

Luverne Hockey Association

Tournament Rules

1. All games will be played under USA Hockey rules as modified by MN Hockey and local association rules. A copy of the MN Hockey handbook will be available on the score table.
2. Tournament games will have USA Hockey registered referees at the correct level of play. All referee decisions are final. No protest will be allowed. Any abuse of officials by a player, coach or fan will result in removal from the tournament.
3. All tournaments will always have a trained medical professional (First Responder) at the arena.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Any player, coach, or fan exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior will be ejected from the game and/or tournament by the officials, the Tournament Director or any member of LHA Board of Directors and Arena Staff. In all other matters not covered above, the Tournament Director decision will be final.
5. The top team in all brackets is the home team and will wear light colored jerseys. The visiting team will wear dark colored jerseys.
6. All teams from outside of Minnesota will be informed of the MAHA age cutoffs and given the opportunity to withdraw from the tournament if they do not consent to play given the possible age disparities.
7. The Tournament Director will be responsible for checking team rosters, rosters should be a USA hockey roster, approved by the USA Hockey Registrar approximately 45 minutes before the team's first game.
8. The ice will be resurfaced before every game of the tournament for PeeWee, Squirt, 12U & 10U Girls. Bantam games will have an ice resurface every 2 periods. Resurfacing times may be changed at the discretion of the rink manager.
9. Each team will have a 5-minute warm – up prior to the start of the game. Squirts & 10U level of play will consist of 3 – 12 minute stop periods. PeeWee, Bantam and Girls 12U level of play will consist of 3 – 15-minute stop periods. One minute rest period between periods.

10. Each team will be allowed 1 minute time out per game. A 5-goal lead at any time will result in running time until the lead falls to less than 5 – goals.
11. Penalties for all levels of games will be 2 minutes for a minor; 5 minutes for a major and 10 minutes for game misconduct.
12. A game ejection will automatically be assessed when a player receives their fourth penalty during a single game. The player will be removed only from the game being played. The referees and coaches are responsible for enforcing this rule. Fighting penalty will warrant expulsion from the tournament. All other infractions will follow USA hockey rules.
13. During pool play ties will be allowed and points will be awarded as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a shutout, 1 point for a tie and 0 for a loss.
14. If at the end of the round robin play, there is a tie in the point standings, the tie will be broken in the following order: 1) head-to-head play, 2) least goals scored against in all games in round robin play, 3) goal differential, 4) coin flip.
15. There will be no ties during tournament play on Sunday. If a tie exists at the end of regulation play, there will be a one-minute rest period, followed by 5 minutes sudden death period without changing ends or resurfacing. If a tie still exists at the end of the overtime, each head coach will select five players to participate in a shootout, and teams will alternate shots with the visiting team shooting first, until a winner is determined. If there is still a tie, the shootout continues with sudden death rounds, with no players being repeated, until all players have participated.
16. All players must wear USA and Minnesota Hockey required equipment, including helmets, facemasks, and mouth guards. No persons other than certified coaches or rostered player are allowed on the player bench. Any player not suited for the game must wear an approved helmet and facemask while on the player bench. Canadian teams must wear protective equipment as designated by CAHA.
17. Each team is responsible for adult locker room supervision at all times while at the Blue Mound Ice arena. Keys for locker rooms will be issued prior to each game.
18. Tournament Entry fee paid in advance upon registration. No gate fees.
19. No parent/spectator is allowed on the ice surface at any time before, during or after the games per new USA Hockey guidelines