



2019/2020 Penticton 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**.*

PMHA is committed to the Hockey Canada cross-ice mandate and as such, all games will be played in accordance with Hockey Canada's recommended novice game format for half-ice, which includes an 85' x 100' area. Please note that the exact layout may vary depending on arena, however, the intent is to provide a game play area as close to the Hockey Canada dimensions as possible.

Games will be played on one condensed-ice game where applicable rink dividers or black foam dividers will be used on both ends to create the playing area in the middle of the ice. Games to be played 5 on 5 when the number of players permits. Note: Coaches may need to assist referees in moving bumpers before and after floods.

All games will be 3 –16 minute running time periods to keep within the 1-hour time frame. Ice cleaning will occur as per the tournament schedule. The buzzer will be used indicating a 2 minute shift change and the puck will be left where it's at for the oncoming players to play on the fly. Referees should warn any players shooting the puck after the buzzer sounds.

A 3-minute warm up will start when the ice is ready (Zamboni off ice and gates closed) or when previous participants vacate ice. Any delays may result in the adjustment of the third period time at the discretion of the referee.

Due to the smaller ice surface, there is no "Gretzky Rule", however, it is the coach's responsibility to manage the scoring of any one or more players if their team is running away with the score.

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.

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.

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!