

West End Classic Tournament Rules and Regulations



Registration

- A representative from each team must check in at the tournament office prior to their first game. Check-in includes confirming team rosters and addressing any last-minute updates.
- Each player must sign the official game sheet before their first game to be eligible to play.
- Teams are encouraged to arrive at least 1 hour before their first game to ensure a smooth process.
- The tournament fee must be paid in full before the first game.

Coaching Staff Responsibilities

- Coaches must ensure players and parents understand and adhere to all tournament rules.
- Coaches are expected to promote good sportsmanship and a respectful atmosphere.
- It is the coach's responsibility to ensure player eligibility and timely game attendance.
- Any coach found playing an ineligible or suspended player may have their team **disqualified** from the tournament.

Rosters and Eligibility

- All players and non-playing staff must sign the official roster before participating.
- Game sheets must be signed by non-playing personnel before each game.
- Players can only play for one team per age group and cannot play in a younger division.
- Teams can carry up to 17 players, including goalies.
- A player must participate in at least two round-robin games to be eligible for semifinals or finals.

- Substitutes must be cleared with the on-site coordinator prior to playing.
- Fighting will not be tolerated. Any players involved in a fight will no longer be ineligible for the tournament. (Tournament director discretion)

Gameplay Rules

- All games follow Hockey Canada rules, unless otherwise noted.
- Period Length (for all divisions): 12-12-12 minutes
- Penalties:
 - Minor: 2 minutes
 - Major: 5 minutes
 - Misconduct: Immediate removal and subject to review
- Timeouts: One 30-second timeout per team in elimination games only
- Overtime Rules:
 - No OT in round-robin games (games may end in a tie)
 - Elimination games: 5-minute 3-on-3 sudden death; if still tied, a 3-player shootout followed by sudden death rounds
- Goal Differential Cap: Maximum +5 goal differential will be applied per game for standings/tiebreakers.
- If a team is trailing by 5 or more goals in the third period, the clock will switch to running time. If the goal difference is reduced to less than 5, stop time will resume.
- Early Start Notice: Games may begin up to 15 minutes before the scheduled time. Teams must be ready to go.

Divisions

The tournament features four divisions:

- **U9**
- **U10**
- **U11**
- **U13**

Each division consists of 4 teams.

Tournament Format

Round Robin (Days 1–2):

- Each team plays 3 round-robin games within their division.
- All teams advance to the semifinals based on round-robin standings.

Semifinals (Day 2) & Finals (Day 3):

- 1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd within each division.
- Winners of the semifinals play in the division championship final.

Points System & Tie-Breakers

- **Win:** 2 points
- **Tie:** 1 point
- **Loss:** 0 points

Tie-breakers (in order):

1. Head-to-head result
2. Goal differential (**max +5 per game**)
3. Goals for
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. Coin toss

Discipline & Conduct

- **Zero Tolerance Policy:**
Any verbal or physical abuse directed at referees, players, coaches, staff, or spectators will result in **immediate ejection** and possible suspension for the remainder of the tournament.
- This applies to **players, coaches, and spectators**.
- Tournament staff reserve the right to remove or ban any individual in violation of this policy.

General Rules

- Teams must supply their own **warm-up pucks**
- Only players and rostered bench staff are allowed on the bench
- Formal **protests** must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes of game end

We look forward to hosting your team at the West End Classic. Best of luck to all teams!

"I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by all the rules and guidelines as stated. I accept full responsibility for complying with the terms and conditions outlined."

Signature: _____

Date: _____

We look forward to hosting your team at the **West End Classic**.
Good luck to all participants and may the best teams. WIN!