

Tournament HOCKEY RULES

1. All teams must show proof of USA Hockey individual membership registration and release of liability forms for each player prior to their first game. All teams must have an official USA Hockey 1-T roster OR for international teams an International 1-T equivalent roster.
2. All players must wear neck laceration guards
3. All teams must be available to start their games up to thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
4. All games are 75-minute curfew games. 15-minute periods. 1st Period run time; 2nd & 3rd periods stop time. 3-minute warm up time. No overtime shall be permitted. *Subject to change
5. Each team is allowed one 30 second time out.
6. If a six-goal differential exists at any time "Running Time" will commence. It will stay running time for the rest of the game. Despite the occurrence of running time, penalties will remain the duration prescribed by USA Hockey rules.

7. Tie Breaking Rules to Determine Standings Position:

i. If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tie breaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team or teams are placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tie breaking process again at step 1. **(If all tied teams have not played each other, then proceed to step 2).** *Note: A team may go into the tie breaking process having defeated another of the tied teams and still not advance.*

The tie-breaker formulas are as follows:

- 1) The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:
 - a) Standings — Most points.
 - b) Most total wins (whether in regulation, overtime and shootout).
 - c) Differential — Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
 - d) Quotient — Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tie breaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for."
- 2) If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, c or d the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order:
 - a) Most total wins (whether in regulation, overtime and shootout).
 - b) Differential — Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
 - c) Quotient — Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for."
 - d) Most periods won — In the games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total.
 - e) Quickest first goal — The team that scored the quickest goal in their preliminary round games shall be ranked highest
 - f) If the tie is still not broken, we then go to the SCAHA remaining tie breaker rules.

8. For all High School Divisions, you can only be rostered and play on one team. No double rostering.

9. All Championship games are exempt from "curfew" and "overtime" rules. In the medal round if there is a tie, there is a sudden death 15-minute overtime in 3 on 3 format. If still tied, there will be an additional 15-minute period.

10. Protests: No protests shall be made on the playing rules. Otherwise, protests must be registered on the back of the signed score sheets and must contain all of the known facts. Protests not written on the back of the score sheet before final signing will not be considered. Tournament Director shall act expeditiously on all properly submitted protests. Tournament Director's decision shall be final.