

Nickel Centre Minor Hockey Association

House Tournament Rules

1. All teams must submit their respective association tournament permit along with approved player cards at least 45 minutes prior to their first game. All team managers must provide a phone number where they can be reached or a message left in cases where a team must be contacted.
2. All teams must report in and register 30 minutes prior to their second and subsequent games. Player and staff cards must be available for inspection at all games.
3. Teams must be prepared to go on the ice 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Game schedules may be adjusted due to reasons beyond our control. It is the team manager's responsibility to contact coaching staff and players of any changes to schedules.
4. There will be a flood after every game.
5. Warm ups shall consist of two (2) minutes from the time the ice resurfacing machine leaves the ice and the doors are closed. Players are NOT allowed onto the ice surface until these doors are closed.
6. All games (including semi-final and championship games) shall consist of three (3) periods of ten (10) minutes, stopped time.
7. The Tournament shall be governed by Hockey Canada, OHF and NOHA rules unless otherwise noted. All officials shall be appointed by the Nickel Centre Minor Hockey Association and all major infractions will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee.
8. Time-outs are not allowed in any game including finals.
9. **Body checking is allowed in the Peewee and above divisions.**
10. Fighting, abusive language or intent to injure penalties will not be tolerated. The OHF suspension list will be used to determine minimum suspensions and the Tournament Committee may impose additional suspensions, including suspension for the balance of the tournament.
11. A player receiving 4 penalties in one game shall be ejected from the game.
12. In any case where there is a question or a dispute regarding a tournament rule, regulation or suspension, the interpretation and or decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final. No protests will be allowed.
13. Points: Win - two (2) points: Tie - one (1) point: Loss - zero (0) points
14. All standing ties in a division will be broken by the posted "Tie Breaking Rules."
15. As soon as there is a differential of five (5) goals in any game and any period (including quarter-final, semi-final and championship games), running time will be implemented. If the differential is reduced to four (4) goals, stopped time will be resumed.
16. If a team forfeits a game, the opposing team will be awarded an average of the total goals scored against the forfeiting team. In the case where the forfeited game is the first game of the tournament, the average of the total goals scored against the forfeiting team shall be determined following completion of round robin play.
17. There shall be no overtime in round robin play. Overtime in elimination, quarter-final, semi-final and championship games shall consist of ten (10) minute straight time sudden victory periods.
18. 10 minute straight time sudden victory periods will consist of 5 on 5 for the first two minutes, 4 on 4 for the next two minutes, 3 on 3 for the next two minutes, 2 on 2 for the next two minutes, and 1 on 1 for the final two minutes. Play will stop at each two minutes to allow line changes. If the game is still tied at this time, a shoot-out will determine the winner with each team selecting their own shooters. A player may only be used once in the shoot-out (shortest bench will determine how many shots). Each team will alternate shots and the first team to score when the other team fails to score will determine the winner. In the event it's still tied a coin toss shall determine the winner.
19. Team coaches and managers are responsible for the actions of their players both on and off the ice. Teams are requested to vacate their dressing room as quickly as possible following a game. There are a limited number of dressing rooms available and other teams are waiting to use them. Please keep your dressing room clean. The celebration of special events such as birthdays are not allowed in the change rooms.
20. Trophy presentations shall take place on the ice. Only team players and carded staff will be allowed on the ice for post game presentations. **No parents allowed on ice. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that this rule is strictly adhered to.**