

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 if not done online with tournament coordinator. 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, 15U & 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 regarding 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 FOR POOL PLAY**
3. Below Tie Breaker Rules apply in the event of a tie in points after pool play.

Overtime Rules (Non-Pool Play) and Tie-breaking procedures

- All pool play games on Friday and Saturday that end in a tie will not play overtime. Overtime will only be played on Sunday.
- Overtime will be considered an extension of the 3rd period and will consist of a five (5) minute, sudden death period. The period will be played 3 on 3 and with goalies.
- If a tie still remains, a 3-player shootout will determine the winning team. If still tied, a sudden death shootout will determine the winning team.
- Any player serving a penalty when the game clock expires will not be allowed to participate in the shoot-out. Also, no player will be allowed to shoot twice until all players have participated in the shoot-out.

Tie breaking procedure for teams tied after pool play. Pool winners are seeded first, followed by Wild Card qualifiers:

1. Head-to-head records
2. Least goals allowed
3. Goal differential (Max of 6 per game)
4. Least penalty minutes
5. Coin toss

Attention Coaches

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

- **Warm-Ups** – A 5-minute warmup 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.**
 - No pucks will be allowed on the ice after the warmup session or between periods.
 - **Exception** – to warm up a goaltender after an injury
- **Rest Periods** – Each team will get 1 timeout per game (overtime included)
- **Home Team** – the team listed **SECOND** 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 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.**