



Big & Little Pumpkin Rules – 2023



Tournament is sanctioned by the Youth Hockey Hub, a non-affiliate of Minnesota and USA Hockey. All rules unless noted otherwise will be played under Minnesota & USA Hockey Rules.

Games

All teams should be ready 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time. All games will be 3 14-minute stop time periods with no resurfacing during the game.

Penalties

Minor penalties will be 1:30.

Running Time

In the event there is a 5-goal lead during ANYTIME during the game, the game will be played with running time.

Timeouts

Each team is allowed 1 timeout per game.

Ties / Overtime – Big Pumpkin Games

If teams are tied after regulation, there will be a five-on-five, five-minute running-time overtime period. If still tied after overtime, there will be a 3-person shootout (Home Team get choice of going first or second). 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. If still tied, there will be a one player sudden-victory shootout.

Little Pumpkin Pool Play Games

+ In the case of a tie after regulation, teams will play a 3-player shootout (Home Team gets the choice of going first or second). If still tied, there will be a one player shootout sudden-victory shootout.

+ Pool Play Format:

- 3 points awarded for regulation win
- 2 points awarded for shootout win
- 1 point awarded for shootout loss
- 0 points awarded for regulation loss.

+ Tiebreaker Format:

- Head-to-Head
- Fewest goals allowed
- Goal differential with the maximum of 5 goals
- Goals scored
- Fewest penalty minutes

Bracket Championship Games

If teams are tied after regulation, the game will enter a four-on-four, four-minute running time overtime period.

If teams are still tied after the first overtime period, the game will enter a three-on-three, three-minute running time overtime period.

If teams are still tied after two overtime periods, the game will enter a three-player shootout. If tied after three shooters, the shootout becomes Sudden Death. All eligible players must shoot once before a second attempt. Penalized players are not eligible to shoot.

Conduct:

All players, coaches & spectators are expected to demonstrate 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 players a chance to play against other great players in one venue. Any disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.