



February 14th – 17th, 2019

**OFFICIAL
TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
PACKET**

Buffalo RiverWorks
359 Ganson Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY 2/14

- Skills Competition times TBA

FRIDAY 2/15

- Game and Event times TBA

SATURDAY 2/16

- Game and Event times TBA

SUNDAY 2/17

- Game and Event times TBA





PLAYER PARKING: Players will receive (2) parking passes per team to allow for parking in the main lot. Player Parking passes will be valid in all adjacent lots. Actual passes (2 per team) are mailed to the captain. If you do not receive yours by Feb 10th contact ed@labattbluepondhockey.com. Passes will not be distributed onsite.

SPECTATOR PARKING: Additional parking spots will be available for spectators at a cost of \$5.00

Access / Route: Ohio Street is the encouraged access and proper route to take, avoiding the Michigan Ave bridge especially during the Buffalo Sabres games.



A valid USA Hockey ID# is required on player's waiver release form.

Player waiver must be signed online before first game.

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TOURNAMENT PLAYER REQUIREMENTS:

Teams of adult men and women players age 21 and older will compete.

Teams register for an age division. Age groupings are over 21, over 30, over 40 and over 50. All players on the team must fit within the age group or team is placed in age division of youngest player.

Teams will be placed in divisions according to overall team skill level determined by tournament mgr.

Schedules will be provided 2 weeks prior to the tournament.

EVENT DETAILS:

- All players must be 21+ by the start date of the tournament (2/14/19). A picture ID will be required and will be checked throughout the event.
- All players must sign the online Player Waiver Release form which is due before the event. Waiver link provided on Buffalo event web page and here.
<https://labattbluepondhockey.sportngin.com/register/form/249831504>
- Each team is scheduled to play three games in round robin play (weather permitting) with tournament finals played throughout afternoon and night. If unsafe weather conditions occur, tournament organizers will make reasonable efforts to adjust the schedule accordingly to accommodate gameplay, but there will not be any team refund.
- Each divisional final winner must come to the main stage immediately following the final to receive their award and take a team photo. We ask you only remove your skates and then come to the stage for the announcement.
- All participants will receive a gift compliments of Labatt Blue. The final division winner will receive an additional "Champions" gift. Actual prizes are subject to change.

Go to www.labattbluepondhockey.com or the Labatt Blue Facebook page for news, information, updates, game-day schedules, and other Labatt Blue pond hockey tournaments.

Tournament director Ed Ellis ed@labattbluepondhockey.com

TOURNAMENT RULES:

- Minimum number of players on a team is 4, maximum is 7.
- Teams must have 4 players at the start of each game.
- All players are required to wear a helmet. Full equipment is advised but not required.
- Teams must adhere to the age requirements for their respective divisions. Players unable to produce a photo ID acceptable to a tournament director at any point, will not be allowed to participate until an acceptable ID is provided.
- All players are required to sign a waiver release prior to playing. No exceptions. Teams play at their own risk.
- Players may only play on one team in the tournament.
- All teams must have home (white or light) and away (dark) jerseys.
- Prior to every game, teams will designate 2 players to shovel the rink before each game (as needed).
- Fighting is prohibited. Any player that fights will be ejected from tournament with no replacement.
- Any major infractions called will result in ejection from the tournament with no replacement.

GAME RULES:

- Teams need to be ready to play at their designated start time; if a team does not have four (4) players ready to play, they will be penalized 1 goal for every 2 minutes the game starts late.
- One player may stand in front of his own net and defend his goal. Players must remain on their skates in front of the goal and can only play the puck with their skate or stick blade. A player may not lay his/her stick, drop to their knee or lay on the ice to protect the goal. A goal for the non-offending team will result and change in puck possession.
- All goals must be scored from the attacking side of center ice.
- There will be no offside or icing.
- One referee will be present for each game and penalties will be enforced. Any minor penalty called such as slashing will result in a goal for the non-offending team plus a change in puck possession.
- There will be no checking or body contact. A minor or major penalty will result if the referee deems it serious enough.
- There will be no slap shots. If the stick comes above the knee in a slap shot motion it will be deemed a slap shot and result in a goal and a change in puck possession.
- There will be no raising the puck above the knees, pucks that are intentionally raised above the knees will result in a change of puck possession.
- Making contact with the puck using your stick above the waist will result in a change in possession.
- There will be no goalies or use of goaltending equipment.
- If the puck goes out of the playing area the referee will determine puck possession at the point where the puck went out. The defending team must provide two stick lengths to their opponent upon re-entry and play must start immediately on the referees command (whistle).
- There will be a center ice face-off to start the game and the second half. Otherwise, teams will be required to wait on their side of the red line for goals and penalties. Defensive teams can engage the offensive teams once the play starts moving up ice. The offensive team must move the puck up ice quickly on the referees command (whistle).

Illegal players and teams: 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 0-5 forfeit loss in each of the games played with the illegal player(s). Illegal players are any participants that violate the minimum age requirements, register for a division below their skill level, or who has not been documented on the roster turned into the tournament director by the team contact.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

The tournament will play one game on Friday the 15th. Then the remaining 2 games plus playoffs will be played either Saturday Feb 16th or Sunday Feb 17th, 2019.

- This tournament is a 4 on 4, no goalie, 3 game round robin with finals.
- Payment of \$300 will be due at time of registration.
- Roster freeze is Jan 13th.
- Divisions will be divided by skill level. Each team will play three round robin games within their group. The top team in each division will advance to play in a single divisional Championship Game.
- Teams receive the following points per game result:
Regulation Win = 3 pts, Overtime Win = 2 pts, Overtime Loss = 1 point, Regulation Loss = 0 pts.
- Division tie breakers: Points, wins, head to head, h2h goals against, h2h goal diff, total GA, total GD.
- All games are approximately 26 minutes in length consisting of two 13 minute run time halves with a 2 minute warm-up before each game and a 2 minute half-time.
- Round robin games that end in a tie will result in a 3-minute run time overtime period. The team that scores the most goals during that period wins. If still tied, there will be an additional sudden death overtime where the first team to score wins.
- Championship games that end in a tie will be decided by a 5-minute run time overtime period. The team that scores the most goals during that time will be the winner. If still tied, 5-minute run time periods will continue, where the team that scores the most goals during that period wins; until a winner is determined with 1 min breaks between each period.
- The tournament director(s) reserves the right to make any decisions regarding tournament rules, format, etc. for overall good of the event.
- Players must have their USAH membership up to date. USA Hockey ID# is required on player's waiver release form signed online before game play.



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