

2025 Blue Ox Tournament Rules

1. All teams participating must be registered with USA Hockey. USA Hockey registered referees will be used.
2. The top team in the bracket is designated as the home team and will wear light colored jerseys. All jersey conflicts will be resolved at the discretion of the tournament officials.
3. All games will be played according to USA Hockey rules as modified by MN Hockey. USA Hockey age brackets apply to out-of-state teams.
4. Any abusive language or conduct directed to the game officials by the players, coaches, managers, parents or spectators will not be tolerated. Corrective action will be taken; this may include removal from the arena grounds. All participants (players, coaches and fans) are expected to show good sportsmanship.

5. GAME FORMAT:

- a. 4-minute warm-up
- b. Three 15-minute stop-time periods
- c. Resurfacing every 2 periods
- d. 2-minute minor penalties
- e. Running-time ANYTIME a team has and maintains a 5-goal lead. The clock will revert back to stop time at any time the 5-goal advantage is not maintained.

7. Each team is allowed one timeout per game.

8. Bracket Play Ties-

If teams are tied at the end of regulation, there will be a four-on-four, four-minute running-time overtime period. If still tied after the first overtime, there will be a 3-person shootout. If tied after three shooters, the shootout becomes Sudden Death. Teams are required to use all eligible skaters prior to choosing a player for the second time. Penalized players are not eligible to shoot.

9. Championship Game Ties-

If teams are tied at the end of regulation, there will be a four-on-four, four-minute running-time overtime period. If still tied after the first overtime, the game will enter a three-on-three, three-minute running-time overtime period. If teams are still tied after two overtime periods, there will be a 3-person shootout. If tied after three shooters, the shootout becomes Sudden Death. Teams are required to use all eligible skaters prior to choosing a player for the second time. Penalized players are not eligible to shoot.