



2019 2020

Falmouth Youth Hockey League Tournament Rules and Regulations

The head coach of each team is responsible for reading and discussing tournament rules with assistant coaches, players, and parents of their team prior to the tournament; The tournament director or officials are available to answer any questions prior to, and during the tournament.

• USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournament

- All play will be governed by USA Hockey rules
- All participants will adhere to USA Hockey's zero tolerance policy

• Officials

- All decisions made by referees or other tournament officials will be final
- Will not tolerate intentional delay of game
- Maintain the right to eject any coach, player, or spectator who does not act in accordance to USA Hockey's zero tolerance policy.

• Game Play

- Officials must be present before teams take the ice
- Only coaches on USA Hockey roster will be allowed on bench
- Two minute warm up
- Three (3) periods
 - 1st & 2nd – Twelve (12) minute, stopped time
 - 3rd - running time, last two minutes stopped time, except in the instance of a 5 goal differential. The length of this period will be determined by the referee to maximize game time without compromising the tournament schedule
 - No time outs

• Penalties

- Minor – 1.5 minutes
- Major – 5 minutes
- Misconduct – 10 minutes
- Any player receiving three (3) penalties in a game will be ejected from that game
- There will be zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike behavior or actions, including profanity by players or coaches.
- Should a team, for any reason, not play or end a game early it will result in a loss and automatic forfeit

• Advancement to Finals

- The two teams in each division with the best record of wins, losses, and ties will advance to the championship game
 - 4 team bracket: Win = 2 points Tie = 1 point Loss = 0 points
 - 6 team bracket: Period Win = 1 point Period Tie = ½ point Period Loss = 0 points
(Championship will be top team from North vs. top team from South)
- Tie Breakers
 - Head to head, winning team advances
 - Least goals allowed
 - Least penalized team
 - Coin toss, home team calls it

• Championship Game

- Three (3) twelve (12) minute stopped time periods
- Two minute warm up
- One time out per team
- If game ends in regulation as a tie, overtime will commence
 - Overtime: 4 on 4, 5 minutes, stopped time
 - Double Overtime: Sudden death shootout, 3 vs 3
 - Triple Overtime: Sudden death shootout, previous round of shooters go last

- **Awards**
 - An on ice presentation for both finalists occurs immediately following the Championship game
 - After the hand shake, players must line up as a team on their respective blue lines
 - Coaches will call each individual player to receive their award
 - After all players have been called, each team will line up for a team photo in front of their benches
 - No spectators will be allowed on the ice for photos or otherwise
- **Tournament Registration**
 - These tournaments are on a first come first serve basis
 - No team will be guaranteed a slot without deposit and submission of an official stamped USA Hockey roster
 - This is a step to ensure a fair tournament for all teams who participate. The tournament director reviews each roster and accepts teams based on Tier, determined by USA Hockey. It makes no difference if “the team hasn’t won a game all season”, or “plays like a C team even though their roster says they’re a B team.”
 - Once guaranteed a slot, each team must submit the following at least one month prior to the start of the tournament:
 - Final payment
 - 10 score sheet stickers – There is a template on the USA Hockey portal for 10 Avery (#55163 2"x4") labels that match your roster
 - These can be mailed to: Falmouth Ice Arena ATTN: Cait Blanchard
9 Technology Park Drive
East Falmouth, MA 02536
- **Tournament Participation**
 - Upon arrival, head coaches are asked to check in with the tournament director at the front table where you will sign off on your roster. This also gives you the opportunity to meet the director in person should you have any questions or need later on.
 - Locker room assignments are displayed on the monitor in the main lobby
 - No outside food is permitted
 - No noisemakers (ex: cowbells, horns, whistles)
 - In an effort to ease foot traffic, we ask that all bags are either in the team's designated locker room, or stacked neatly in the foyer while waiting to exit the building.
 - The arena staff is here to score your games, make sure the locker rooms are maintained and work to ensure the success of the tournament. Should you have any questions or concerns, they will help you or notify the tournament director who will gladly assist you in any way.
 - Tournament director reserves the right to make any game-time decisions to ensure the success of the tournament and in the best interest of the children participating. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Turning off the scoreboard – we only display a 5 goal differential, but sometimes it is a distraction for players and spectators.
 - Ejecting spectators for inappropriate behavior, profanity or game interference.

COACHES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below you agree that you have read these rules, and will forward them to your team prior to the tournament.

Head Coach: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Team: _____