

## INITIATION TOURNAMENT RULES

- All players, team officials and spectators should remember this is a game played for fun – relax and enjoy the games – observe the Fair Play Codes.
- Please review the Tournament Rules with your players and coaching staff.
- Teams should be ready to go on the ice 10 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- All games to be played on cross-ice. Coaches may need to assist referees in moving bumpers before and after floods.
- All games will consist of a 3-minute warm-up. The warm up will begin as soon as the ice is ready (Zamboni off ice and gates closed) or if there is no ice clean once the preceding teams have gone to their dressing rooms. (Please leave room for teams exiting the ice to go to their dressing rooms and to let the next teams on).
- There will be three 15 min periods. After warm-up, 15 minutes will be put on the score clock and started immediately. The penalty time on the score clock will be used to keep track of 3-minute shifts and the horn will sound at the end of the 3-minutes regardless of where the play is Referees will then face-off new lines at center ice and the 3 minutes will start once the puck has been dropped. The 3-minute shift clock will not be stopped regardless of goals, face-offs, etc., unless there is an injury.
- When a goalie freezes the puck or another stoppage occurs, the referee will blow the whistle to stop the play and then throw the puck into the corner allowing the play to continue.
- Face-offs at center ice will occur after goals and line changes. Offside and icing rules are not in effect.
- The *Gretzky Rule* – maximum of three goals per player per game - is in effect. If the same player in one game scores a fourth goal, this goal will NOT count and the puck will be thrown into the corner in the end zone where that goal was scored (not at centre ice).
- Games may end in a tie – no over time.

**NOTE - ALL referee decisions are FINAL.** We ask that you not approach any tournament member with referee complaints, as we do not have the authority to override their calls/decisions.

**NOTE** - Verbal or physical abuse of or by players, spectators, coaches or any tournament officials will NOT be tolerated. If you disregard this policy you will be asked to leave the arena, if needed. The game will stop and the time clock will remain running until you do so. **Also, the Tournament Chair has final say should there be any issues.**

HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT!