



Rules & Regulations

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General Rules and Information

Section 1: Tournament and Game Structure/Rules

1. The tournament will be conducted in accordance with USA Hockey rules except as modified herein. Complete USA Hockey rules can be found at www.usahockey.com. All players must be registered with USA Hockey in order to play.
2. The tournament will consist of pool play, with the results used to seed teams into a single-elimination bracket. During pool play, teams will earn points based on the following formula:
 - Two (2) points for a win
 - One (1) point for a tie
 - Zero (0) points for a lossSeeding for single elimination round will be based on total points. Ties for seeding purposes after pool play will be broken based on the following:
 1. Head-to-head competition
 - This tie breaker will not be used if more than two teams are tied
 2. Most wins
 3. Greater goal differential
 - Greater difference between total goals for and total goals against
 4. Fewer goals against
 5. Most goals for
 6. Fewer penalty minutes
 7. Coin toss
3. Winners of pool play will move to the championship bracket playoff. The playoff will be single elimination. Games tied at the end of regulation will be decided by a five-minute stop-time sudden victory overtime period. Games tied at the end of overtime will be decided by a 3-player shootout until a winner is determined. Visiting team shoots first. Once the team with least amount of players runs out, both teams may start over.
4. All games will consist of three 15-minute running time periods. The last two minutes of the third period will be stop-time if the game is within two goals. The ice will be resurfaced before each game. Warm-up time is limited to three minutes (time permitting) and there is a one-minute rest period between each period. It is the responsibility of each team to know when their games are scheduled.
5. In the case of an obvious injury to a player, it is within the referee's discretion to stop the game clock.
6. Minor penalties are two minutes stop time. Major penalties are five minutes stop time. Misconduct penalties are 10 minutes stop time. Penalty times begin when the puck is dropped after the penalty is called. Any player who receives three penalties of any kind in a game is ejected from the remainder of that game.
7. All major penalties are subject to a game misconduct. The on-ice officials and Oakland Edge officials reserve the right to determine whether or not a game misconduct is assessed based on the intent and severity of the infraction.
8. A fighting major will result in ejection from the tournament.

9. If a player is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol while playing in a game, the player may be ejected for the remainder of that game. On-ice officials, tournament director(s) and/or rink management will make all determinations regarding this rule. Any inappropriate alcohol use by players or team officials may also result in expulsion from the tournament.
10. Slap shots are permitted at all levels.
11. Checking is not permitted at all levels.
12. The center red line will be used for icing purposes only.
13. The tag-up rule will be used for off-sides.
14. No timeouts are allowed during pool play. One 30 second timeout is allowed by each team in the semifinal and final games.
15. The T-bone penalty will be enforced for the Sled Division.

Section 2: Divisions, Teams, and Players

16. Teams will be divided into the following divisions:
 - **Men's A Division (Elite):** These teams are comprised primarily of players with elite hockey skills. Several players may have played at the highest level of organized hockey, including professional (all levels and Europe), collegiate I and III, and juniors in the US or Canada. Players may also have non-varsity collegiate, prep or varsity high school, and midget major playing experience. All players, including goalies, must be age 21 and up by the first day of the tournament.
 - **Men's B Division (Advanced):** These teams are comprised primarily of players with intermediate to advanced hockey skills. A few players may have played at the highest levels of organized hockey (see A Division clarifications), but are several years removed from those levels. Most players have experience at the non-varsity collegiate, prep or varsity high school, junior B or lower, and all levels of midget. All players must be age 30 and up by the first day of the tournament. Goalies must be age 25 and up by the start date of the tournament.
 - **Men's C Division (Intermediate):** These teams are comprised of players with intermediate hockey skills. Several players may have experience at the lower non-collegiate level, prep or varsity high school, or lower midget levels. Some players may also have limited organized youth playing experience, but have several years of playing experience as a recreational adult player. All players must be age 30 and up by the first day of the tournament. Goalies must be age 25 and up by the start date of the tournament.
 - **Men's D Division (Recreational):** These teams are comprised of players with novice hockey skills. A few players may have high school playing experience, but are several years removed from those levels. Most players have playing experience up to bantam house. Some may also have little or no youth experience, but several years as an adult player in organized leagues. All players must be age 30 and up by the first day of the tournament. Goalies must be age 25 and up by the start date of the tournament.
 - **Men's 50+ Division (Open):** These teams are comprised of players with all levels of hockey skills. All players must be age 50 and up by the first day of the tournament. Goalies must be age 45 and up by the start date of the tournament.

- Women's Division (Open): These teams are comprised of women players with all levels of hockey skills. All players, including goalies, must be age 21 and up by the first day of the tournament.
- Sled Co-ed Division (Open): These teams are comprised of sled players with all levels of sled hockey skill. All players, including goalies, must be age 15 and up by the first day of the tournament.

17. Oakland Edge tournament officials reserve the right to:

- Combine divisions depending on the number of teams that register.
- Reassign teams to a different division than what they registered for at any time before or during the tournament based on skill level.

and/or

- If it is determined by tournament director(s) at any point during the preliminary round games that a team as a whole is far above their competition, that team will be permitted to play the three game guarantee, but will receive a 1-0 forfeit loss for those games and will not be permitted to advance to the championship round. This rule does not apply to the 'A' division.

18. Oakland Edge officials reserve the right to determine eligibility for purposes of competing in this event. A player or "Ringer" – other than in Men's 'A' Division – may be disqualified from the tournament if he participates in a division clearly below his skill level.

19. All players must provide proper identification at registration. Any team who uses an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participates.

20. Teams are limited to 18 players and two non-playing bench personnel. Players are not permitted to be listed on more than one team roster, regardless of division. Exceptions may be made by the tournament director(s) for goaltenders in extenuating circumstances.

21. No roster changes are permitted after the submission deadline. Exceptions may be made by the tournament director(s) in extenuating circumstances.

22. Game officials (referees) working games in the tournament are not permitted to play for any team in the divisions that they officiate.

23. Team jerseys must be of like color and design. Numbers are required on the back of all jerseys, except the goaltenders' jerseys. No duplicate numbers are allowed. Teams are encouraged to have one set of dark colored jerseys and one set of white jersey. The home team has the choice of what color jersey they wear.

24. All players are required to follow USA Hockey equipment regulations. USA Hockey approved helmets are required for all players. Facemasks are strongly recommended.

25. **Team photos will be taken before each team's first game. PLEASE BE DRESSED AND READY 5 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME.**

Section 3: Other Rules

26. The Oakland Edge is a family-friendly event held for the enjoyment of the participants, their friends, family and spectators. Oakland County, tournament officials, and sponsors do not condone the inappropriate use of alcohol. Any inappropriate use by players or team officials may result in expulsion from the tournament.

27. The tournament director(s) reserve the right to make any decisions regarding tournament rules, format, etc. for the overall good of the event.