

Matt "Nisky" Niskanen Mite & Mini Mite Jamboree

Rules and Regulations

General Rules:

1. All games will be played according to USA Hockey Rules as modified by Minnesota Hockey.
2. All games (Mites and Mini Mites) will be played half ice.
 - a. Portable dasher boards will be used to divide the ice surface for the Mite level.
 - b. Foam rink dividers will be used to divide the ice surface for the Mini Mite level.
3. Four teams will be playing at one time. Two teams will share each players box and use one door per team.
 - a. Dasher boards (Mites games) may impede use of one of the doors on each players bench, so players will be required to enter/exit the same door.
4. A minimum of one coach, maximum of four coaches, will be allowed on the bench during games.
5. The scoreboard will be used for time keeping only. No scores or penalties will be posted.
6. Ice time available for each game is one hour. To keep things on schedule, the following will apply:
 - a. Teams should be ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. We will start early if possible.
 - b. Ice will be resurfaced at the beginning of each game. There will be no resurface between periods.
7. Zero Tolerance policy will be enforced for players, coaches, and spectators.
8. Game time breakdown (Mites and Mini Mites):
 - a. 5 minute warm-up
 - b. Two 24-minute, run-time periods
 - c. Horn will blow every two minutes for line changes
 - d. 2 minute rest between periods
 - e. No timeouts will be allowed.

Level Specific:

Mites:

1. Games will be played 4 on 4, plus a goalie.
2. Dedicated goalies, dressed in goalie equipment, will be required.
3. Games will be played with regulation size (6' x 4') nets.
4. Referees will be assigned to each game.
 - a. No offsides or icing.
 - b. Penalties will only be called for teaching purposes. If a penalty is called, that player will be escorted by the referee (play will not be stopped) to their respective player bench for the remainder of their shift. Coach(es) of that player are encouraged to explain the reason for the penalty and how to avoid it.
5. Faceoffs will occur at the beginning of each shift and after a goal is scored. They will always be at the "center ice" faceoff position.
7. Due to the use of the portable dasher boards, only one entry/exit door may be available in each players box. The two teams in each respective box will need to share the one door. Coaches will need to keep the players organized for efficient transition on and off the ice. Players going out on the next shift should be lined up along the boards ready to go. All remaining players should be sitting or standing behind them. All players exiting the ice need to wait until the next group has entered the ice before entering the players box.

Mini Mites:

1. Games will be played 5 on 5, plus a goalie.
2. Dedicated goalies will not be allowed (i.e., no players dressed in goalie equipment). Coaches are required to rotate players into the goalie position each shift change.
3. Games will be played with smaller than regulation size (4' x 3') nets.
4. On ice coaches are to act as Referees. **One coach from each team must be on skates on the ice for each game.**
 - a. No penalties will be called. If a "Referee" sees a player misconducting themselves, that player will be removed from the ice.
5. Faceoffs will only occur at the beginning of each shift.
6. When a goal is scored, players are required to "tag up" back to their own half of the playing area prior to resuming offensive play.