

The Pond Ice Arena's TOURNAMENT Rules

SPRING THAW

- 3 Games minimum, 5 Games maximum.
- Squirt game lengths will be three 12-12-12 minute periods.
- PeeWee through M18AA game lengths will be three 13-13-13 minute periods.
- **Teams must use 2018-2019 season birth dates for this tournament.**

All full ice games will start following a 3-minute warm-up. This will ensure that all games start and end on time.

- All games are sanctioned by USA Hockey
- **Teams must be prepared to begin a game 15 minutes a-head of schedule.**
- One Time Out per team per game

Penalties: **1:30 for Minors 4:00 for Majors 7.5 for Misconduct**

Any player who receives 5 penalties in a game will be ejected from that game and is also suspended from the following game. If a head coach receives 15 or more penalties in a game he will be suspended for the following game.

- Rosters are frozen the first day of the tournament. (Any rostered player must play in at least 1 round robin game to be eligible to participate in semi-final or championship games)
- **Mercy Rule: 6-goal differential in the beginning of the 3rd period ONLY go to running clock.**
- Points system is as follows:
 - 2 Points for a win.**
 - 1 Point for a tie.**
 - 0 Points for a loss.**
- In the event of a tie for a playoff position, the following criteria will be used to determine the team's placement:
 - 1. Total team points**
 - 2. Most wins**
 - 3. Better Head to Head Record**
 - 4. (GF-GA) divided by GF->Higher decimal # advances**
 - 5. Least number of penalties assessed. Each penalty shall count as one team penalty (Total for all 3 Round Robin Games)**
 - 6. Coin Toss**

- **Playoffs or Championship only!**

If there is a tie at the end of regulation play, a 5-minute sudden death period will be played. If the Over time does not present a winner, then a shootout, consisting of 5-players from each team will be used to determine a winner.

- 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!**