

## Tournament Rules

**GAME RULES:** The Tournament will be conducted using USA Hockey and NDAHA rules. USA Hockey offside rules will be in effect. All players must wear mouth guards and have face masks.

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** 8 Team Bracketed Tournament

**PLAYERS:** All players must be registered with USA Hockey/Hockey Canada and must be USA Hockey or equivalently insured. Birth certificates are required if requested. USA Hockey Credentials packet may be checked. Travel Permit required for Canadian teams.

**TEAM JERSEYS:** Bring 2 sets of jerseys. Team on top or left side of bracket will wear light colored jerseys and be the "Home" team on the scoreboard.

**WARM-UPS:** There will be a 10 minute warm-up prior to each game. Warm-up will begin immediately after prior game or after ice is resurfaced or at the direction of tournament officials. Warm up time may be limited depending on time available.

**GAME FORMAT:** There will be three 15-minute stop time periods. If one team has a score lead of six goals or greater over its opponent during the third period of the game, a running/non-stop clock will be evoked. The clock will only be stopped for penalties or player injuries. If during the period the goal spread becomes less than six, the stop clock will be resumed.

**OVERTIME:** Teams tied after regulation. There will be a three minute rest on the benches, after which an 8-minute 4 on 4 overtime period will be played. The team will not change ends. The game shall terminate upon a goal being scored. If no goal is scored there will be a 5 vs 5 shootout. If shootout is tied, the shootout will continue with a 1 on 1 until a winner is determined. No player may be used twice in the shootouts until all rostered players have been used. Home team has the choice to go first or second.

**RESURFACING:** Ice will be resurfaced every two periods.

**PERIOD BREAKS:** Players will stay on ice for each non-resurfacing period break. Break will be 3 minutes. For each resurfacing period break, please be ready to be on ice immediately after resurfacing.

**LOCKER ROOMS:** Locker rooms will be assigned. Coaches and managers are responsible for leaving clean locker rooms and any damages. An ID may be required at check-in to receive the key and will be returned upon inspection of the room.

**TROPHIES:** Medals will be awarded to all participants. A player of the game will be awarded after each game. Coaches will make the decision for their own team.

**TOURNAMENT MANAGER:** Manager will have final decision on any situation not covered in the rules. This is a "no protest" tournament.

**POST GAME:** At the end of each game, teams shall line up at center ice to shake hands, then line up at each teams blue line to receive the player of the game award.

**NO ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS** are allowed.