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# WELCOME

*Dear Friends:*

*On behalf of the Dallas Stars Elite Hockey Club and the Texas Amateur Hockey Association (TAHA), we would like to welcome you and your team to the 2025 Rocky Mountain District Championship Tournament to be played March 6-9, 2025 at the Valley Ranch Children's Health StarCenter and Farmers Branch Children's Health StarCenter in the greater Dallas, Texas area.*

*It is necessary that each team complete certain preliminary procedures so the tournament may operate as efficiently as possible. Detailed information about such procedures will be found in this Guidebook. Please review this information carefully prior to your arrival. It is vital that all required forms be submitted to the designated personnel according to the schedule indicated in the document "Pre-Arrival Timeline." Feel free to make extra copies of all documents included in this Guidebook.*

*Information regarding tournament hotels and other pertinent details are included in this Guidebook. Please distribute it to all persons who will be accompanying your team.*

*Thank you for your help in assuring the success of our District Tournament. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wendy Sarich via email at [WendySarich@gmail.com](mailto:WendySarich@gmail.com) or text/call 214-783-0259.*



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Tournament Director

A USA Hockey District Director or his/her designee from the Rocky Mountain District shall be named Tournament Director. **Ted Skinner will act in such capacity for this Tournament.**

### Game Sites

All games will be played at:

- **Children's Health StarCenter Valley Ranch:** 211 Cowboys Pkwy, Irving, TX 75063 / (972) 444-0540
- **Children's Health StarCenter Farmers Branch:** 12700 N Stemmons Frwy, Farmers Branch, TX 75234 / (214) 432-3131

### Hospitality Rooms

A hospitality room at both rinks will be open and available to all Tournament staff and all On-Ice and Off-Ice Officials during scheduled games. **No parents, coaches, team personnel or players please.**

We have a separate Hospitality Room for all Scouts, Coaches, and Team Personnel. **No parents or players.**

### Snack Bars & Restaurants

- **Children's Health StarCenter Valley Ranch:** No on-site snack bar.
- **Children's Health StarCenter Farmers Branch:** 19 Degrees provides a variety of food and drink options.

### Skate Sharpening

- **Children's Health StarCenter Valley Ranch:** Arnie's Hockey Shop, located on the first floor offers skate sharpening.
- **Children's Health StarCenter Farmers Branch:** The front desk at the StarCenter Farmers Branch on the first floor offers skate sharpening.

Retail Hockey Stores Nearby:

- **Pure Hockey:** 8700 Preston Rd #103, Plano, TX 75024 / 972-704-1080
- **Hockey Monkey:** 105 W Bethany Dr, Allen, TX 75013 / 214-383-8888

### Live Game Action

**LiveBarn:** Games can be viewed live and on-demand at [www.LiveBarn.com](http://www.LiveBarn.com).



### Tournament Apparel

Tournament branded apparel will be available from Fine Designs for purchase 10am-4pm March 6-8 only at both rink locations.



**SAMPLE**

## Medical Care

**Tournament-supplied** Certified Athletic Trainers (ATCs) from Baylor Scott and White Institute for Rehabilitation will be available at each game site (1 per sheet of ice) during the Tournament. Contact information for the on-duty ATC will be posted in each hospitality room and with each scorekeeper.



**Team-supplied** Certified Athletic Trainers (ATCs) shall be allowed to work with their teams at District/National Championships if the ATC is on the team roster by December 31 (no substitutions may be made after this date). The ATC must be a registered volunteer member of USA Hockey, have current SafeSport Certification valid through the tournament, and have passed a USA Hockey NCSI background screen. The program must provide proof of the following to USA Hockey's Manager of Player Safety seven (7) days prior to the District/National Championship:

1. Current license of the Team ATC to practice in the state the program is located;
2. Current NATABOC certification for the Team ATC

At the tournament, the following guidelines must be followed by the team-supplied ATC:

1. Team ATCs must check in with onsite medical staff prior to each game played to identify/introduce themselves.
2. Team ATCs are not allowed on the bench during the games. They can have access to the bench or ice surface if needed to attend to their players for treatment.
3. Team ATC must work in conjunction with onsite medical personnel to ensure the best care for the players, should injury occur, including return-to-play decisions. The onsite medical staff will have final approval if players return to the ice.
4. Any injuries or playing status must be on record with onsite medical personnel and tournament staff.

Failure to comply with any of the above will result in the Team ATC not being allowed to participate in the District/National Championship.

# MANDATORY PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

## Credentials Meeting/Coaches Meeting

A Credentials/Coaches Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00PM CST**. Team representatives (Team Manager and Head Coach) will be emailed the Zoom link prior to the meeting. Head Coaches and Team Managers are required to attend this important meeting. Failure of Head Coaches to attend this meeting will result in their suspension from their team's first game of the tournament. Failure of Team Managers to attend this meeting may result in disciplinary action taken against their team.

**For Credentialing:** The Team Manager will be the team's primary liaison for all official communications between the team and the tournament committee. All team managers are required to have a current background screen and SafeSport certification. Approval that your credentials are in order and your team is eligible to participate will be sent to the head coach and team manager via email. Teams who need to tie up any loose ends will be done by appointment only and must be done prior to the team taking the ice for its first game. **\*Please contact Darla Thompson at [darla.thompson@usahockey.org](mailto:darla.thompson@usahockey.org) as soon as your team has qualified for Districts.**

**For Head Coaches:** All participating teams must have the team's Head Coach (as listed on the team's official 1-T roster and 1-C credential verification sheet) attend this meeting. The same Head Coach of multiple teams in the tournament may represent more than one team at this meeting with prior approval from the Tournament Director. Failure of a team to have the Head Coach present shall result in the suspension of the Head Coach from the team's first game of the tournament.



## TEAM REQUIREMENTS

The following items are **MANDATORY** for ALL teams participating in the 2025 USA Hockey Rocky Mountain District Championship Tournament.

### Team Entry Fees

Entry fees are determined by the cost of running the Tournament. **Payment must be received before March 1st or as soon as your team qualifies for the Rocky Mountain District Championship Tournament.**

- Youth 13O Tier I – **\$1,950** – 3 teams: 3 round-robin games and Championship Game (4 games in this division, ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period)
- Youth 14U Tier I – **\$2,525** – 4 teams: 6 round-robin games and Championship Game (7 games in this division, ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period)
- Youth 15O Tier I – **\$2,200** – 3 teams: 3 round-robin games and Championship Game (4 games in this division, ice cut after each period)
- Youth 16U Tier I – **\$2,850** – 4 teams: 6 round-robin games and Championship Game (7 games in this division, ice cut after each period)
- Youth 18U Tier I – **\$3,125** – 4 teams: 6 round-robin games and Championship Game (7 games in this division, ice cut after each period)
- Girls 14U Tier I – **\$1,900** – 3 teams: 3 round-robin games and Championship Game (4 games in this division, ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period)
- Girls 16U Tier I – **\$2,150** – 3 teams: 3 round-robin games and Championship Game (4 games in this division, ice cut after each period)
- Girls 19U Tier I – **\$2,850** – 4 teams: 6 round-robin games and Championship Game (7 games in this division, ice cut after each period)
- Girls 14U Tier II – **\$2,075** – 6 teams: 6 round-robin and 2 semifinal games, and Championship Game (9 games in this division, ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period)
- Girls 16U Tier II – **\$2,075** – 6 teams: 6 round-robin and 2 semifinal games, and Championship Game (9 games in this division, ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period)
- Girls 19U Tier II – **\$2,200** – 6 teams: 6 round-robin and 2 semifinal games, and Championship Game (9 games in this division, ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period)

### Payment Options

- **Payment should be received before March 1st or as soon as your team qualifies for the RMD Tournament.**
- Pay by electronic invoice (**preferred method**): To pay electronically via a QuickBooks invoice with credit card or bank account info, email Wendy Sarich at WendySarich@gmail.com, and a full invoice will be sent in email from QuickBooks. In the email, please include your team name(s) and age/division, team contact, address, email and phone number.
- Pay by check: Please make checks payable to **Dallas Stars Elite Hockey Club** and make a note with your team name and age division on the memo line and mail to: Dallas Stars Elite Hockey Club, Attn: Wendy Sarich, PO Box 631492, Irving, TX 75063.

## Hotels

All team members and staff that require hotel accommodations are **required** to stay in the Host Hotels. Financial penalties will result for teams that do not stay in the Host Hotels. The link to the Team Traveling Source website to book hotel rooms for teams that have qualified is provided below.

### Hotel Bookings

Teams, including local teams, are required to stay in tournament-sanctioned hotels. Local teams are defined as teams whose home rink is within a 100-mile radius of the tournament rink(s). If local teams choose to commute instead of staying in host hotels, the local teams shall pay a \$500 fee to the host. If a local team stays in hotels, but does not stay in a host hotel, the penalty for local teams shall be \$5,000 for each Youth and Girls team.

All teams, other than local teams that choose to commute and pay a \$500 fee to the host, are required to stay in the host hotel(s) for the duration of their participation in the tournament and are required to book rooms through the host. The penalty for non-local teams that do not stay in the host hotel(s) shall be \$5,000 for each Youth and Girls team.

## Pre-Arrival Requirements

Managers of teams qualifying for the tournament should complete the pre-arrival steps below as prescribed:

1. Immediately upon qualifying for the tournament, the steps below must be completed as follows:
  - Tournament "Team Entry Form" – See Exhibit "A" – Click [HERE](#) to complete
  - Completed Credentials Verification Sheet (Form 1-C) – See Exhibit "B", email to Affiliate Registrar
2. **Any team qualifying after March 1, 2025, shall complete the above steps immediately!**

## Children's Health StarCenter Facility Restrictions

The **StarCenter Farmers Branch** shares parking and public space with our Multisport building. Due to increased activity between the two buildings, we encourage tournament personnel to get to the rink early to find parking and access to the ice rink.

1. Team buses are NOT allowed to park in the rink parking lot. Buses are welcome to use the Dallas Area Rail Transit (DART) parking lot across the street or utilize Farmers Branch City Hall less than a mile away where they can park. **Buses should only be at the rink for pick-up and drop-off.**
2. **Players are not permitted to warm up in the main lobby or second floor of the building.** We encourage players to use Liberty Plaza located directly behind the rink. Players can use the lobby exit towards Denton Dr. and follow the sidewalk to the back of the building for safe travel. Players are permitted to warm up inside the ice rinks but should be mindful of spectators.
3. **No outside alcohol is allowed in the building at any time. Alcohol sold inside the building can only be consumed in common areas of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. Alcohol is not permitted in the rinks at any time!**

The **StarCenter Valley Ranch** is located in a residential area and the city has 2 main restrictions regarding our building. Please make sure all players, coaches, and bus drivers are aware of these to avoid any issues.

1. Team buses are NOT allowed to park in the rink parking lot or sit idle on the street in front of the rink. There are a few shopping centers less than a mile away where they can park. **Buses should only be at the rink for pick-up and drop-off.**
2. Players can warm up in the building or in the parking lot in the back of the building. **They cannot go in the front parking lot or into the local neighborhood across the street to warm-up.**
3. **No outside alcohol is allowed in the building at any time!**

# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

## Playing Rules

Per the 2024-2026 District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook, "The official USA Hockey playing rules shall be used. No protests shall be permitted of the playing rules."

## Standings Points

During the preliminary round games, each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win in regulation time, two (2) points for a win in overtime or shootout, one (1) point for a loss in overtime or shootout, and zero (0) points for a loss in regulation. More details are provided on page 14 of this Guidebook.

## Game Operations

Period lengths, ice cuts, points system, shoot-outs, overtimes and tie breaking rules to determine standings position shall in all cases conform with USA Hockey's District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the current season. More Game Guidelines information is provided on pages 13-15 below.

## On-Ice Officials

A four-official system shall be used for ALL games in this Tournament except Youth 13O/14U and Girls 14U divisions, which will use a three-official system. The Rocky Mountain District Referee-in-Chief, or his/her appointee, shall assign all referees and linesmen. Only referees and linesmen with a current Level 3 or Level 4 certification and complete registration (card and crest issued) as of December 31 will serve as on-ice officials in this Tournament. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the National Referee-in-Chief and the National Tournament Chair. The District Referee-in-Chief, or his/her appointee, shall attend all games to supervise officials. All referees & linesmen are required to wear a current USA Hockey crest on their sweater.

## Coaching Education Requirements

All participating coaches (head and assistant) must have the USA Hockey-required minimum level of coaching certification and module completion to participate in the District Championships. Please refer to the Coaching Education requirements of the USA Hockey Annual Guide. In addition, all Coaches, Managers, and volunteers listed on the official 1-T roster and 1-C credential verification sheet shall be in compliance with USA Hockey's SafeSport Program.

## Number of Players

The maximum number of players, including goalkeepers, permitted to play in a game is 20; the maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers, is 18; and substitute goalkeepers shall comply with USA Hockey's District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the current season. For 18U Tier I Youth teams only, the **18U Tier I Roster Exception** (USA Hockey Pilot Program) allows 18U Tier I teams a limit of twenty-two (22) players with not more than 20 listed as skaters on the team roster at any one time. Youth Tier I 18U teams may roster and dress up to 22 players.

For any teams that need an Emergency Back Up goalie (EBUG), such team will need to submit an appeal to the National Championships Appeal Committee. The appeal must include the required documentation to be sent to the District Registrar Darla Thompson at [darla.thompson@usahockey.org](mailto:darla.thompson@usahockey.org) before the team's first game of the Tournament. The District Registrar can be contacted for the documentation required for an appeal. No appeals should be submitted for teams who played all season with one goalie on their 1-T team roster."

## Uniforms

All teams entered must be properly uniformed. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the teams and Tournament Director, the home team shall wear light/white jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark/colored jerseys in all games. Any teams who violate this jersey color protocol will be subject to a \$1000 fine.

## Operation of Tournament

Please refer to USA Hockey's District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the current season for complete information regarding Disputes/Operation of Tournament.

## Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee for the Rocky Mountain District Championship Tournament shall be composed of four (4) people and appointed by the Tournament Director prior to the first Game of the Tournament. Three (3) of the four (4) Discipline Committee members shall serve to hear a discipline case. The referee-in-chief, or his/her appointee, is not eligible to serve on the Discipline Committee. The Committee shall act in accordance with the USA Hockey District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the current season.

## Discipline & Disputes – All Divisions Youth and Girls

The Discipline Committee shall be responsible for deciding any action, suspensions or otherwise, to be taken against a player or team official to be served during the tournament.

The Discipline Committee shall have the authority to initiate action involving supplementary discipline against a player or team official whether or not it involves the playing rules; provided, however, that no suspension shall occur without first giving notice of the intended action and providing the opportunity for a hearing.

The Discipline Committee shall have full power to waive or increase the one- or two-game suspension imposed in Rule 404(b), Game Misconduct. The Directors onsite will review video of all game misconducts. However, no hearing will be held for a game misconduct (or for player or coach suspension under USA Hockey Rule 401(b)) unless deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee.

The Discipline Committee shall hold a hearing on any Match Penalty prior to the team's next game.

If deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee, use of video in hearings is allowed but must be solely provided by the USA Hockey contracted vendor for the tournament.

If a player receives a major penalty during a State/Affiliate and/or District Tournament, the Tournament Referee-in-Chief shall communicate with the Discipline Committee, and the Discipline Committee shall ensure compliance with the progressive suspension rules (USA Hockey Rules 411 and 615.f) after the game is completed and shall notify the team of any supplemental discipline prior to the team's next game.

All suspensions incurred in the course of the National Playoff schedule (i.e. District Playoffs) shall be served during regularly scheduled games of the National Playoff schedule. In no case may such suspension(s) be served in a game occurring outside the National Playoff schedule by scheduling a game not included in the National Playoff configuration and having the player serve their suspension in that game. Any player or coach on a team winning the State Championship who receives a suspension in the final game of the State Championships will serve their suspension during their team's next game on their team's schedule AND their team's next game in the National Playoff schedule pursuant to USA Hockey rules.

# GAME GUIDELINES

## General Game Information

- All Games will be played using USA Hockey Rules and the USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the current Season. All games shall be played to a winner.
- All age divisions (Youth and Girls) shall consist of a set of preliminary round-robin games followed by a Championship game. After the preliminary round of games, the two teams per age division or bracket with the most points (after applying tiebreakers, if necessary) shall advance to a semifinal game and/or a single Championship game in each age division to determine the Rocky Mountain District Champion.
- Scorekeepers will use GameSheet on iPads for live scoring of all games in the Tournament.

## Time Management Rules

- All teams shall be ready to begin play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- Ice cut prior to each game for ALL age divisions. A 5-minute warm-up prior to start of game.
- All warm-ups, rest periods & ice cuts between periods plus timeouts shall be placed on the game clock.
- Youth 13 Only games:** Three 16-minute stop-time periods (16-16-16), ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period.
- Youth 14U games:** Three 16-minute stop-time periods (16-16-16), ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period.
- Youth 15 Only games:** Three 17-minute stop-time periods (17-17-17), ice cut after each period.
- Youth 16U games:** Three 17-minute stop-time periods (17-17-17), ice cut after each period.
- Youth 18U games:** Three 20-minute stop-time periods (20-20-20), ice cut after each period.
- All Girls 14U (Tier I & II):** Three 16-minute stop-time periods (16-16-16), ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period.
- All Girls Tier I 16U & 19U:** Three 17-minute stop-time periods (17-17-17), ice cut after each period.
- All Girls Tier II 16U & 19U:** Three 17-minute stop-time periods (17-17-17), ice cut after 2<sup>nd</sup> period.
- Running time is not allowed at any time. One (1) 1-minute timeout per team per game.
- For ALL Ice Cuts, twelve (12) minutes shall be placed on the clock for the ice cut between periods and clock shall begin when the last player exits the ice. Upon returning to the ice, before the start of the following period, players will receive a one-minute warm-up on the clock with no pucks allowed.
- A two (2) minute rest period is allowed between the first and second periods (no ice cut) for ALL Youth 13O and 14U, ALL Girls 14U, and ALL Girls Tier II 16U and 19U age division games. All Youth 15O, 16U, and 18U games and Girls Tier I 16U and 19U games shall have an ice cut after each period.

Youth T1	Time of Periods (mins)			Penalties (mins)			Ice Cuts** (before &)		
	Warmup	Period	Overtime*	Minor	Major	Miscod.	Preliminary	Champion	Overtime
13O	5	16	10 / 16	1.5	4	8	2nd Int.	2nd Int.	No cut prior
14U	5	16	10 / 16	1.5	4	8	2nd Int.	2nd Int.	No cut prior
15O	5	17	10 / 17	2	5	10	Each Int.	Each Int.	Ice cut prior
16U	5	17	10 / 17	2	5	10	Each Int.	Each Int.	Ice cut prior
18U	5	20	10 / 20	2	5	10	Each Int.	Each Int.	Ice cut prior
<b>T1 Girls</b>									
14U	5	16	10 / 16	1.5	4	8	2nd Int.	2nd Int.	No cut prior
16U	5	17	10 / 17	2	5	10	Each Int.	Each Int.	Ice cut prior
19U	5	17	10 / 17	2	5	10	Each Int.	Each Int.	Ice cut prior
<b>T2 Girls</b>									
14U	5	16	10 / 16	1.5	4	8	2nd Int.	2nd Int.	No cut prior
16U	5	17	10 / 17	2	5	10	2nd Int.	2nd Int.	No cut prior
19U	5	17	10 / 17	2	5	10	2nd Int.	2nd Int.	No cut prior

**Notes:** \* Overtime in all roundrobin games = 10 mins (3-on-3) No ice cuts/scrapes before Shootouts

\* Overtime in all championship games = 3rd period length (5-on-5)

\*\* Roundrobin: Ice cut before each game & certain intermissions pending level/age division

\*\* Roundrobin: No ice cuts prior to OT, tied teams receive 2-min rest period, teams stay on ice

\*\* Championship T1 Youth 13O/14U, Girls T1 14U + all Tier 2: No ice cut prior to OT, 2-min rest, teams stay on ice

\*\* Championship T1 Youth 15O/16U/18U & T1 Girls 16U/19U: Ice cut before OT, teams will leave ice

## Team Standings – Preliminary Round Games and Tie-Breaker Rules

Each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win in regulation; two (2) points for a win in overtime or shootout; one (1) point for a loss in overtime or shootout, and zero (0) points for a loss in regulation.

The Home team for the Championship games will be determined by the Tournament Director.

Tie-breaking rules to determine standings position are described in full in the USA Hockey District & National Guidebook for the current season. If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the tie-breaking rules listed below. If at any point during the application of the tie-breaking rules, any or all of the teams can be seeded higher or lower than the other teams, the seeded teams will be placed in their position in the standings and the tie-breaking process will begin at Step 1 for any teams that remain tied.

**Step 1:** The results of only head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:

- a. **Most points earned.**
- b. **Most total wins** (whether in regulations, overtime and shootout).
- c. **Most regulation wins.**
- d. **Differential** – Subtracting goals against from goals for in these games, the positions being determined in order of greatest surplus. A maximum goal differential of plus or minus eight (8) per game will be used in tie-breaking rules.
- e. **Quotient** – Dividing the goals for by the goals against in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. If a game has a goal differential of more than eight (8) goals, the goals for will be decreased until there is a maximum of (8) more than goals against in a given game prior to dividing (i.e. 10-1 game would use 9-1 for purposes of quotient). A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero (0). 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.”
- f. **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 order of highest point total.

**Step 2:** If all tied teams have not played each other, the tie-breaking process shall be as described in the USA Hockey District & National Guidebook for the current season.

## Preliminary Round Games Ending in a Tie

If the game is tied following regulation play, one (1) ten-minute sudden-death overtime period shall be played 3-on-3 (three skaters plus a goalkeeper). At the completion of the third period, the tied teams shall receive a two (2) minute rest period, shall remain on the ice, but shall change ends. If the score remains tied at the end of the sudden-death overtime period, a shootout will be played as described in the USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the current season.

## Semifinal and Championship Games Ending in a Tie

If the game is tied following regulation play, one sudden-death overtime period equal in length to the 3rd period shall be played 5-on-5 (five skaters plus a goalkeeper). At the completion of the third period, the tied teams shall receive a two (2) minute rest period, shall remain on the ice, but shall change ends. If the score remains tied at the end of the sudden-death overtime period, a shootout will be played as described in the USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the current season.



## Player Penalty at End of Tied Game

\*Any player serving a penalty at the end of any tied game or at the end of a tied overtime period will continue to serve that penalty into the sudden-death overtime period or shootout.

## Shootout Procedure

Preliminary Round & Championship Games (for all games played to a Winner):

Reference: USA Hockey District & National Championship Tournament Guidebook for the current season.

**a. Shootout** – The shootout will be conducted as follows with no ice cut or dry scrape prior:

- A shootout is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring the goal.
- The home team shall have the choice whether his/her team will shoot first or second.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- No goalkeepers may shoot in the shootout.
- The goalkeepers will defend the net they were defending in the 3rd period.
- Any penalized player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s) and must remain in the penalty box.
- The shootout procedure shall begin with three (3) different individual shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.
- If the score is still tied after the shootout, then a sudden-death shootout will be played.

**b. Sudden-Death Shootout** – The sudden-death shootout will be conducted as follows:

- A sudden-death shootout is defined as each team attempting a shot. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shootout.
- Teams will shoot in the same order during the sudden-death shootout as they did in the original previous round shootout.
- Teams will select their shooters to participate in any order in the sudden-death shootout, whether or not they shot in the previous round. The last player in the first round of the shootout may be the first player in the sudden-death shootout.
- Players in a sudden-death shootout shall not be allowed to take another shot until two different individual teammates have completed their attempts.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the sudden-death shootout.
- Any penalized player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s) and must remain in the penalty box.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The official scorekeeper shall record all shots taken indicating the players, goalkeepers & goals scored.

# CREDENTIALS

## General Comments

Each team must be certified regarding its eligibility to compete in the Rocky Mountain District Tournament. Similarly, each coach and player must also be certified before participating in the tournament. The instructions outlined in this document must be followed closely to avoid any issues concerning player or team eligibility.

## Credentials to Submit

Immediately upon qualifying for the tournament, email a copy of the required credential documents via .pdf files to your Affiliate Registrar. Required documents must include your team's official 1-T roster, official 1-C credential verification sheet (see Exhibit B), all signed consent-to-treat forms, and copies of scoresheets as listed on the 1-C credential verification sheet. Each team's 1-T roster must include player jersey numbers and positions. All credentials must be received by **March 1, 2025**.

## Additional Credentials Items

After approval of the credentials package at the Credentials Meeting, the Credentials Chairperson will return the team's credentials package to the team, and this entire package must always be carried and be available for inspection during the tournament. If before, during, or after the tournament, the Credentials Chairperson and/or designated representative(s) becomes aware of and determines a player or players is/are ineligible, said player(s) shall be ruled ineligible for any/all remaining games, and the team using the ineligible player(s) will forfeit any/all games in which the player(s) participated. If it is proved the team's coach and/or manager was aware of the situation, said coach and/or manager will be reported to USA Hockey for disciplinary action.

## Credentials Presentation Requirements

Each team's credentials must be presented in a manner that is highly organized and systematic. No team's credentials will be examined unless they are organized according to the following guidelines:

- I. All materials must be in a three-ring binder.
- II. It is suggested that each item be placed inside a sheet protector.
- III. A divider tab with the title of the section displayed shall identify each section of the notebook.
- IV. Information will be presented in the following order:

### Required Information:

- A. **TEAM Information – TAB 1** (in order of presentation)
  1. Completed Credentials Verification Sheet (Form 1-C) populated through USA Hockey portal. Signed and dated by your State Affiliate Registrar (refer to Exhibit "B").
  2. Certified Roster (Form 1-T), created through the USA Hockey portal, which has been approved by your State Affiliate Registrar, no later than 12/31/2024.
- B. **COACHES Information\* (TAB 2)** (in order of presentation for each individual)
  1. Signed/dated USA Hockey Consent to Treat/Medical History Form for each coach listed on your teams 1T roster.
  2. Copy of temporary coaching card for any coach who shows having an expired CEP on the 1T roster.
- C. **MANAGER'S information\* (TAB 3)** (in order of presentation for each individual)
  1. Signed/dated USA Hockey Consent to Treat/Medical History Form
- D. **PLAYER'S information\*** (in order of presentation for each individual)
  1. A verification and affirmation that a review of each player's birth certificate has been completed by a district registrar or his/her designee. When no verification or affirmation is indicated on the Certified Roster/ Credential Verification sheet, a copy of government-issued birth certificate or passport ID page for the rostered player is required (birth certificates issued by hospitals not acceptable).
  2. Signed/dated USA Hockey Consent to Treat/Medical History Form (signed by parent/legal guardian).
- E. **SANCTIONED Scoresheets**
  1. Sanctioned game scoresheets to verify compliance with the minimum number of required games for all players on Youth Tier I teams and Girls Tier I & Tier II teams. Youth teams/players are required to have played 20 games and each player must have played in at least 10 games. Girls teams/ players are required to have played 14 games and each player must have played in at least 10 games.



## EXHIBIT “A” – TEAM ENTRY FORM

**Due immediately after qualifying for the Tournament.**  
**Click [HERE](#) to complete Team Entry Form details.**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division: \_\_\_\_\_

USAH Association ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Home Colors: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Away Colors: \_\_\_\_\_


Does your team have both Home and Away jerseys? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

USA Hockey 1T Roster Team ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT "B" – CREDENTIAL VERIFICATION SHEET (FORM 1-C)

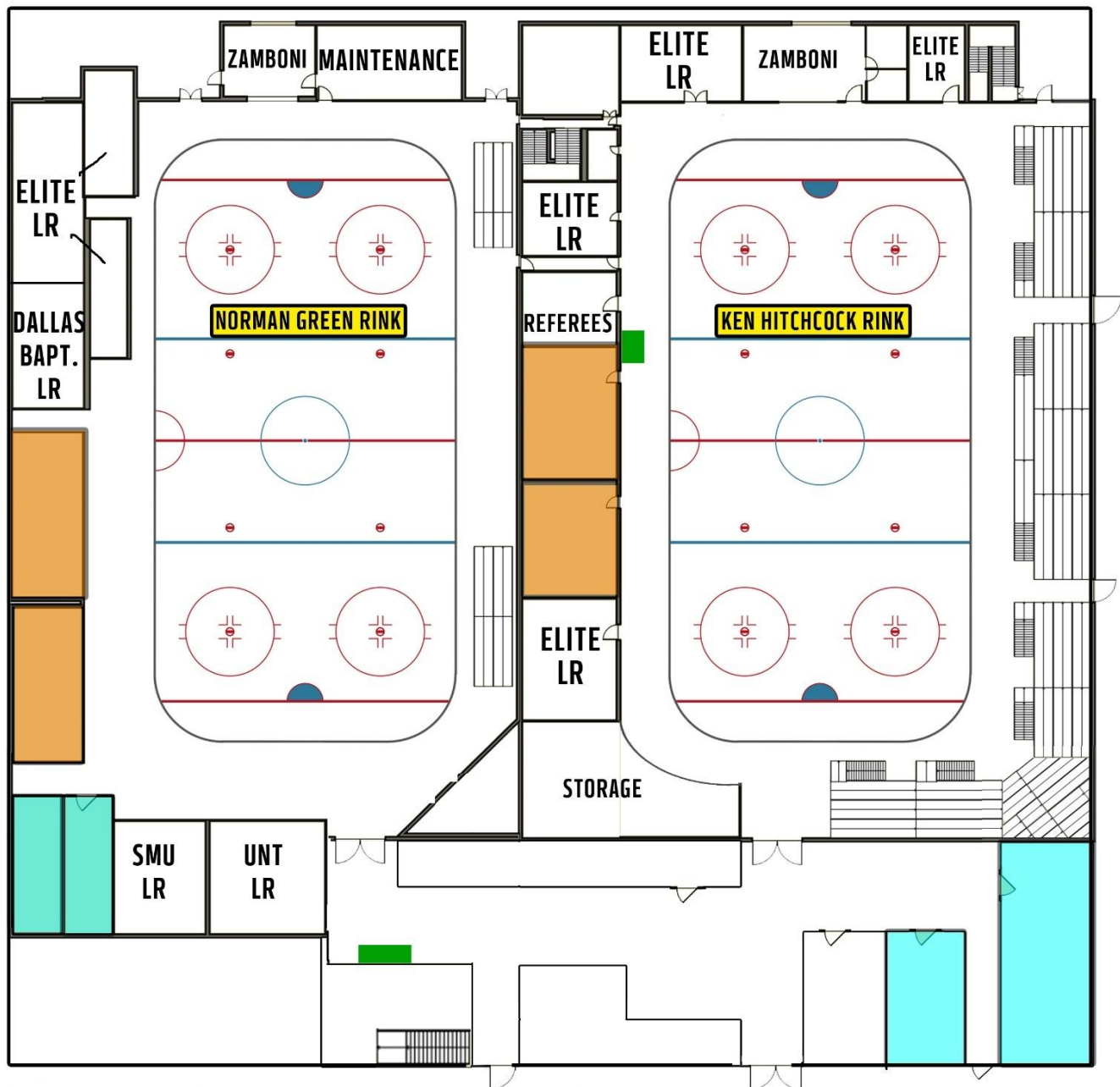
**Due immediately after qualifying for Tournament.  
Email completed form to your Affiliate Registrar.**

		<b>CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SHEET</b> DISTRICT / REGIONAL / NATIONAL		Team: Team ID: Program:		Classification: Category: Division:		Contact: Phone: Email:		Birth Date Verified US Citizen Verified Non-US Citizen Verified Transfer Complete Consent to Treat																	
Player Name	Position	Jersey	Date Rostered	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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A map of the Dallas-Fort Worth area showing a route from the airport to Children's Health StarCenter-Farmers Branch. The route is highlighted in blue and passes through several key locations: Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (A), 211 Cowboys Pkwy, Irving, Texas, United States (B), and Children's Health StarCenter-Farmers Branch (C). The map also shows other landmarks such as North Lake Park, Lifeline Children's Hospital, Innovista Medical Center - Las..., ICR Discovery Center, and Dallas Love Field (D). Major highways like I-635, I-35E, and I-77 are visible. A travel time of 50 minutes and a distance of 25.8 miles are indicated for the route from the airport to the hospital. Another travel time of 53 minutes and a distance of 30.7 miles are indicated for the route from the hospital to the center.

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# EXHIBIT "D" – CHILDREN'S HEALTH STARCENTER VALLEY RANCH RINK SCHEMATIC

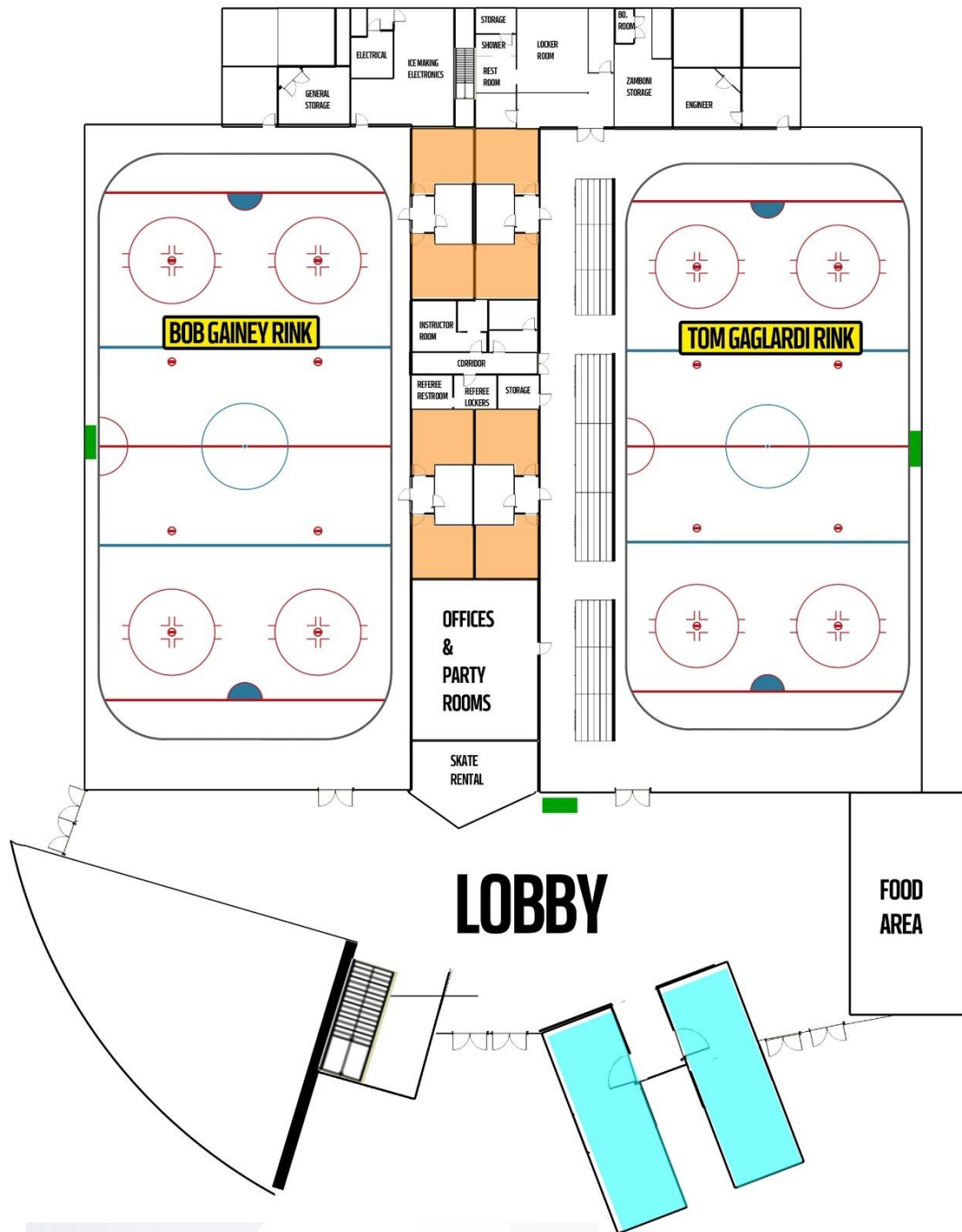


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# EXHIBIT “E” – CHILDREN’S HEALTH STARCENTER FARMERS BRANCH RINK SCHEMATIC



- Restrooms
- Public Locker Rooms
- AED



## 2025 RMD TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (SORT BY **YOUTH** DIVISION)

Rink	Sheet	Date	Day	Start	End	Team	Div	Home	Visitor
Valley Ranch	Green	3/6/25	Thursday	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	Youth	130	AZ Jr Coyotes	Dallas Stars Elite
Valley Ranch	Green	3/7/25	Friday	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	Youth	130	RM Roughriders	AZ Jr Coyotes
Valley Ranch	Green	3/8/25	Saturday	8:00 AM	9:45 AM	Youth	130	Dallas Stars Elite	RM Roughriders
Valley Ranch	Green	3/9/25	Sunday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Youth	130	Seed 1	Seed 2
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/6/25	Thursday	9:15 AM	11:00 AM	Youth	14U	CO Thunderbirds	Dallas Stars Elite
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/6/25	Thursday	11:15 AM	1:00 PM	Youth	14U	Wasatch Renegades	AZ Jr Coyotes
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/7/25	Friday	9:15 AM	11:00 AM	Youth	14U	AZ Jr Coyotes	Dallas Stars Elite
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/7/25	Friday	11:15 AM	1:00 PM	Youth	14U	Wasatch Renegades	CO Thunderbirds
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/8/25	Saturday	8:15 AM	10:00 AM	Youth	14U	CO Thunderbirds	AZ Jr Coyotes
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/8/25	Saturday	10:15 AM	12:00 PM	Youth	14U	Dallas Stars Elite	Wasatch Renegades
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/9/25	Sunday	8:15 AM	10:15 AM	Youth	14U	Seed 1	Seed 2
Valley Ranch	Green	3/6/25	Thursday	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Youth	150	Dallas Stars Elite	AZ Jr Coyotes
Valley Ranch	Green	3/7/25	Friday	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Youth	150	Okanagan Hockey CO	Dallas Stars Elite
Valley Ranch	Green	3/8/25	Saturday	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Youth	150	AZ Jr Coyotes	Okanagan Hockey CO
Valley Ranch	Green	3/9/25	Sunday	10:15 AM	12:30 PM	Youth	150	Seed 1	Seed 2
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/6/25	Thursday	1:15 PM	3:15 PM	Youth	16U	Okanagan Hockey CO	Wasatch Renegades
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/6/25	Thursday	3:30 PM	5:30 PM	Youth	16U	AZ Jr Coyotes	Dallas Stars Elite
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/7/25	Friday	1:15 PM	3:15 PM	Youth	16U	Dallas Stars Elite	Wasatch Renegades
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/7/25	Friday	3:30 PM	5:30 PM	Youth	16U	AZ Jr Coyotes	Okanagan Hockey CO
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/8/25	Saturday	12:15 PM	2:15 PM	Youth	16U	Okanagan Hockey CO	Dallas Stars Elite
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/8/25	Saturday	2:30 PM	4:30 PM	Youth	16U	Wasatch Renegades	AZ Jr Coyotes
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/9/25	Sunday	10:30 AM	12:45 PM	Youth	16U	Seed 1	Seed 2
Valley Ranch	Green	3/6/25	Thursday	1:15 PM	3:30 PM	Youth	18U	AZ Jr Coyotes	Wasatch Renegades
Valley Ranch	Green	3/6/25	Thursday	3:45 PM	6:00 PM	Youth	18U	Dallas Stars Elite	CO Rampage
Valley Ranch	Green	3/7/25	Friday	1:15 PM	3:30 PM	Youth	18U	CO Rampage	Wasatch Renegades
Valley Ranch	Green	3/7/25	Friday	3:45 PM	6:00 PM	Youth	18U	Dallas Stars Elite	AZ Jr Coyotes
Valley Ranch	Green	3/8/25	Saturday	12:15 PM	2:30 PM	Youth	18U	AZ Jr Coyotes	CO Rampage
Valley Ranch	Green	3/8/25	Saturday	2:45 PM	5:00 PM	Youth	18U	Wasatch Renegades	Dallas Stars Elite
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/9/25	Sunday	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	Youth	18U	Seed 1	Seed 2

*Note: All age division championship games on Sunday are in red font & shaded in yellow*

## 2025 RMD TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (SORT BY **GIRLS** DIVISION)

Rink	Sheet	Date	Day	Start	End	Team	Div	Home	Visitor
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/6/25	Thursday	12:00 PM	1:45 PM	Girls	T1 14	Team Colorado	Dallas Stars Elite
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/7/25	Friday	12:00 PM	1:45 PM	Girls	T1 14	AZ Kachinas	Team Colorado
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/8/25	Saturday	2:00 PM	3:45 PM	Girls	T1 14	Dallas Stars Elite	AZ Kachinas
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/9/25	Sunday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Girls	T1 14	<b>Seed 1</b>	<b>Seed 2</b>
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/6/25	Thursday	12:15 PM	2:15 PM	Girls	T1 16	AZ Kachinas	Dallas Stars Elite
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/7/25	Friday	12:15 PM	2:15 PM	Girls	T1 16	Team Colorado	AZ Kachinas
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/8/25	Saturday	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Girls	T1 16	Dallas Stars Elite	Team Colorado
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/9/25	Sunday	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	Girls	T1 16	<b>Seed 1</b>	<b>Seed 2</b>
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/6/25	Thursday	2:30 PM	4:30 PM	Girls	T1 19	Dallas Stars Elite	AZ Kachinas
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/6/25	Thursday	4:45 PM	6:45 PM	Girls	T1 19	UT Lady Grizzlies	Team Colorado
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/7/25	Friday	2:30 PM	4:30 PM	Girls	T1 19	Team Colorado	AZ Kachinas
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/7/25	Friday	4:45 PM	6:45 PM	Girls	T1 19	UT Lady Grizzlies	Dallas Stars Elite
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/8/25	Saturday	2:15 PM	4:15 PM	Girls	T1 19	Dallas Stars Elite	Team Colorado
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/8/25	Saturday	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	Girls	T1 19	AZ Kachinas	UT Lady Grizzlies
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/9/25	Sunday	12:30 PM	2:45 PM	Girls	T1 19	<b>Seed 1</b>	<b>Seed 2</b>
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/6/25	Thursday	8:00 AM	9:45 AM	Girls	T2 14	Arapahoe Lady Warriors	AZ Kachinas
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/6/25	Thursday	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Girls	T2 14	Houston Storm	UT Lady Grizzlies
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/7/25	Friday	8:00 AM	9:45 AM	Girls	T2 14	Colorado Springs Tigers	Arapahoe Lady Warriors
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/7/25	Friday	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Girls	T2 14	Mountain Select	Houston Storm
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/8/25	Saturday	8:00 AM	9:45 AM	Girls	T2 14	AZ Kachinas	Colorado Springs Tigers
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/8/25	Saturday	8:15 AM	10:00 AM	Girls	T2 14	UT Lady Grizzlies	Mountain Select
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/8/25	Saturday	6:15 PM	8:00 PM	Girls	T2 14	A - Seed 1	B - Seed 2
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/8/25	Saturday	6:45 PM	8:30 PM	Girls	T2 14	B - Seed 1	A - Seed 2
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/9/25	Sunday	10:15 AM	12:15 PM	Girls	T2 14	<b>Seed 1</b>	<b>Seed 2</b>
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/6/25	Thursday	8:15 AM	10:00 AM	Girls	T2 16	Boise Jr Steelheads	Dallas Stars Elite
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/6/25	Thursday	10:15 AM	12:00 PM	Girls	T2 16	UT Lady Grizzlies	AZ Kachinas
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/7/25	Friday	8:15 AM	10:00 AM	Girls	T2 16	Lady Roughriders	Boise Jr Steelheads
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/7/25	Friday	10:15 AM	12:00 PM	Girls	T2 16	Foothills Flyers	UT Lady Grizzlies
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/8/25	Saturday	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Girls	T2 16	Dallas Stars Elite	Lady Roughriders
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/8/25	Saturday	10:15 AM	12:00 PM	Girls	T2 16	AZ Kachinas	Foothills Flyers
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/8/25	Saturday	4:45 PM	6:30 PM	Girls	T2 16	A - Seed 1	B - Seed 2
Valley Ranch	Green	3/8/25	Saturday	5:15 PM	7:00 PM	Girls	T2 16	B - Seed 1	A - Seed 2
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/9/25	Sunday	10:45 AM	12:45 PM	Girls	T2 16	<b>Seed 1</b>	<b>Seed 2</b>
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/6/25	Thursday	2:00 PM	3:45 PM	Girls	T2 19	Mountain Select	Dallas Stars Elite
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/6/25	Thursday	4:00 PM	5:45 PM	Girls	T2 19	Boise Jr Steelheads	Foothills Flyers
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/7/25	Friday	2:00 PM	3:45 PM	Girls	T2 19	NM Mustangs	Mountain Select
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/7/25	Friday	4:00 PM	5:45 PM	Girls	T2 19	AZ Kachinas	Boise Jr Steelheads
Farmers Branch	Gainey	3/8/25	Saturday	12:00 PM	1:45 PM	Girls	T2 19	Dallas Stars Elite	NM Mustangs
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/8/25	Saturday	12:15 PM	2:00 PM	Girls	T2 19	Foothills Flyers	AZ Kachinas
Valley Ranch	Hitchcock	3/8/25	Saturday	6:45 PM	8:30 PM	Girls	T2 19	A - Seed 1	B - Seed 2
Valley Ranch	Green	3/8/25	Saturday	7:15 PM	9:00 PM	Girls	T2 19	B - Seed 1	A - Seed 2
Farmers Branch	Gaglardi	3/9/25	Sunday	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Girls	T2 19	<b>Seed 1</b>	<b>Seed 2</b>

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