



SAHA TOURNAMENT RULES

1. USA Hockey playing rules are in effect and all tournaments are USA Hockey sanctioned.
2. Running time will take place in the third period if there is a six goal or more lead, or at ANYTIME for Jr Gold.
3. Time of Periods and resurfaces:
 - A. **Mite, Squirt, Girls 8U/10U**- 3 Minute warm-up prior to each game
12-minute stop-time periods with resurface after each game.
 - B. **Girls 12U**- 3 Minute warm-up prior to each game
15-minute stop-time periods with a resurface after each game.
 - C. **Peewee/Girls 14U**- 4 Minute warm-up prior to each game
15-minute stop-time periods with a resurface every other period.
 - D. **Bantam/Jr. Gold**- 5 Minute warm-up prior to each game
17-minute stop-time periods with a resurface every other period.
4. Game Misconduct: 4 penalties by a player in a game (3 at Junior Gold Level) shall result in a game ejection for that player for the remainder of that game (this game ejection does not count toward the 12-penalty rules for a Game Misconduct for the coach).
5. USA Hockey Roster (or Canadian equivalent) will be checked at the time of team check-in.
6. Upper team in the bracket or first team listed will be the Home Team, will wear white, and will use the player bench closest to the locker room area labeled "Home Team".
7. **ALL REFEREE DECISIONS ARE FINAL** there is a NO PROTEST rule in all Superior tournaments.
8. All referees are provided by the Northeast Hockey Officials Association from Duluth, MN and are properly registered with USA Hockey, the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association (WHOA) and/or the Minnesota Hockey Officials Association (MHOA).
9. Teams must be prepared to go on the ice up to 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. Teams should be at the arena at least 30 minutes prior to game starts. If the tournament is running ahead of schedule, games will start early.

10. Ties/Overtime:

- Round Robin: No Overtimes
- Bracketed Tournament: One 5 minute 4-on-4 sudden victory overtime followed by a 3 player shootout which will repeat until a winner is determined. New shooters must be used in subsequent shootouts until all players have been used. No shootouts in championship or 3rd place games.
- Championship/3rd Place Games: One 5 minute 5-on-5 sudden victory OT period followed by one 5 minute 4-on-4 sudden victory OT period and then 5 minute 3-on-3 sudden victory OT periods until a winner emerges.

11. HECC approved equipment must be worn. American teams (as required by age) must wear mouth guards as described in the USA Hockey Rulebook. Canadian teams must wear the personal protective equipment as required by Canadian Amateur Hockey.

12. Any fighting call will result in immediate ejection from the tournament.

13. Tie-Breakers (Pool Play Only):

- A. Head to Head
- B. Most Wins
- C. Goal Differential
- D. Fewest Goals Allowed
- E. Fewest Penalty Minutes
- F. Coin Flip