



# ***Rules & Regulations***

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## General Rules and Information

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](http://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 points for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss. Seeding for single elimination 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, unless all of the teams involved in the tie have played each other.
  2. Number of wins
  3. Total goals scored
  4. Total goals allowed
  5. 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 sudden death will be decided by a 3-player shootout until a winner is determined. All players must shoot before anyone is repeated.
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. Teams will be divided into Men's Divisions: A – Elite (former pro, college, junior or midget travel players); B – Advanced, C – Intermediate, and D – Recreational. There is also a Women's open division.
6. Oakland Edge tournament officials reserve the right to combine divisions depending on the number of teams who register and to reassign teams following completion of pool play.
7. Professional players who have played professionally within the past 5 years are ineligible to play in the tournament. Oakland Edge officials reserve the right to determine who is deemed a professional for purposes of competing in this event.
8. All players in the men's divisions must be 30 years old or older to participate. Goalies must be at least age 25. All players in the women's division must be 21 years old or older. All age requirements are as of April 16, 2010. Players must provide proper identification at registration. Any team who uses an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participates.

9. All teams must be registered with USA Hockey before they are permitted to play.
10. Teams are limited to 16 players and two non-playing bench personnel. Players are not permitted to be listed on more than one team roster, regardless of division.
11. Team photos will be taken before each team's first game. **PLEASE BE DRESSED AND READY BY GAME TIME.**
12. Team jerseys must be of like color and design. Teams are encouraged to have one colored and one white jersey. The home team has the choice of what color jersey they wear.
13. USA Hockey approved helmets are required for all players. Facemasks are strongly recommended.
14. Penalties – Minor penalties are three minutes running time. Major penalties are seven minutes running time. Misconduct penalties are 12 minutes running 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 that game.**
15. **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.**
16. **A fighting major will result in ejection from the tournament.**
17. Slap shots are permitted.
18. **Checking is not permitted.**
19. The center red line will be used for icing purposes only.
20. No timeouts are allowed during pool play. One 30 second timeout is allowed by each team in the semifinal and final games.