



RIVER FALLS TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS – MITES

Thank you for choosing our tournament, we try to provide a great experience for all. A few reminders to help us accomplish that before starting your tournament games. We are a **ZERO TOLERANCE FACILITY** - all officials' calls are final. The tournament director or tournament liaison if director is not in the facility has the authority to make/change any decision regarding tournament behavior, concerns or general operating of the tournament. Example may be changing the Zamboni schedule should we get behind, or if they need to decide regarding the return of a skater that has been kicked out of a game for behavior. Even if it is posted in the tournament rules, sometimes situations come up that you cannot plan for. We do this for the best outcome of the tournament.

Game Structure – All games will be played according to USA Hockey rules, as amended by WAHA.

- Games are played on half-ice – goals will be set up in the crease on one end and near the centerline on the other.
- 4 on 4 plus goalies.
- Warm-ups: 4 minutes.
- Period times: 3x12 Minute Run-Time Periods; horn will sound every 1:30 minutes for shifts; 1-minute rest between periods; 1 one-minute time out allowed per game.
- Puck will be dropped at the start of each period and after each goal.
- Please bring your own warm up pucks.
- Zamboni will be scheduled after two games at each end of the ice have been played.

The **home team** will be the **top team** listed in a bracketed tournament and the **first team** listed in a round robin format. The home team will wear white and will sit on the players bench. Visiting team's bench will be the door towards the goal lines. **Exception** - If a River Falls team is listed on the bottom of a subsequent bracket, they remain the home team.

Penalties – there will be no penalties called. Coaches are expected to self-police their teams.

There will be **Zero Tolerance** for fighting, profanity, abuse of on or off ice officials, this includes verbal or physical abuse. Any team player, coach, or spectator displaying poor sportsmanship or conduct on or off the ice, may be suspended from the tournament for the remainder of the tournament. Officials will be instructed to eject any player from the game for fighting.

Bracketed Tournament - In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, teams will be

given a 30 second rest period. Then games will go to one 5 minute 4 on 4 sudden victory OT period (no timeouts during OT) - only then will it go to a three-player shootout and then one player shoot out if still tied. There will be no additional Zamboni no matter how many minutes of OT.

Round Robin Format - There will be no overtime periods in round robin play. 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss, 1 point for winning the period, and 1 point for a shutout for a maximum of 6 points possible per game. In pool play, the team with the most points in each pool advances to the Championship round; the teams with the second most points advance to the 2nd place game, etc... In the event of a total points tie between teams the following tie breakers will be used:

- A. Result of Head to Head game between tied teams
- B. Least goals allowed during the tournament
- C. Goal differential, goals scored minus goals against
- D. Coin Flip

In the event of a tied placement game, the game will go to one 5 minute 4 on 4 sudden victory OT period (no timeouts during OT) - only then will it proceed to a three player shootout, then one at a time until a winner is reached. There will be no additional Zamboni no matter how many minutes of OT.

Shootout Rules - All skaters must participate in a shootout before a player may go again.

Locker Rooms - No player will be allowed in the locker room without adult supervision. Cell phone cameras are not allowed to be in the locker room and pictures are not allowed to be taken inside the locker room. Any damage done or items taken will be the responsibility of the team using the locker room. Locker rooms will be patrolled and checked after each game. Please pick up your team's garbage.

*******All teams should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the game, and be prepared to enter the ice 15 minutes early if running ahead of schedule.**