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| **Tournament****Regulations** | Except as noted herein, the Tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations as published in the USA Hockey Annual Guide for 2020-2021 season. All tournament games will be played under the USA Hockey Official Rules of Ice Hockey.  |
| **Tournament****Format** | Age brackets/divisions: 18U AA, 16U AA, 14U AA, 12U AA will play a round robin “showcase” style games. For these divisions, there will be no playoffs or championship games.For 13U, 11U, and 9U will play within a round robin “tournament” format, where teams may be seeded and play within a Playoff with seeded teams 1-4 or round robin to determine Championship for seeded teams 1 & 2.  |
| **Scoring and****Rating Teams** | Round Robin Games: three (3) points will be awarded to the winning team for regulation win, one (1) point for a tie.  |
| **Tiebreaker****Rules** | To qualify for the final game, the team ranking will be based on each team’s total game points as outlined above. If teams are tied for a ranked position, the first tiebreaker will be head to head play, followed by fewest goals against, followed by penalty minutes (lowest PIMS) followed by a coin flip. If a team forfeits any of its games and becomes involved in any tie breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games in the qualifying round play and the games are recorded as 1 - 0 victories for the non-offending team.  |
| **Finals Games** | Any Semi-Final and Finals game that ends in a tie after regulation time will be resolved using 5-minute sudden death 3 on 3 periods until a goal is scored.   |
| **Tournament****Rules & Structure** | 1. All teams must submit an approved certified USA Hockey roster
2. All teams must have satisfactorily completed credentials prior to playing their first tournament game.
3. All adults on the bench must have proper coaching certification and be on the team roster for that team.
4. Teams are requested to arrive at the tournament with two (2) goalkeepers. If a team will not be arriving at the tournament with two (2) goalies the Team Manager should contact Keith Rowe (nsimon@totalpackagehockey.com), the Tournament Director one week prior to the start of the Tournament so that arrangements can be made to have a substitute goaltender available.
5. All teams are required to have two (2) complete sets of jerseys of opposing colors available for each and every game. The home team will wear dark colored jerseys. If the jerseys selected by each team are deemed to be too close in color by the on-ice officials, Tournament Directors and on-ice officials will select and decide which color jersey each team will wear.
6. Games may start prior to their scheduled start times. Teams are requested to be at the rink **60 minutes** prior to their game time and ready to play prior to the scheduled start time. Should the game on the ice surface where the teams are scheduled to play be running ahead of schedule, the next teams should be ready to play immediately after the conclusion of the prior game.
7. Teams are requested to provide Penalty Box Keepers for each of their games. The Tournament Committee will provide Timekeepers and Scorers for all games except for Jr Predator games where parents will score keep.
8. All Tournament games will consist of three (3) periods: All divisions will be 15 minutes stop time periods.
9. There will be an ice cut for the 18U AA, 16U AA, and 14U AA division on the first whistle after 8 minutes left in the 2nd period of each game.
10. A three (3) minute warm-up period will be provided at the beginning of each game commencing at the scheduled start time of the game.
11. Clock will go to run time after a 5-goal differential in the 3rd period. If the score goes back to within 3 goals the clock will go back to stop time.
12. The max score differential per game is 6 goals
13. Penalties will be two (2) minutes for a minor infraction, five (5) minutes for a major infraction and ten (10) minutes for a misconduct infraction.
14. One (1) time out per team is allowed during each game.
15. Each round robin game ending in a tie in regulation time will be continued as previously stated under the **Scoring and Rating of Teams** section of this document.
16. All final games ending in a tie will be continued to determine a winner as previously stated under the **Scoring and Rating of Teams** section of this document.
17. All suspensions in effect prior to the tournament will be carried over until completed.
18. Abuse of on-ice or off-ice officials by anyone, including coaches, players, parents and spectators **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED,** and will be dealt with immediately by the Tournament Officials. All participants are expected to abide by the respective USA Hockey **Zero Tolerance Policy and Codes of Conduct.**
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