Stick It To Cancer Rules

**Team Conduct:** Stick It officials expect the conduct of players and coaches to be beyond reproach, both on and off the ice. Any misconduct will result in immediate and prompt disqualification from the tournament. Coaches and other members of the official team delegation are responsible for the conduct of players and any damages that occur at competition venues and other tournament facilities. Spectators are also advised that Stick It has established a “zero tolerance” policy with regard to abusive language and unsportsmanlike behavior toward opposing team players, coaches and fans, as well as referees, volunteers and tournament officials. Spectators violating this policy will be immediately escorted from the venue.

**Game Schedules:** All teams must be prepared to play their first game as early as 3:00pm on Friday and their final game on Sunday, anytime until 5:00pm. Stick It organizers will make every effort to ensure equal treatment is provided to all teams when preparing game schedules. Special scheduling requests are due in writing by the entry deadline. The organizers will make every effort to accommodate those requests, but cannot promise every request will be accepted.

**Game Procedures:** Tournament managers will be available to help keep games running on time and act as an authority in the event of a dispute or tournament related issue. Tournament organizers have instructed all managers and game officials to make sure the competition schedule is followed and all games start on time. The following includes standard information and procedures that will be followed for all tournament games:

- The first team listed should be considered the HOME team. In the event of bracket play, the top team listed should be considered the HOME team. The home team must have an alternate colored jersey available and be prepared to change if there is a color conflict.
- Due to COVID, teams will be allowed inside the Super Rink 15 minutes prior to the start time listed on the tournament schedule (unless covid restrictions have changed at the time of the tournament, in which a detailed email will be sent out to all team managers).
- Every effort will be made to provide teams with a warm-up period before each game. Teams should be ready to take the ice as soon as the preceding game is completed.

**Roster Protests:**

- All WHAM registered players must submit current level played on the Stick It To Cancer Level of Play Form that will be sent to the team captains two weeks prior to the event. If this is not completed and there is a protest, the player will be deemed an illegal player.
- Players may only be rostered on one team in a specific division.
- All protests must be made by the Head Coach to be valid. If it is deemed that a player has violated an eligibility rule, the player will be disqualified from the tournament and the offending team will forfeit the game in question.
Game Protocol/Rules for Adult/College Divisions:

- There will be a four minute warm-up before the game and one minute rest between periods. All three periods will be 12 minutes, stop-time. In the result of a six goal differential, the entire third period will be running time.
- No time outs in any game.
- Co-ed teams must have two women on the ice at all times.
- All games will be officiated by volunteer referees who work under the USA Hockey rules and regulations. All games will follow USA Hockey rules as modified by Minnesota Hockey.

Game Protocol/Rules for Youth Divisions:

- There will be a five minute warm-up before the game and one minute rest between periods and a resurface every two periods. All three periods will be 15 minutes, stop-time. In the result of a six goal differential, the entire third period will be running time.
- One time out allowed per game for each team.
- All games will be officiated by volunteer referees who work under the USA Hockey rules and regulations. This tournament is not a sanctioned event, however, all games will follow USA Hockey rules as modified by Minnesota Hockey.

There is no overtime to be played at youth or adult. All tied games are decided by donation totals. The team who donated more money will win.