

Tournament Rules



Hockey Tournaments

“Great Hockey and Small Town Hospitality”

1. Rules and Conditions:
 - a. All games are played by USA Hockey rules as modified by Minnesota Hockey. This includes mandates pertaining to sanctioned tournaments. All referees are USA Hockey certified.
 - b. During all games, an EMT will be present in the building.
 - c. Certified USA/CAHA team rosters, a copy of birth certificates, and valid coaching cards must be presented at check-in.
 - d. Teams must compete in the division and level in which they are registered with USA or CAHA hockey. Minnesota Hockey age categories apply to this tournament. Out of state teams may be competing with teams that have players up to six months older than allowed in the team's home state. IE: USA Hockey age divisions vs. Minnesota Hockey age divisions.

2. Tournament Play:
 - a. Top team in bracket is home. Wear whites.
 - b. Teams must be ready to go on the ice fifteen minutes before scheduled game time.
 - c. Warm-up period will be five minutes. Rosters may be announced or anthem(s) played. Otherwise, play will commence immediately after warm-up.
 - d. Periods will be 15 minute, stop time. Resurface every two periods.
 - e. Anytime a team leads by nine or more goals, the clock will go to runtime.
 - i. In the third period, anytime a team leads by six or more goals, the clock will go to runtime.
 - f. Round-robin points: Teams receive 3 points for a win, 1 point for each period won, 1 potential fair play point. A team could earn 7 points for 1 game.
 - g. Tie breakers: A two minute rest period will be given followed by a ten minute sudden victory period.
 - i. If no score during sudden victory period a sudden victory shootout will ensue. Each team will select players to shoot according to penalty shot rules. First team to shoot will be last team that scored during regular play. Players from each team will alternate shooting. No player may shoot twice until all teammates, except goalies, have shot. First team to score when opposing player did not score; wins.
 - h. Round-robin seeding: 1. Total points. 2. Head to head points between tied teams. 3. Total goals plus/minus between tied teams.

3. Protests
 - a. Leech Lake Area Hockey strives to run quality invitational tournaments. Advice is welcome.
 - b. Regarding rule interpretations and officiating; this is a no protest tournament.

4. Behavior at the rink:
 - a. Please pickup your team room. Place all litter in trash cans. An excessively messy team room may cause loss of game fair play point.
 - b. No comments from fans are to be directed toward a referee. If fans make comments to the referee, your team may lose its fair play point, or be evicted from the tournament with no refund.
 - c. Vandalism, inappropriate language or rough housing will not be tolerated. It may result in team disqualification without refund. Walker Area Community Center may evict and ban persons from entering the premises.