

8U Tournament Rules & Regulations

Governing Rules


- All games are played under a hybrid rule framework, combining AAU Ice Hockey Rules & Regulations and the USA Hockey (USAH) Official Playing Rules.
- In any situation not specifically covered, the Tournament Committee will decide the outcome in the best interest of fair play, safety, and event flow.
- By participating, all players, coaches, and teams agree to abide by these rules and the authority of tournament officials.
- All decisions of the Tournament Director are final and binding.

Player & Team Eligibility

- All players and coaches must show proof of current AAU membership (printed or digital).
- Teams must submit a complete roster prior to their first game. Rosters are considered final once verified.
- Jerseys must be matching with visible, unique numbers for every player.
- Only rostered players and credentialed coaches are allowed on the bench.

Game Format

Total Ice Time: 75 minutes

- Warm-Up: 5 minutes
 - 1st Period: 14 minutes stop-time
 - 2nd Period: 14 minutes stop-time
 - 3rd Period: 20 minutes running clock (adjusted if necessary to keep games on schedule)
 - Intermissions: 2 minutes
 - Scoring & Coverage: All games will be scored by official scorekeepers. Results and standings will be posted online.
-  No protests will be accepted regarding game format, timekeeping, or officiating.

Penalties & Discipline (per USA Hockey)

- Minor Penalty: 2 minutes (stop-time) or equivalent during running clock.
- Major Penalty: 5 minutes.
- Misconduct Penalty: 10 minutes (player remains on bench; another serves if required).
- Match Penalty: Immediate ejection and suspension for the remainder of the tournament, subject to review.

Zero Tolerance Policy

- Verbal or physical abuse of officials, players, or spectators is strictly prohibited.
- Fighting, dangerous play, or unsportsmanlike conduct will result in suspension or removal from the tournament.
- Coaches are responsible for the behaviour of their players, parents, and supporters.

Check-In & Credentials

- A check-in table will be in the lobby or designated area.
- Teams must provide proof of AAU membership for all players and coaches before their first game.
- Rosters will be verified at check-in, and spot checks may occur during the tournament.

Additional Notes

- Teams must be ready to take the ice 5 minutes before their scheduled start time.
- Tournament officials reserve the right to adjust schedules, game times, or formats as needed to complete the event.
- Participation in this tournament is a condition of acceptance of these rules. No refunds, protests, or appeals will be granted.