

Brainerd Amateur Hockey Association

Tournament Rules

Note: ZERO TOLERANCE policy enforced for spectators, players, and coaches. Please be respectful.

Registration: Check-In will be in the main lobby of the Essentia Health Sports Center. This must be completed by a manager/coach 45 minutes prior to your first game. Birth Certificates (if there is not a verification stamp on the roster), Certified USA Hockey Roster, and any Player Waivers are required.

- All games will be played in accordance with USA Hockey Rules as modified by Minnesota Hockey
- 20 players may be rostered/dressed by each team per game. Maximum of 4 rostered coaches will be allowed on the bench during games.
- Each game will consist of three (3) fifteen (15) minute stop time periods. During the 3rd period running time will be used for a 6 or more goal differential scenario.
- Bantam, Peewee, and 12U - Every 2 periods will get an ice resurface.
- Squirt/10U – Game will start with fresh ice, with no resurfacing during the game.
- Penalties – **We will follow the current USA Hockey penalty guidelines for each age level.**
- Fighting – **ABSOLUTELY NO FIGHTING** will be tolerated during this tournament. Referee instruction is to eject a player who drops his or her stick and/or gloves or otherwise engages in fighting no matter provocation. Referee has sole discretion fighting and intent to injure which may include disqualification for the remainder of the tournament. At a minimum an ejection from the game and the next game plus a 5 minute major penalty will apply.

Round Robin Tournament

1. Pool play will consist of a team playing the other teams from their respective pool once each to determine seeds for the final round.
2. Teams will earn 3 points for a Win and 1 point for a Tie. No overtime in pool play.
3. Below Tie Breaker rules apply in the event of a tie in points after pool play.

Tie - Breaker Rules

1. Head to Head
2. Fewest goals allowed
3. Fewest Penalty Minutes
4. Goal Differential – Max per game is 5 goals
5. Coin Flip

Overtime Rules (Non-Pool Play)

1. There is a 1 minute rest period before beginning the 5 minute overtime period. No resurface.
2. It will be played with 4 skaters and 1 goaltender per team. The first team to score wins. We will repeat steps 1 and 2 if still tied after the 1st overtime. If no winner is declared after 2 overtime periods we will go to a shootout. Home team will have choice of offense or defense first.
3. The format for the shootout will be best of 5. If still tied, the Sudden Death format will then be used. Players will not be allowed to shoot twice until all players from the shortest roster have been used.

Attention Coaches

In order to keep the tournament running on time please be aware of the following guidelines.

1. **Warm-Ups** – A 5 minute warm up session will be permitted before the start of the game.
 - Please be ready **15 minutes prior** to your scheduled game time. **Game time means dropping the puck at that time. We may start early if necessary.**
 - No pucks will be allowed on the ice after the warm up session provided or between periods.
Exception – To warm up a goaltender after an injury.
2. **Rest Periods** – Each team will get 1 timeout per game (overtime included).
 - There will be a 2 minute rest when no resurfacing. A 10 minute rest will apply with a resurface.
3. **Home Team** – The team listed first in pool play or final round will be the home team and will wear white/light jerseys.

Other Items to note

- * USA Hockey facemask and mouth guard rules apply. Canadian teams must wear CAHA equipment
 - * Any spearing, butt ending, or intent to injure will be a 5 minute major and tournament disqualification.
 - * Any abusive language or conduct by players, coaches, or managers will result in a minor penalty plus a game misconduct. If occurrence is after the game, the offender will miss the next game.
 - * Any player who is currently a member of any High School A or B team (United States or Canada) is not allowed to play in this tournament.
 - * “Proper” Certified team roster must be submitted and approved at time of check in. Rosters are then **final**. No player may play for more than 1 team regardless of registration including goaltenders.
 - * BAHA, officials, arena operators, and all other tournament personnel shall not be held liable for any injuries sustained during this tournament.
 - * Any player or team(coach) that obtains the maximum penalty threshold during a game will be ejected, and also will miss their next game as per USA Hockey rules.
 - * USA Hockey certified referees will operate under Minnesota Hockey rules. **NO PROTESTS ALLOWED.**
 - * Certified Medical Attendants will be at each game.
 - * Teams must compete in their registered division.
 - * All coaches must be up to date with coaching certification for the proper level they are coaching.
- ***Brainerd Hockey reserves the right to modify these rules in the event of an injury to a**

player, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Your help in following these guidelines will be appreciated.