2018 Flight on Ice

Tournament Rules

1. The following games will be 13-13-13 minute periods all levels.
   Mercy Rule: 6-goal differential in the beginning of the 3rd period ONLY go to running clock.
2. Teams must be prepared to begin a game 15 minutes ahead of schedule.
3. Teams will receive 1 point for winning a period and .5 points for tying a period.
4. Team will receive 2 points for winning a game and 1 point for tying a game.
5. Playoff games that are tied after regulation will play a 5-minute sudden death overtime followed by a 5-man shootout. If the score remains tied teams will participate in a 1 vs. 1 shootout until one-team scores and the other does not. All players must shoot once before any player shoots twice.
6. All games will use the 1.5-minute minor, 4-minute major and 7.5-minute misconduct penalty format. All fighting penalties will carry a tournament suspension.
7. 4 team divisions will play a 3 game preliminary round followed by a championship game between the 1st and 2nd place teams
8. 5 team divisions will play a 2 game preliminary round to obtain seeds 1st thru 5th. Then 4th will play 5th to determine which team advances to the semi-final to play the 1st seed. 2nd plays 3rd to determine who will play in the final.
9. 6 team divisions will all play 3 games, then the 2nd v 3rd place team will have a play-off game for the second place spot in the Championship game.
10. 8 team divisions will be separated into East, West, North or South Divisions
11. Each team will play the other teams in their division to obtain a seed of 1, 2. The semi finals will be the 1st seed in the East vs. the 2nd seed in the West and vice versa. Winners of these 2 games will play in the final.
12. 8 team divisions that are separated into 2 smaller divisions American and National will have 3 games with top 2 teams going to championship in each of their respective divisions. (see below)
13. In some instances we have broken down an 8 team division and created 4 team divisions to give teams a more competitive edge by having their own Championship game, rather than to use the seeding process.
14. Tie breakers between teams with equal points will be in this order:
    a) Most wins
    b) Better head to head record
    c) (GF-GA) divided by GF-> Higher decimal # advances
    d) Fewest penalties
    e) Coin toss

- All teams will receive 3 minutes to warm up starting immediately after the ice cut.
- All teams are permitted 1 timeout per game. No time out is permitted in any overtime period unless it was not used during the regular periods.
- **Any player that receives 5 penalties in a game will be ejected from that game and suspended from the following game.**
- **If a team receives 15 or more penalties the head coach will be suspended for the following game.**
- Rosters are frozen the first day of the tournament. (A player on the roster must play at least 1 game prior to the semi-final & championship games to be eligible to play in the semi finals & final games.
- The tournament director will answer all questions
- There are **NO** cow bells or horns allowed in the stands
- Parents/fans are to conduct themselves in a respectable manner according to USA Hockey Rules. Coaches or players reprimanding the referees will not be tolerated. Any fisticuffs during the tournament result in automatic suspension from the tournament games.
- **All referee decisions are final.** The tournament director(s) will not overrule the referee's decision! Keep in mind that there are only two referees on the ice and over 100 spectators during the game. We ask that the coaches, players, and spectators be courteous and respectful to the referees. We support the **"ZERO TOLERANCE"** rule regarding on-ice and off-ice conduct. Any inappropriate behavior may be subject to ejection from the game or rink. Please keep in mind that amateur youth hockey is for recreation and the referees are not professionals. Any appropriate complaints must be addressed by your coaches with a tournament director. Those parents/fans not following the **ZERO TOLERANCE** rule, will be removed from the arena.
- Thank you to all the teams and **GOOD LUCK!**