

WELCOME TO THE
35TH ANNUAL



Friends on Ice
TOURNAMENT

Hinton Ringette “Friends on Ice” Tournament Rules

1. The Hinton Ringette Tournament is sanctioned by Ringette Alberta and therefore all RAB rules and Ringette Canada Official Rules will be followed unless otherwise specified.
2. No unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated from the spectators or coaches. In the event that there is such conduct, the officials will ask this person to leave the building. If, after 3 minutes the person has not left, a penalty will be assigned to the team associated with the person who is at fault. If the person refuses to leave, the team with unsportsmanlike conduct may forfeit the game.
3. There will be no finals for U10-S2. All Step 2 players will be awarded a participation medal after their final game (There is an extra 15 minutes denoted for medals on ice. If time does not allow medals will be given to head coaches). There are no refs for the U10 level. A coach for each team should be on the ice to act as a ref and ensure fair play.
4. All players and coaching staff must be registered with their applicable provincial or zone body.
5. All players and team staff must be named on the game sheet.
 - a. All Team Staff must have a certified female coach on the bench.
6. In the case of conflict in uniform color, the visiting team must change their uniforms.
7. Teams must be ready to go on the ice ten (10) minutes before game time. Teams not on ice within two (2) minutes of the referee’s whistle being blown to start, the Team will forfeit the game.
8. Game sheets are to be picked up and dropped off at the registration table in the main foyer of the Recreation Centre.
9. Game sheets are to be completed and signed by each coach prior to game start time.
10. Teams are required to strike the names of players who are not participating in a game sheet to ensure proper identification.
11. Teams must declare affiliated (AP) and overage (OA) players on the game sheets for which those players are used. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that Ringette Alberta affiliated and overage player rules are followed.
12. The maximum number of players listed on a game sheet with no affiliates is 18, with affiliated skaters only 12, with affiliate skaters and affiliate goalie is 13, with an affiliate goalie only is 18.
13. The Home team is required to provide Off Ice Officials. For U10 games this is only a time clock operator and a score sheet person. For U12 and up there will be a time clock operator, a score sheet person, two penalty door operators and a shot clock operator. A music position is optional but appreciated! The remote for the shot clock must be kept in the penalty box. For the gold medal games these positions will be provided by Hinton Ringette Association.
14. There will be at least a two (2) minute break between halves and a flood scheduled between all games.
15. In medal games, the higher place team shall be declared the home team.
16. Games scores will be displayed on the time clock, posted in arenas, and recorded for tie breaking procedures with a maximum seven (7) goal difference.
17. A match penalty will automatically result in suspension from all subsequent tournament games.
18. If only five (5) minutes remain in an assigned time slot, the clock will be reset to two (2) minutes.
19. Any team accumulating more than thirty (30) penalty minutes in any one game shall see the head coach or acting head coach from that game suspended for their next tournament game (no grievances will be accepted).

20. Any team wishing to file a protest may do so by submitting their request in writing along with two hundred (\$200) cash to the Tournament Director or their designate. The protest must be received within one hour of the recorded completion time on the game sheet. The Tournament Grievance Committee will meet to deal with any protests received. If the protest is successful the money will be returned. No game protests that involve a referee's judgment will be accepted. Referee decisions are final.
21. There shall be a three (3) goal maximum per game for each player at the U10-Steps. Also, overage players at all levels shall have a three (3) goal maximum. Goals scored in excess of this by any player shall not be recorded on the game sheet, shall not be posted on the score clock and shall not be counted in the final score at the end of the game.
22. Length of halves shall be 24 minutes run time for U10-S2, 18 minutes stop time for U12 & U14 and 23 minute stop time U16 & U19.

Round Robin Team Standing Rules

Teams receive two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. At the completion of round robin play, teams will be ranked according to the total points in all games played.

When two or more teams have an equal number of points after round robin games have been completed, the teams will be ranked according to the following rules.

1. The winner of more game (s) between each other during the round robin will be declared the highest position.
2. If still tied, teams shall be ranked according to the difference between goals for and against in games between the tied teams in round robin play. The team with the highest positive difference shall be ranked highest, the team with the second highest positive difference shall be ranked next, the team with the third highest positive difference shall be ranked next, etc.
3. If still tied teams shall be ranked according to the least goals against in games between the tied teams in round robin play. The team with the least goals against shall be declared the highest position; the team with the second least goals against shall be next, etc.
4. If still tied, teams shall be ranked according to the difference between goals for and against in all games played in the round robin. The team with the highest positive difference shall be ranked highest, the team with the second highest positive difference shall be ranked next, the team with the third highest positive difference shall be ranked next, etc.
5. If still tied, teams shall be ranked according to the least total penalty minutes for all games played in the round robin. The team with the least penalty minutes shall be declared the highest position, the team with the second least penalty minutes shall be next, the team with the third least penalty minutes shall be next, etc.
6. If still tied teams shall be ranked by a coin toss.

Tournament Game Tie Breaking Procedures

1. If a round robin game is tied at the end of regulation time, each team will be awarded one (1) point.
2. If a game is tied at the end of a U12 or U14 bracket and/or any medal game, the teams will immediately play a five (5) minute stop-time sudden victory overtime period. The first team to score will be declared the winner. The Overtime period will start 2 minutes after the end of the 2nd half. Possession of the ring will be decided by a coin toss within these 2 minutes.
3. If no goals are scored, the game will be decided by a shoot-out;
 - Coaches will have 2 minutes to identify their 3 shooters
 - HOME team will shoot first.
 - Alternate shooters until all three shooters for each team have gone, or a winner is declared.
4. If still tied after the first round, shooters continue to alternate in a sudden victory shoot out until a winner is declared. No shooter can be used again until all players on the team have been used (this excludes goalies).
5. Please make note to the allotted time for the game to be played. Overtime starts 2 minutes after the 2nd half finishes. Shooters for shootouts shall **be decided as quickly as possible**.

NOTE: Penalties assessed in regulation time shall carry over to the overtime period. Each team is entitled to ONE additional 30 second timeout in overtime.