

RULES FOR INVITATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS AUSTIN YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2019-20

Gate Fees: No Gate Fee.

Acceptance into the tournament will be in order of receiving your Registration Form, a Copy of your USA Hockey Team Roster & the Tournament Fee Check.

Playing Rules:

1. Playing Rules:

- All Games played under USA Hockey Rules as modified by MN. Hockey with the additions of the Austin Youth Hockey Association Invitational Hockey Tournament Rules addressed below. A current rulebook will be available at the scorekeeper's table during each tournament game.

2. Medical Personnel: All Tournament Games will have a Certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) present at the Arena.

3. Referees & Officials:

- All tournament Games Will have a minimum of 2 USA Hockey Registered Referees.

- Minor Officials:

Minor Officials for each game will consist of:

One Person as scorekeeper/announcer, One Person to operate the scoreboard/clock

One Person to operate penalty box

4. Canadian Teams:

- Must wear protective equipment as designated by CAHA.

- All players must wear H.E.C.C. approved helmets and face masks and have internal mouth guards attached to the face mask. Helmets must be worn whenever a player is on the ice or on the bench.

5. Age Classifications:

- Out of State Teams please be advised that MN. Hockey uses July 1 as cut off for birthdates. Minnesota Teams may have players up to 6 months older than teams from other states.

- All teams must play in the division which they are registered for and the level as established by District IV MN Hockey for their state.

6. This is A GUARANTEED GATE TOURNAMENT.

7. Tournament Credentials Committee & Requirements:

All Credentials will be inspected by the Tournament Credentials Committee (prior to each team's first game) to insure that all participating team players and coaches are officially rostered. Please present all Credentials Information at least 30 minutes prior to your first game and be prepared to have the following documents inspected.

1. Certified USA Hockey Roster signed by all participants & approved by a USA Hockey Registrar or his/her designee.

2. IMR's or Cyber Sport document or other approved system for each fostered players, coaches & managers.

3. Birth Certificates were checked at the Registrar's Meeting therefore will not be checked at the tournament. Unless you are an Out of State team not rostered on CyberSport.

4. Proof of insurance: (Red Card or other documents). Insurance Cards are not required on MN Hockey Teams or on CyberSport registered teams.

5. An approval letter from Minnkota District Registrar for any player that is playing in a younger age group than is implicit based on the player's birth date.

6. Up-to-Date Coaches Certificates.

7. A Waiver sheet must be with each player if the box to the right of the Birthdate on the Team Registration/Roster Form is NOT checked. The check mark will look like -&-.

8. Coaches Certificates: Coaches MUST have with them and they must be up to date. Coaches will not be allowed on the bench without proper certificate.

Teams will NOT be allowed on the ice if these documents are not approved.

9. Tie Breakers: For Bracket Play and Pool Play Trophy Games

If game is tied at the end of regulation time, then:

1. There will be a one minute rest period.

2. 5 minute (stop time) overtime – 3 on 3 game will terminate upon a goal being scored

3. If still tied - 5 player shootout – visiting team going first. If still tied after 5 player shootout, it will go to a sudden death shoot out with new players selected and teams' alternating until a goal has been scored

POOL PLAY GAMES WILL NOT PLAY OVERTIME UNLESS IT IS A TROPHY GAME.

For Seeding Purpose in Pool Play games:

Head to head

+/- Goal Differential (Max of 6 points per game)

Fewest Penalty minutes accrued

Fewest Goals allowed

Coin Flip

9. Game Times:

- Squirts & Girls Under 12B will play 12 minute stop time periods. Pee wee's, Bantam's & Junior Gold will play 15 minutes stop time periods.

- Third Period will go to running time when a team gains a 6 goal advantage. If at anytime there is a 10 goal advantage the clock will go to running time. The clock will revert to stop time if the goal advantage drops below 6.

- Resurfacing will after every game

- The team listed on the top line of game pairings will be designated the Home Team and will wear the~Light Colored Jerseys.

- All teams should be ready to take the ice 15 minutes before the scheduled game time. A 5 minute warm up begins when the first team is on the ice.

- A 1 minute time out is allowed per team – per game.

- Penalties for Pee Wee, Bantam and 12U and above will be 2:00 for minors; 5:00 for majors; 10:00 for misconduct & out of current game plus next game for match penalties. Squirt and 10U are 1:30 for minor penalties.

In accordance with USAH rule 404(d), "Any player (Midget age classification and below, including High School and Senior Women) who incurs five penalties in the same game shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty."

Furthermore, in accordance with 404(b), "A player or Team Official incurring a game misconduct penalty shall be suspended for his team's next game (the game already appearing on the schedule of that team at the time of the infraction), except that when such penalty is imposed under Rule 403(b) (Second Major in Game) there shall be a minimum two-game suspension."

- NO PROTESTS ALLOWED.

- This is a ZERO TOLERANCE FACILITY and no abusive language or actions will be tolerated. Any in appropriate action will lead to expulsion from the game. In more serious cases the expulsion could be for the weekend. We are trying to make it fun for the kids; please remember that.

- Fighting will NOT BE TOLERATED, automatic game misconduct.

- Please inform all your players, coaches and fans of our rules.

The Austin Youth Hockey Association, the Austin Community Arena and its staff, the tournament officials and all other personnel connected with these tournaments shall NOT BE HELD LIABLE for injuries or losses sustained during the tournament