

Tournament Rules & Regulations

1) **Eligibility:** This tournament is open to registered NOVICE and ATOM Rep teams from the following eligible centres: **BB, B, CC, C, DD**

2) **Sportsmanship and Conduct:** All play is to exhibit the best in good sportsmanship and good conduct.

3) **Games:** All teams will play a minimum of 3 games. Based on standings eligible teams will proceed through playoffs to determine a tournament champion depending on the amount of teams per Division. The cost of the Tournament based on a 3 game Round Robin Guarantee. Organizers reserve the right to establish different playoff formats due to circumstances and registration per division.

4) **Points System:** 2 points will be awarded for winning a period and 1 point for tying a period. 4 points will be awarded for winning a game. The total points from all preliminary games will decide the standings. If a tie still exists at the end of preliminary games, the tie is broken in order of the following ways:

- a) Winner of Head to Head
- b) Goals against
- c) Goals for
- d) Least penalty minutes (all penalties)
- e) Coin toss

5) **Playing Rules:** All OMHA/Hockey Canada playing rules will apply.

6) **Certification:** All teams must have a Certified Coach and Certified Trainer rostered with the team.

7) **Registration:**

- a) Teams must arrive at least 1 hour prior to your first game to register for the tournament.
- b) Approved roster sheets are required in order to be eligible for participation in tournament games. Rosters must be presented in advance and sign-in completed upon arrival.
- c) All team officials must have a valid Prevention Services (PRS) certification.
- d) A team official must complete the game sheet player information prior to the start of each game.

8) **Game Regulations:**

- a) Please be prepared to play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of your game. Depending on the day's progress, games may begin early. You will be notified.
- b) Period lengths 10/10/10 (stop time).
- c) There will be a 3-minute warm up.
- d) **Time outs are not permitted until playoff rounds.**
- e) There will not be any floods between periods.
- f) The score differential on the scoreboard will NOT exceed 5 goals at any time. The gamesheet will account for all goals.
- g) In the event of a tie at the end of a playoff game teams will play a five minute 3 on 3 sudden victory period. If the score is still tied at the end of the overtime period each team will select 5 players for a shoot out. If the score is still tied at the end of the first five shooters a sudden victory shootout will commence with the remaining eligible players until a goal is scored. **Penalties carry forward into the overtime period. In the event of a penalty during overtime the opposing team will add a man to the ice for a 4 on 3.** The 4th player will remain on the ice at the end of the penalty for a 4 on 4 until the first stoppage of play at which time a 3 on 3 will resume. **Players that are serving a penalty at the end of the overtime period are not eligible to participate in the shoot out.**

9) **Penalties:** All penalties assessed as per OMHA rules.

- a) Any player incurring three (3) minor penalties of any kind within the same game will be

ejected from the remainder of the game.

b) Any player or team official who receives any major for fighting or a gross misconduct or a match penalty will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.

10) **Disputes:** If necessary, the Tournament Committee will arbitrate any dispute, and their decision will be accepted as binding. In addition, all rules and regulations as set out in the OMHA rulebook will apply and all team members and officials will abide by them accordingly.

11) **Mandatory Equipment:** All OMHA rules regarding mandatory equipment will be enforced. This equipment includes approved helmets, proper neck protectors, chin straps, mouth guards and mask straps that must be fastened at all times.

12) Designated HOME teams shall be responsible for changing sweaters in the event of a sweater similarity.

13) **Special Events:** Please see tournament information for event details if special events are applicable to your tournament.