

Austin Youth Hockey Tournament Rules

Registration:

Certified team rosters must be submitted to the Tournament Director at registration check-in. The roster, once submitted, is final. No player may be rostered on more than one team in this tournament. Official rosters will be verified at check-in, and in case any questions arise, during the tournament. D9 Entry fee for Squirts is \$1250. Payment must be received by the 1st game of the tournament. Team Fees are payable to the host association. Failure to submit payment prior to the first game could result in that team's disqualification from the tournament.

Coaches' certification numbers will be checked when the team registers with the Tournament Director. The Tournament, its officials, the arena, and all personnel connected with it shall not be held liable for any injuries sustained during the Tournament.

- Teams must register with Tournament Officials at least 30 minutes before their first scheduled game. Please check in at the concession stand for your welcome bag.
- All teams will be guaranteed 3 games, with 5 teams playing 4 games. Unless the Tournament Director rules otherwise, games will not be made up due to inclement weather – the Tournament Director will determine results.
- Twenty (20) players may be on the roster and dressed by each team for each game.
- No more than 4 coaches will be allowed in the player's box while games are in progress.
- Home team will be the team listed at the top/left of the bracket and will wear WHITE, unless changed due to uniform limitations.
- Host team (Austin) will always be the home team regardless of where the team is listed on the bracket.

Teams need to be ready to skate 15-minutes before game time, as games may begin early to maximize the schedule. Resurface after every game.

Playing Rules:

USA Hockey-certified officials will be used for all games. All decisions of the referees are final. **No protests allowed.** A certified trainer/first aid responder will be present at each game. All games will be played according to USA Hockey rules as modified by Minnesota Hockey and District 9. All teams participating will be required to wear equipment prescribed by USA Hockey. Canadian teams must wear protective equipment as designated by CAHA. Minnesota age guidelines are different from USA Hockey age guidelines, so Minnesota-sanctioned players may be up to 6 months older.

1. FIVE-MINUTE warm-up
2. Three (3) – (15) minute stop time Periods
3. One (1) minute rest between periods
4. 3rd Period Runtime if the team leads by (6) or more goals. If the goal differential becomes less than six, stop time shall again begin.
5. During running time, the clock will be stopped for injuries.
6. Each team will be allowed one (1) one-minute time-out per game.

Pool Play:

For tournaments with round robin/pool play, the games during the round robin or pool play rounds will have no overtime. The game will end in a tie.

Win = 2 Points

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Tie = 1 Point

Loss = 0 Points

POOL PLACEMENT TIE-BREAKER RULES

1. Head-to-Head
2. Goal Differential (Max of 6 goals per game)
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Fewest Penalties in Minutes
5. Coin Toss

Tie Game Championship/Playoff games :

In the event of a tie at the end of regulation play, there will be a one (1) minute rest followed by a five (5) minute sudden-victory, 5 on 5, stop-time overtime period. If no goal is scored, there will be a one (1) minute rest followed by a shootout. Each team will choose five (5) skaters, and they will alternate shots. If still tied, the shootout will continue in "Sudden Victory" format, with one skater at a time from each team, until one team scores and the other doesn't. No skater can participate in the shootout twice until each player on the team (excluding goalies), has participated.

Note: All shoot-outs shall follow the procedures outlined in Rule 406(c)and(d). A player (or substitute player) who is serving a minor or misconduct penalty at the time of the shoot-out may not participate in the shoot-out.

Penalties:

Minor: 1:30 minutes

Major + Game Misconduct: 5 minutes and Game Misconduct

Misconduct: 10 minutes

Any player receiving 4 penalties in a single game will be ejected for the remainder of that game. They will be given a game misconduct and will also be required to sit the next game. If a Team accumulates 12 penalties during the same game, the Head Coach will be suspended for the next game. If 2 Misconducts penalties are assessed to a player during the same game, a Game Misconduct will be assessed in lieu of the 2nd Misconduct. All Major Penalties will include a Game Misconduct Penalty. All Game Misconducts carry an additional Game Suspension. If the game they earn the game misconduct is their last game, this penalty will carry over to the following season.

Spectator Behavior:

If a spectator or coach's conduct becomes so abusive, in the official's opinion, it is distracting from the game or inciting the players, the referee(s) will stop play and ask the coach to "control" their spectators or coaches, and/or ask the coach(es) to request specified individuals to leave the arena.) **Per Minnesota Hockey rules.** The tournament director/acting director will have final say. Abusive spectators will be asked to leave the tournament, and their team may be penalized by the Referee-in-charge or Tournament Director.