

# TOURNAMENT RULES

Teams need to be ready to skate 15-minutes prior to game time, as games may begin early to maximize schedule.

- Four (4) minute warm-up
- Three (3) – 12 minute stop time Periods for Squirt and Peewee. 15 minute stop time periods for Bantams.
- One (1) minute rest between periods
- 3rd Period Runtime if the team leads by 5 or more goals. 2nd Period Runtime if the team leads by 10 or more goals as long as both head coaches agree. During running time, the clock will be stopped for injuries, when the puck leaves the ice, when the net is off, during ice repairs and while penalties are being assessed (not during penalties). Each team will be allowed one (1) one-minute time-out per game.
- In the event of a tie:
  - Pool Play and 5th/7th place games will end in a tie. In Pool Play one (1) point will be awarded to each team.
  - In the Semi-Final or 3rd Place/Championship games at the end of regulation play, there will be a one (1) minute rest followed by a five (5) minute sudden-death, 4 on 4, stop time overtime period. If no goal is scored, there will be a one (1) minute rest followed by a shootout. Each team will choose three (3) skaters and they will alternate shots. If still tied, the shootout will continue in "Sudden Death" format, with one skater at a time from each team, until one team scores and the other doesn't. No skater can participate in the shootout twice until each player on the team (excluding goalies), has participated.

**For tournaments with round robin pool play, the games during the round robin or pool play rounds will have no overtime. The game will end in a tie.**

- If a player receives 3 penalties in a game, they will be ejected from the game.
- If that player receives a 3rd checking from behind during the tournament, they will be removed from the tournament.

Any abusive language or conduct unnecessary to the game officials by players, coaches, or managers will result in a 2:00 minute Minor penalty plus a Game Misconduct. That player or coach will be ejected from the game and out of the next game. Abusive spectators will be asked to leave the tournament and their team may be penalized by the Referee-in-charge or Tournament Director.

Tournament fee is **\$1,775**. All individuals will be welcome to Northfield tournaments and will not be required to pay an entry fee.

USA Hockey Certified officials will be used for all games. All decisions of the referees are final. No protests allowed. All games will be played according to USA Hockey rules as modified by Minnesota Hockey and District 9 or special rules established by Northfield Hockey Association Tournament Committee. All teams participating will be required to wear equipment prescribed by USA Hockey. Canadian teams must wear protective equipment as designated by CAHA. Minnesota age guidelines are different from USA hockey age guidelines so Minnesota sanctioned players may be up to 6 months older.

Properly certified team rosters and consent to treat forms must be submitted to the Tournament Director at registration check-in. The roster, once submitted, is final. No player may be rostered on more than one team in this tournament. Official rosters will be verified at check-in and in case any questions arise during tournament.

Coaches certification numbers will be checked when the team registers with the Tournament Director.

The Tournament, its' officials, the Arena and all personnel connected with it shall not be held liable for any injuries sustained during the Tournament.

Teams must register with Tournament Officials at least 30 minutes prior to their first scheduled Tournament game at Northfield Ice Arena.

All teams will be guaranteed four (4) games. Unless Tournament Director rules otherwise, games will not be made up due to inclement weather – Tournament Director will determine results.

No more than 3 coaches will be allowed in the player's box while games are in progress.

Home team will be the first team listed in pool play games, or on the top of the bracket and will wear WHITE, unless changed due to uniform limitations.

Host team (if any) will always be the home team regardless of where team is listed on the bracket