

Novice Tournament Rules

These rules are in addition to all OMAHA, BCAHA and Hockey Canada rules in effect, including suspensions, and are applicable to all players and team officials. The tournament will be run as per BC Hockey Regulation 3.39.

BC HOCKEY REGULATION 3.39

Tournaments shall be permitted in Novice and Initiation divisions, but such tournaments shall be conducted on a **non-competitive basis**. The use of a knockout format, championship rounds or identification of winners is **strictly prohibited**; all teams in the tournament shall play equal number of games; and **no standings of any kind are to be kept**.

ROUND ROBIN GAMES

All games will be 3 –15 minute running time periods to keep within the 1-hour time frame. Ice cleaning will occur after every game.

Teams must be ready to go on the ice 10 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time, should the previous game finish early. A 2-minute warm up will start when the ice is ready (Zamboni off ice and gates closed) or when previous participants vacate ice. Delays in any game totaling over 5 minutes may result in the adjustment of the third period at the discretion of the referee.

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 face-off will be in the end zone where that goal was scored (not at centre ice).

Penalties will result in a penalty shot being awarded. If the player doesn't score a face off will take place in the offending players teams zone.

Goals, assists and penalties will be recorded on the score sheet.

The score will be kept up on the scoreboard. If the goal spread between two teams is 3 or more goals the actual score will not be recorded on the clock.

Neither team shall benefit from or use the dead end of the ice during warm up unless both teams have access to an equal portion of it. Neither team shall use the dead end of the ice during game play.

GAME MISCONDUCT: Any player or team official incurs two game misconducts within the tournament shall be ejected for the remainder of the tournament.

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, team officials 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.**

Please ensure all dressing rooms are clean at the end of the every game. Any room left in poor condition will result in a fine being issued to the offending team by arena management and a letter drafted to their home association.

HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT!