



Rules & Tournament Information - *Updated 8/6/18*

- This is a USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournament in which all [USA Hockey Rules](#) will apply with some additions.
- Generally, schedule will be released 10-14 days prior to the tournament.
- All teams must be certified with USA Hockey, the Canadian Hockey Association or the appropriate IIHF affiliate.
- All teams must provide a copy of their certified roster prior to the first game of the tournament. Only players that are listed on their team's certified roster are eligible to participate. Any team using a non-rostered player in any game will forfeit all round-robin games and not be eligible to participate in playoffs. In this case, entry fees will not be refunded.
- Teams must provide a travel permit (if required by their governing body) prior to the first game of the tournament.
- Teams must be ready to play 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time. If the tournament is running ahead of schedule, teams are expected to be ready to play 30 minutes early. Failure to comply with this rule could result in a 2 minute bench minor penalty to start the game. The tournament committee has the right to use their best judgement in any case - especially if involves a playoff game, missing goalies, & or a possible forfeit.
- A team rep and head coach must sign in prior to each game at our tournament headquarters.
- All games will be officiated by officials registered with USA Hockey & in good standing with USA Hockey that are deemed qualified to officiate at which level they're assigned.
- All teams must bring two (2) sets of jerseys. The home team will wear a white or light colored jersey and the away team will wear a dark colored jersey. All players must wear numbered jerseys in the proper team colors.
- All players must wear all the mandatory equipment mandated by their respective governing body.
Canadian teams are required to wear mouth and neck guards according to their governing body

- A team manager or coach must submit a score sheet label before each game with their players names & numbers listed on it.
- A maximum of four team officials may be on the player's bench at one time.
- Each team (except Mites) will need to provide a penalty box official for each game. This person becomes an off ice official & must remain neutral during the game & help the on ice officials, if needed.
- All teams are guaranteed four (4) games of play.

GAME FORMAT

- Three minute warm up
- Mite Division = (2) 20 minutes running-time with a quick stoppage of play every 2 minutes for line changes
- All Mite games will be played using the half-ice format.
- Squirt, Pee Wee, Girls 12u, Bantam, & Girls 14u Divisions = (3) 12 minutes stop-time periods
- Midget, Girls 16u, & Adult Divisions = (3) 13 minutes stop-time periods
- A running clock will be used in the third period when a team is ahead by 5 or more goals. If the gap is closed to 4 goals, then stop time will resume. Maximum goal differential attainable per game is +/- 5.
- Time-Outs are ONLY allowed in Championship Games.
- Minor Penalties - (2) mins. - Double Minor Penalties - (4) mins. - Major Penalties - (5) mins.
- Any players or coaches receiving a Game Misconduct must sit the following game. All officials' decisions to issue Game Misconduct's are final and will not be overturned.
- Any player receiving five (5) penalties in one game will be ejected from the remainder of that game & must sit the following game.
- If a team receives 15 or more penalties in one game, the head coach must sit the following game.
- Any players or coaches receiving a Match Penalty, they're unable to return to play until they receive a USA Hockey hearing. This will result in expulsion from the tournament & will not be welcomed back to any other TCS events.
- Fighting will not be tolerated and will result in a tournament ejection. Players may be subject to additional suspensions by their home governing bodies.
- Suspensions resulting from Game Misconducts, Match or Fighting Penalties that are mandated by USA Hockey or tournament rules will not be overturned by the tournament director under any circumstances. No tournament official has the right to change a score sheet or reverse a call from a referee. Once the game is over, the score sheet is final.
- Officials will be informed to be very strict regarding our zero tolerance policy. TCS Hockey &/or rink management reserves the right to remove from the rink – players, coaches, or spectators who violate

USA Hockey zero tolerance policies.

- **Protests will not be accepted or considered for any reasons. The decisions by our on-ice officials are final and will not be overturned by the tournament committee. Game suspensions and tie-breaker related issues are final made by the tournament committee.**
- **Any forfeited games will be recorded as a 3-0 score. Any forfeited games affecting other teams in terms of playoff status, may be reviewed by the tournament committee to determine which teams advance beyond robin play.**
- **Games can be stopped and ended at any time if our officials or tournament directors feel that continuing play is considered to be not in the best interest of the tournament and everyone involved.**
- **Round-Robin Point System: 2 points for WIN & 1 point for TIE, & 0 for LOSS**
- **Tie breaker system – In the event of one or more teams ending up with the same amount of points in round-robin play, final standings will be determined by the following criteria: Head to Head competition (with 3 or more teams tied, all teams must have played each other and there must be an obvious winner) If not, we go to the following: Most Wins, Goals Differential, Fewest Goals Against, Most Goals For, Fewest Penalty Minutes, & Coin toss.**
- **Tie game system – a tie will remain a tie in round-robin play. For all playoff & championship games if tied after regulation play, we will play one (5) minute running sudden death overtime period (4 on 4, plus goalies). If tied after the overtime period, we will then go to a 3 player shootout in which most goals wins. If tied after the 3 player shootout, we will then go to a sudden death shootout until winner is decided. Each team must continue through their roster until all players have taken a shot & players will continue to shoot in the same order as their first shots.**

Anything not covered here shall be directed to the tournament directors who will have final say on any and all matters.