



CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS
FOUNDATION

**25TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL
HOLIDAY HOCKEY CLASSIC**

2018 TOURNAMENT RULES

All games will be played under current USA Hockey Rules.

We will play three (3) fifteen (15) minute periods stop time. Penalties will be assessed as follows: two (2) minute minors, five (5) minute majors and ten (10) minute misconducts.

If at anytime in the third period of the game the goal differential is six (6) or more goals, the clock will run without stopping for the remainder of the period, regardless of how many additional goals are scored.

Each game will start on a fresh cut sheet of ice and there will be an ice resurfacing after two (2) periods.

2018 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Each team will play in three games within its' bracket. The top two (2) teams in each of the "Mikita", "Hull", "Savard" and "Esposito" divisions will advance to the quarter-finals.

Any "ties" in points will be resolved by the USA Hockey Tie Breaker formula which is:

If two or more teams in a bracket have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tie-breaking formulas. In order to break the tie at any level with the formula set forth, the tie must be broken as to all teams tied in that bracket.

- 1.) The results of the games played between the teams tied in the following order:
 - a. The points acquired in these games.
 - b. Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games.
 - c. Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient.

Note: 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 round robin play and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.

- 2.) If after applying the formulas in 1 a, b, c, the tie still exists, 1 b, and c shall be applied using all of the games played by each team. Note: The formulas shall be applied in order 1 a, b, c, and 2 until one formula breaks the tie between all of the teams in the bracket at the same time.
- 3.) If the above procedure does not break the tie, the teams will use the "coin flip" procedure to determine who advances.