

**10th Annual  
Portland Headlight Hockey Classic  
Brought to you by: GPIHL and RIVALRIES  
APRIL 24 – APRIL 26, 2026 (Gold, Silver, Bronze) May 1 - 3, 2026 (30+ and 40+)  
@ FAMILY ICE CENTER**

**Greater Portland Industrial Hockey League invites you, your teammates and families to enjoy the 10th Annual Portland Headlight Hockey Classic. We aim for quality hockey and a fun social event.**

**TOURNAMENT AND ENTRY DETAILS:**

- Team Entry Fee is **\$950 and is first come first served.**
- All tournament participants will receive a tournament T-Shirt and Post Game beverages provided by Miller Light
- **Rivalries in Falmouth** will have specials running throughout the tournament for all participants.
- First place prizes will be awarded to each division championship team, and those teams will be able to skate and pose for pictures with the GPIHL's full size replica Stanley Cup.
- All Players must be Registered with USA Hockey and 21 years of age or older by the start date of the tournament. Age exceptions may be made for goaltenders only in extenuating circumstances.
- Each team is guaranteed three games during round robin play.
- Each team **MUST** expect one game Friday and two games Saturday during the preliminary round. Championship games will be played on Sunday. Friday start times will vary depending on the number of teams entered in the event overall.
- The game schedule will be posted on the GPIHL website at [www.gpihl.com](http://www.gpihl.com) and will be sent via e-mail to the team contacts no later than one week prior to the event.
- Entry deadline is **Saturday March 14, 2026.** However, any division(s) could close earlier based on ice time availability and number of teams entered overall.
- On-Line Registration Only.

**DIVISION DESCRIPTIONS**

**GPIHL reserves the right to place any team in the proper division.**

**21+ Category 2 Divisions**

**B-1 DIVISION:** These teams are comprised primarily of players with intermediate to advanced hockey skills. A few of these players may have played at the highest levels of organized hockey, but are several years removed from those levels. Most players have experience at the non-varsity collegiate (ACHA), prep or varsity high school, junior B or lower and all levels of midget. All players must be 21 years or older by the start date of the tournament.

**C-1 DIVISION:** These teams are comprised of players with intermediate hockey skills. Several players may have experience at the lower ACHA levels, prep or varsity high school, or lower midget levels. Some players may also have limited organized youth playing experience but have several years of playing experience as a recreational adult player. These teams would be comparable to a traditional high "C" low "B" level adult house recreational team. All players must be 21 years or older by the start date of the tournament.

INDUSTRIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

### **30+ Category:**

**Intermediate:** These teams are comprised of players with intermediate hockey skills. Several players may have experience at the lower ACHA levels, prep or varsity high school, or lower midget levels. Some players may also have limited organized youth playing experience but have several years of playing experience as a recreational adult player. These teams would be comparable to a traditional high “C” low “B” level adult house recreational team. All players must be 30 years or older by the start date of the tournament.

### **40+ Category:**

**Intermediate:** These teams are comprised of players with intermediate hockey skills. Several players may have experience at the lower ACHA levels, prep or varsity high school, or lower midget levels. Some players may also have limited organized youth playing experience but have several years of playing experience as a recreational adult player. These teams would be comparable to a traditional high “C” low “B” level adult house recreational team. All players must be 30 years or older by the start date of the tournament.

## **TOURNAMENT RULES AND FORMAT**

**RULES: USA Hockey rules are in effect except for the modifications listed below.**

- **All Players must sign the GPIHL Waiver from Liability Form prior to playing their first game.**
- A HECC approved helmet and hockey skates are required, all other equipment is recommended.
- This is a non-checking event. Body checking is not permitted at any level.
- Slap shots are allowed at all levels.
- Two-line passes are permitted. The defensive blue line will be used for icing.
- The tag-up rule will be used for off-sides.
- Fighting **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Any players involved in a fight as deemed by the game officials will receive an automatic game misconduct (1 game suspension) and could result in expulsion from the tournament.
- Four minor penalties to one player in any game results in an automatic game ejection (remainder of current game). Major penalties such as spearing, or butt-ending could result in expulsion from the tournament.
- Each team is allowed one time out per game.
- MERCY RULE: If the goal differential is six or greater run time shall be utilized. If at any time during the differential goes back to within 3 stop time shall be reinstated.
- All teams must have home (light) and away (dark) jerseys.
- Any team who willingly forfeits a game will not be eligible for championship games in the event and may face future ineligibility at future GPIHL Tournaments.
- Illegal players and teams:
  - Any player(s) that participated at any time during the current season (after September 1<sup>st</sup>) at any elite professional level (NHL, AHL, Europe) or on an NCAA Division I or III team are **NOT** eligible for this tournament.
  - Any player(s) who participated in any other professional leagues (ECHL, CHL, IHL, UHL, SPHL, and AAHA) after December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season are **NOT** eligible to for this tournament.
  - If the tournament director(s) determine that an illegal player has participated in the tournament: (1) the player(s) shall be immediately removed from the tournament. (2) The team using the ineligible player(s) will receive a 1-0 forfeit in each of the games played with the illegal player(s).
  - If it is determined by the tournament director(s) at any point during the preliminary round games that a team (in the Silver division and below) as a whole are far above their competition that team will be permitted to play the three game guarantee, but will receive a 1-0 forfeit loss for those games and will not be permitted to advance to the championship round.
  - All Players on the roster must play in at least one preliminary round game to be eligible for the playoff round.
  - Players may only play on one team in the tournament. Players cannot play for multiple teams in multiple divisions. Exceptions may be made for goaltenders in extenuating circumstances.
  - Game officials (referees) working games in the tournament are **NOT PERMITTED** to play for any team in the divisions that they officiate.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- A minimum of four teams is required to run a division. The maximum number of teams will depend on the number of teams entered in the overall event.
- Each game will consist of two 14-minute running time periods with the last period being 14 minutes stop time, with a three-minute warm-up that will start when the Zamboni doors close. There will be an ice make before each game.
- Three preliminary round robin games will be played by each team within their division (one game Friday, two games Saturday) that will determine which teams will advance from each division to the playoff round. Standings and tie-breaker information will be provided to each team captain and will be posted throughout the weekend.
- All Championship games will be played on Sunday.
- If a preliminary round robin game ends in a tie a three player round robin shootout will be utilized. If still tied a sudden death shootout will take place until there is a winner.
- **For Championship games only:** If a playoff round game ends in a tie a five minute 4 on 4 sudden death overtime period will be played prior to the shootout format above.

**\*THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR(S) RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS REGARDING TOURNAMENT RULES, FORMAT, ETC. FOR THE OVERALL GOOD OF THE EVENT**

