

2019 TOURNAMENT RULES

1) All USA Hockey rules will apply except as modified below.

2) All teams and players must be registered with USA Hockey and birth certificates must be verified with the signed USA Hockey roster. All players must adhere to USA Hockey equipment requirements which include mouth guards to be worn.



3) **Sportsmanship:** Fighting, abusive behavior or unsportsmanlike-like conduct by players, team officials or spectators will not be tolerated, either on or off the ice. This will be grounds for removal from the tournament and from the property of Richland Rangers Hockey Arena. The referees shall have the option of ending any game should they feel that the players or the officials are in danger. In such a case, the Tournament Director or representative and/or on-ice officials will determine the outcome of the game.

4) **Rink and facilities:** Should any player or players, team or spectator damage any property within Richland Rangers Hockey Arena, they will be responsible for all costs associated with repair or replacement. Such behavior will also be grounds for dismissal from the tournament and the property of Richland Rangers Hockey Arena.

5) **Length of Games:** Games will start with a 5-minute warm-up. There will be a one-minute break between each period.

A. U19/Jr. Gold/Bantam: 3, 16-minute stop time periods. Ice will be cut in-between every 2 periods.

B. PeeWee/Squirt/: 3 14-minute stop time periods. Ice will be cut in-between games.

Mercy Rule: If a team is leading by 5 or more goals in the 3rd period, a run clock will be in effect until differential is less than 5 goals. All minor penalties during run time will be 3 minutes.

*Tournament Director can adjust length of games as needed to stay on schedule.

6) **Time-Outs:** Each team will be allotted one 30 second timeout per game.

7) **Penalties:** During run time and stop time, penalties will remain of the duration prescribed by USA Hockey. A player having five penalties in a game will be ejected. Any player assessed a gross major penalty will be ejected from the tournament.

8) **Protests** - The Tournament Director or Representatives will be present for all questions or inquiries. The Tournament Director or Representatives will uphold all on-ice officiating. All decisions of the referees are final.

9) **Seeded Positions:** Seed positions will be posted within 30 minutes after the completion of the last game in pool play. It is the responsibility of each coach to determine what time his/her team plays. Positions will be determined based on the following:

A. Three points for a shutout win, two points for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss.

B. 1 point per goal (3 goals max)

In case of a tie the following will be used:

Tiebreakers:

A. Head to Head

B. Goals for divided by goals against

C. Fewest penalty minutes

D. Fastest goal scored in the team's first game of the tournament.

E. Rock/Paper/Scissors- best 2 out of 3

10) **Bracket Play:** If tied. Teams will not switch ends.

A. 5 minute 5 on 5 sudden death

B. 5-man shootout: 5 different players must shoot, If player is in the penalty box when shootout begins, he/she can not participate in the shootout. If still tied, a sudden death shootout will ensue. Every player on the team (excluding goalies) must shoot before you can use a shooter for a second time in the shootout.