



# Saratoga Youth Hockey Tournament Rules – 2016/2017

1. **Rosters:** To ensure fair and equitable game play, SYHI asks that teams not allow any “A” rostered players in any other ice hockey organization and/or league to be rostered on “B” or “C” level teams for tournament play. If it is determined that a player/team is in violation of this request, the head coach of the team in violation may be asked to not suit-up said player for tournament games and additional penalties may be assessed at the discretion of the tournament director.
2. **Jersey Colors:** Home team wears white/light jersey color.
3. **Game Time:** All teams must be ready to take the ice 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
4. **Game Time Adjustments:** Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust scheduled times of games if necessary to accommodate tournament structure and/or ice availability.
5. **Period & Penalty Times:** Are as follows (stop time).

Level	Period Time	Minor Penalty	Major Penalty
Squirts (10u)	12-Minutes	1:30-Minutes	5:00-Minutes
Pee Wee (12u)	15-Minutes	1:30-Minutes	5:00-Minutes
Bantam (14u)	15-Minutes	2:00-Minutes	5:00-Minutes
Midget (16u/18u)	15-Minutes	2:00-Minutes	5:00-Minutes

6. **Mercy Rule:** Six (6) goal lead in third period.
  - Go to running time.
  - No switching back.
  - No Mercy Rule in “Championship” games.
7. **Time Outs:** One 30 second time out will be allowed per team.
  - “Consolation” and “Championship” games only.
  - No timeouts allowed during “Round Robin” play.
  - No additional timeout during the overtime periods of “Consolation or “Championship” games.

8. **Round Robin Scoring:**
  - 2 points for each game won
  - 1 point for each game tied
  - 0 points for loss
  - 1 point for each period won
  - ½ point for each period tied
  - The two top point scoring teams will meet in the “Championship” game on Sunday.
9. **Round Robin Tie-Breaker Rules:** If two or more teams are tied after round robin play, the tie-breaking sequence is as follows:
  - Head to Head results.
  - Lowest goals allowed in round robin play.
  - Most periods won during round robin play.
  - Fewest penalty minutes in round robin play.
  - Tournament director flips a coin.
10. **Consolation and Championship Game Tie-Breaker Rules:**
  - **Consolation Game:** If the game is tied at the end of regulation it will be declared a draw.
  - **Championship Game tie-breaker:** If the game is tied at the end of regulation a 4 minute stop time period will be played; format will be 4 on 4 with goalies. If still tied after first OT, another 4 minute stop time period will be played, format changes to 3 on 3 with goalies. Teams penalized during the 4 on 4 or 3 on 3 overtime segments may not be penalized below the level of 3 skaters and a goalie on the ice. However, any player penalized during the 4 on 4 or 3 on 3 segments, in addition to serving the penalty, is disqualified for the remainder of the game (including shoot out, if necessary). If a player is serving a penalty during 3 on 3 segment, opposing team will be allowed 4<sup>th</sup> skater.
  - **Shoot-Out Rules:** If after 2 OT periods the game is still tied, a 3 person shoot out will occur. 3 players from each team will shoot. If game is still tied after 3 players from each team have shot, players will rotate through the roster until a winner is declared. Teams will have equal shots on goal. **No** player may repeat until every player has had his/her turn.
  - **In all other respects:** USA Hockey rules will apply.

**All USA Hockey and NYSAHA Code of Conduct rules will be in force for players, coaches, and spectators. If in the judgment of Tournament Officials any player, coach, team official, or spectator engages in conduct which is not conducive to the safe and orderly operation of the tournament the tournament officials retain the right to disqualify and/or remove the offending party. Zero Tolerance is strictly enforced. Judgment of Tournament Officials is final. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their players in locker rooms and any damage will be charged to the responsible teams, amounts to be determined by the City of Saratoga Springs DPW.**

**Teams by their participation acknowledge and give implied consent to these rules.**