



# PEPSI TOURNAMENT RULES

**ALL RULES ESTABLISHED AND PUBLISHED BY USA HOCKEY SHALL APPLY EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN: USA Hockey and NYSAHA rules will apply**

- ◆ Any player(s) or team official(s) assessed a penalty for **Fighting** or **MAJOR** will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
- ◆ Maximum player squad is 20 (18 Skaters and 2 Goalies). A player must sign in and participate in at least one preliminary game to be eligible for a championship game.
- ◆ All championship games must be played. If a divisional winner is unable to participate in a Final game due to unforeseen reasons, the divisional runner-up will take their place. The divisional winner will forfeit all rights to any and all awards.
- ◆ Only players in uniform and a maximum of four (4) coaches may occupy the player's bench. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE**. Only the referee may determine the dimensions of this area. (Note: An additional coach may occupy and man the Penalty Box door adjacent to each bench.)
- ◆ A player can only be rostered under One Team during tournament play.
- ◆ There is **NO** Slapshots in Mite/Novice, or Squirt/Atom Divisions.
- ◆ Players or Coaches who are under suspensions from **USA Hockey** or **HOCKEY CANADA** for a Game Misconduct for Fighting, or Match Penalty are ineligible to participate in Tournament games. **Match Penalties** require a hearing by the teams local governing body. Participants receiving a match penalty are **suspended** from all activities pending outcome of a hearing by their governing body.
- ◆ All tournament referees will enforce a "No Tolerance Rule" during competition. This means that No Abuse of any game official will be tolerated and **NO preliminary warning** will be issued before a misconduct is assessed. Parents and Spectators are subject to removal for any abusive or intolerable behavior.
- ◆ Teams will receive 3 points for a Win and 1 Point for a Tie.
- ◆ Divisional standings shall be determined by most points acquired during first 3 games played.
- ◆ Teams must be prepared to begin a game up to 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start.
- ◆ Mercy Rule: If after the 2nd period of play a team is trailing by **6 or more goals** both coaches will be consulted and, if desired, the ice will not be resurfaced and **running time will commence** for the final period. If the deficit becomes **3 goals** during the third period, stop time will resume and the game will be completed using Stop Time. This rule is for the benefit of all teams.
- ◆ SPECIAL RULE: NO video replays of any kind will be used during or after the game to change scoring or game results. But that we reserve the right to review video for misconducts or majors. All rulings by tourney staff are final and not up for appeal.

**THE RULES COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY ANY RULE HEREIN WHICH IS DEEMED NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOURNAMENT OR AMATEUR HOCKEY. ALL DECISIONS OF THE RULES COMMITTEE ARE FINAL. NO PROTESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING THE TOURNAMENT. HOWEVER, THE RULES COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER ANY LOGICAL GRIEVANCE OR SUGGESTION.**