

OVC Tournament Rules

NO TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL has the right to change a score sheet or reverse a call from a referee. Once game is over the score sheet is FINAL.

2018 Rules and Regulations

1. All Teams must be rostered with USA Hockey.
2. Teams are required to bring their official team roster to each game.
3. Players and coaches should report to the arena at least one hour prior to each game.
4. A maximum of four team officials may be on the player's bench at one time. *Additionally, each team will provide a penalty box official.*
5. All teams must be prepared to begin any game 15 minutes ahead of schedule.
6. The home team will wear white jerseys and visitors wear dark.

Scoring Rules

1. All divisions will be scored 2 pts for a win, 1 pt for a tie, and 0 pts for a loss per game.
2. Any forfeited games will be recorded as a 3-0 score. Any forfeited games affecting another team's playoff status, may be reviewed by the tournament director to determine which teams advance beyond preliminary round play. Use of ineligible players will disqualify a team from the tournament. All games played by a disqualified team will be forfeited. No monies will be refunded.
3. If a team is down by 5 or more goals in the 3rd period, running time will commence. If the gap is closed to two goals, stop time will resume. The maximum goal differential attainable per game is +/- 7. Example of running clock, 5-0 start of 3rd is running time if the game gets to 5-3 then Stop Time begins again.

Officials

1. All Tournament officials are current members in good standing of USA Hockey and are deemed qualified to officiate at the level of play assigned.
2. A zero tolerance for verbal abuse is in effect and will be enforced for all team officials, players, and spectators.
3. Appropriate penalties will be assessed for disputing or arguing a decision of the officials, any visual demonstration of dissatisfaction, or for the use of obscene or vulgar language to anyone at any time during the tournament.
4. Please keep in mind that the tournament director does not have the authority to reverse the decisions of the game officials.

USA Hockey Rules

1. This tournament is sanctioned by USA Hockey.

- a. Any player receiving 5 or more penalties in 1 game must sit the following game.
 - b. If a team receives 15 or more penalties in one game, the head coach must sit the following game.
 - c. There is NO off-sides tag-up rule for Pee Wees and below. Tag up for Bantams.
 - d. Anyone receiving a game misconduct must sit the next game.
 - e. Anyone receiving a match penalty is disqualified from further play.
2. The acting tournament director (ATD) reserves the right to take measures necessary to ensure a safe tournament for the participants including the modification of any rule(s) herein which is deemed by him/her to be in the tournament's best interest. Decisions of the acting tournament director are final.

Game Format

3 minute warm-up. Squirt and Pee Wee Teams will play 12-12-15 minute stop time periods. The Bantam Teams will play 15-15-15 minute stop time periods. *There are no timeouts in round robin play.*

In the event a playoff game should end in a tie, the tie will be broken in the following manner: 4 on 4 for five minutes of stop time, a 3 player shootout, a sudden death shootout consisting of players who have not participated in the 3 player shootout.

Each designated shooter for both teams will alternate shots. Home team will decide who will shoot first. If the score remains tied after 3 rounds, new players will participate in a **sudden death** shoot out. The players in the 1st group of 3 may not shoot again until all other eligible players on their team have had a turn. Goalies are not eligible.

Playoffs

1. Please refer to tournament scoreboards or speak to a tournament official in order to determine the playoff format for each division. It is incumbent upon the team officials to confirm with a Tournament representative whether or not their team has advanced beyond preliminary round play prior to leaving the arena following their final preliminary round game.
2. Tiebreakers - To determine teams advancing to the finals. If more than 2 teams are tied, as soon as the tie is broken, the tie breaker is reapplied to any remaining ties.
 - a. Head to Head Competition - Direct play between two tied teams.
 - b. Goal For/(Goals For + Goals Against) - The team with the greater percentage will advance. The 7 goal cap is used to calculate this formula. So if you win 10-1 the formula will use 8-1.
 - c. Fewest Goals Against
 - d. Quickest Goal in the Tournament
 - e. Coin Toss
3. One, 30 second time out per team, per game, is allowed for playoff games.
4. These rules may be amended prior to the tournament to coincide with any changes in the tournament format.