 USA HOCKEY registered officials of the correct level.

2. MINOR OFFICIALS: Minor officials for each game will consist of:

- one clock operator
- one announcer/scorekeeper
- one penalty box attendant

3. MEDICAL PERSONNEL: All tournaments will have a trained medical professional (First Responder) at the arena at all times. If the medical attendant determines there is a potential head injury, players will not be allowed to play any more tournament games until cleared by a medical Dr.

4. PLAYING RULES: All games will be played under **USA HOCKEY RULES AS MODIFIED BY MINNESOTA HOCKEY**. A current rules book will be available at the scorer's table during each tournament game.

* PLAYING RULES TO NOTE:

* USA hockey rosters must be received.

* The ice will be resurfaced before every game of the tournament for PeeWee, Squirt, 12U Girls, and 10U Girls. Bantam games will have an ice resurface every 2 periods. Resurfacing times may be changed at the discretion of the rink manager/tournament director.

* **New this year:** Any player that has been assessed 3 penalties in a single game will be out for the remainder of that game.

* Game times will be:

- o All tournament games will run 3 (15-minute) stop-time periods
- o Penalties will be 1:30 for minor(2:00 for Bantam) and 5:00 for major
- o Third period will be run time if a team is up by 6 goals
- o Run time ends when scoring differential becomes 4 goals
- o A single 1-minute time-out will be permitted
- o All other penalties will be enforced at referee's discretion

*Mite/Mini Mite will play two, 20-minute run time periods

5. GENERAL RULES:

* **Marshall Amateur Hockey Association will not tolerate abusive language or conduct from spectators, coaches or players! Anybody considered in violation of this policy by the Tournament Director or MAHA Representative will be required to leave the current game as**

well as the following game. If the infraction is determined to be serious enough, that individual will be banned from the remainder of the tournament and the incident will be reported to your home association and district.

* Any persons involved in a fight before, during, or after a game will be disqualified from the remainder of the Tournament. Written notification will be sent to the District 4 Director and referee in chief as well as your home association and district.

* No noisemakers will be allowed. This includes but is not limited to: Cowbell, Horns, Loud Cups etc.

* All players must wear helmets with approved face masks, mouth guards and neck laceration protection as mandated by USA Hockey.

6. Overtime Rules: In 8 team formats, all 1st and 3rd place games will be played to a win-loss conclusion. In 12 team formats, all semi-final as well as 1st and 3rd place games will be played to a win-loss conclusion. All other games will end in a tie.

There will be a one-minute rest between regulation and a 5-minute overtime period.

1. A. "4 on 4" sudden death five-minute overtime is played using stop time.
- B. If a penalty is assessed on a team, the penalty is played out 3 on 4. If the same team is assessed another penalty, the penalty is played out 3 on 5.
- C. If the game remains a tie after overtime, a 3-person shoot-out occurs.
- A. The coach from each team picks 3 players to participate in the shoot-out and determines the order in which the players shoot.
- B. If the game remains in a tie, then the game goes into a "Sudden Death Shoot-out" and the coach identifies the player shooting order of the REMAINING players. (The first three players cannot shoot again until the team with the least players goes through their full order(roster). If the shootout goes through the full order of one team, then both teams will reset.)

7.TIE BREAKERS FOR TOURNAMENTS: All games can end in a tie. Points awarded for these games are 3 points for a shutout, 2 points for a victory, 1 point for a tie, 0 for a loss. Method for determining final standings will be:

1. HEAD TO HEAD GAME
2. GREATER NUMBER OF WINS
3. FEWEST LOSSES
4. GOAL DIFFERENTIAL: TOTAL GOALS SCORED-TOTAL GOALS ALLOWED (HIGHER NUMBER WINS, 8 GOAL MAX DIFFERENTIAL PER GAME)
5. GOALS ALLOWED (LOWER NUMBER WINS)
6. FEWEST PENALTY MINUTES IN ALL GAMES PLAYED
7. COIN TOSS BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS (IN THE PRESENCE OF BOTH TEAM COACHES)

8. TOURNAMENT CHECK IN: Please come at least 45 minutes prior to your first game and be prepared to have rosters inspected. Notify Tournament Director of any athletes that are serving

suspensions. You will need to have a paper copy of your USA Hockey Roster if you did not provide it prior to the tournament.

9. AGE GUIDELINES: MN Hockey does not follow USA Hockey Age Guidelines. MN players may be up to 6 months older than out of state team players.

10. MARSHALL AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION shall not be held liable for injuries or losses sustained during the tournament. No one other than rostered players and game officials are allowed on the ice.

11. NOTICE: Games will be played as much as possible even in the event of bad weather. No rescheduling date will be made. No Gate Fees.