



9820 POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – OFFICIAL RULES

1. All players must wear helmets and skates. Other protective equipment is optional but strongly recommended.
2. No goaltenders, goalie sticks or goaltending equipment, are allowed at any times.
3. All teams must have matching sets of light and dark jerseys.
4. The winner of a captain's coin toss will determine which goal to defend. All games are self-started and teams will switch goals after first half.
5. There will be one off-ice 9280 PHT official to monitor the play (scoring, time, puck reset, and arbiter of infractions).
6. Penalties will be called for rule infractions. Penalties called on honor system. A minor penalty will result in a goal awarded to opposing team as well as possession of puck.
7. Any major penalty, which includes any action that could possibly injure another player, will result in ejection from the tournament. The team that received the ejection will play the remainder of the tournament short-handed (3 vs. 4). A designated off-ice 9280 PHT official will determine major penalties.
8. Abuse of officials will be considered a major penalty. This includes yelling, swearing, or arguing about calls.
9. No slap shots allowed. A minor penalty will be called in the event of all slap shots.
10. No checking is allowed at any time. All such incidents will result in a minor penalty to be called unless said action is deemed by the off-ice official to be serious enough to warrant a major penalty.
11. Players cannot fall or lay down on the ice in an effort to protect the goal. Such action will result in a minor penalty.
12. Players cannot lay their sticks down in front of the net to protect the goal. Such action will result in a minor penalty.
13. Goaltending is not allowed. A player may not patrol, camp out or remain stationary in the crease area and act as a goaltender. A defender may deflect the puck in the crease area, but the defender must do so while continuing to move through the crease area. The crease area is defined as an imaginary box extending four feet from the outside corners of the goal. Off ice scorekeeper will make all calls for goaltending. Goaltending is a minor penalty and will result the opposing team a goal.
14. Contacting the puck with the stick above the waist will result in a loss of possession.
15. Intentional raising the puck, other than direct flip or saucer passes, will result in a loss of possession.
16. If a puck travels out of bounds, the last team to touch the puck will forfeit possession. During the restart, the defender must give the opponent at least a two-stick length free zone.
17. There are no offsides or icing calls.
18. All goals must be scored from the offensive half of the ice.
19. Scorekeepers will call out the score after each goal. This includes goals scored by players or awarded from minor penalties.
20. Teams must give opponents 1/2 ice after a goal is scored or an infraction takes place. Once attacking team begins forward motion, defending team may once again advance.
21. Each game will consist of two (20 15-minute run time halves with a 2-minute half time break.
22. Game will be decided in regulation during the round robin play. In the Championship Round, teams will play a 3-minute overtime with the team that scores the most total goals during that time declared the winner. If the score remains tied after the 3-minute overtime, the play will continue with the next goal winning the game, in Golden Goal format.
23. In the event of a tie (record) going into the playoffs, the differential will be decided by goals against.
24. No drinking while playing. Must be 21 years of age to drink alcoholic beverages.
25. Players can only play on one team per division.
26. Both teams must shovel the rink together after each game in preparation for the following teams.
27. Team captains are the only players to discuss disputes with head scorekeeper.
28. Team captain from each team must sign scorecard after each game.
29. Teams are limited to 6 players max per adult team, and 8 players max per youth team.
30. No coaching allowed above the Youth U8 level. (new)
31. No shoulder pads allowed above the Youth U10 level. (new)