

JOHN W. KENNEDY JR. 41st ANNUAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT 2010

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

PRELIMINARY GAMES

The divisions range in size from seven to twenty-four teams. There are 114 teams participating in 317 games. The teams in each division will play preliminary games to determine which teams advance to the quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games. These games will have three 12-minute stop-time periods. No time outs are permitted in the preliminary games. Any preliminary game that ends in a tie will be allowed to stand as a tie. No overtime during preliminary round play. Games will go to running time in the third period when a five goals or greater differential exists. Stop time will resume when the differential becomes three goals. Games will end in the third period when a ten goals or greater differential exists.

TIE BREAKERS AT COMPLETION OF PRELIMINARY GAMES

Team standings at completion of the preliminary games will be determined by total points (WIN=2, TIE=1, LOSS=0). In the event of a tie in points at completion of the preliminary rounds, the USA Hockey tie breaking formula will break the tie.

QUARTERFINAL, SEMIFINAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

All quarterfinal games will have 12-minute stop-time periods. All semifinal games and championship games will have 15-minute stop-time periods. All quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games will be played to completion. Running time is allowed but no 10 goal mercy rule will apply. Overtime will be sudden death and timed as follows:

- 1. One 5-minute overtime**
- 2. 4 on 4 for 5 minutes; free substitution**
- 3. 3 on 3 until winner is determined; free substitution**

Advancement to the quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games in each division will be determined as follows:

SEVEN TEAM DIVISION: (Mite Minor) the teams will be grouped into a seven-team bracket, North. Each team will play a four game round robin preliminary series. The teams will be ranked after these preliminary games. The first place team will receive a bye into the semifinals. The second place team will play the seventh place team, the third place team will play the sixth place team and the fourth place team will play the fifth place team in quarterfinal contests. The teams will be reranked after the quarterfinal games. The quarterfinal game winners will play semifinal games (i.e. 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3). The semifinal game winners advance to the championship game in the AAA division.

TWELVE TEAM DIVISION: (Mite Major) the teams will be divided into two six-team brackets, North & South. Each of which will play a five game round robin preliminary series within bracket (i.e. North plays North). The teams will be ranked after these preliminary games. The first place teams will play the second place teams across brackets (i.e. North 1 vs. South 2, South 1 vs. North 2) in semifinal contests. The semifinal game winners advance to the championship game in the AAA division.

TWELVE TEAM DIVISION: (Bantam) the teams will be divided into two six-team brackets, North & South. Each of which will play a five game round robin preliminary series across bracket (i.e. North plays South). The teams will be ranked after these preliminary games. The first place teams will play the second place teams within brackets (i.e. North 1 vs. North 2, South 1 vs. South 2) in semifinal contests. The semifinal game winners advance to the championship game in the AAA division.

EIGHTEEN TEAM DIVISIONS: (Squirt Minor, Peewee Major) The teams will be divided into three six-team brackets, North, South & East. Each bracket will play a four game round robin preliminary series within bracket (i.e. North plays North). The teams will be ranked after the preliminary games. The seventeenth place team will play the eighteenth place team in a consolation game. The top eight teams will play in quarterfinal contests (i.e. 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5). The teams will be reranked after the quarterfinal games. The quarterfinal game winners will play semifinal games (i.e. 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3). The semifinal game winners advance to the championship game in the AAA division. The teams ranked from nine to sixteen will play in quarterfinal contests (i.e. 9 vs. 16, 10 vs. 15, 11 vs. 14, 12 vs. 13). The teams will be reranked after the quarterfinal games. The quarterfinal game winners will play semifinal games (i.e. 1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3). The semifinal game winners advance to the championship game in the AA division.

TWENTY-THREE TEAM DIVISIONS: (Squirt Major) The teams will be divided into one five-team bracket, North and three six-team brackets, South, East & West. Each of which will play a four game round robin preliminary series within its' bracket (i.e. North plays North). The teams will be ranked after these preliminary games. The fifth and sixth place teams will play consolation games across brackets (i.e. North 5 vs. West 5, South 5 vs. East 5 and South 6 vs. East 6). The first place teams will play the second place teams across brackets (i.e. North 1 vs. East 2, etc.) in quarterfinal contests. The quarterfinal game winners will play semifinal games (i.e. winner of North 1/East 2 plays winner of South 1/West 2; winner of East 1/North 2 plays winner of West 1/South 2). The semifinal game winners advance to the championship game in the AAA division.

The third place teams will play the fourth place teams across brackets (i.e. North 3 vs. East 4, etc.) in quarterfinal contests. The quarterfinal game winners will play semifinal games (i.e. winner of North 3/East 4 plays winner of South 3/West 4; winner of East 3/North 4 plays winner of West 3/South 4.) The semifinal game winners advance to the championship game in the AA division.

TWENTY-FOUR TEAM DIVISIONS: (Peewee Minor) The teams will be divided into four six-team brackets, North, South, East & West Each of which will play a four game round robin preliminary series within its' bracket (i.e. North plays North). The teams will be ranked after these preliminary games. The fifth and sixth place teams will play consolation games across brackets (i.e. North 5 vs. East 5, South 5 vs. West 5 and North 6 vs. East 6, South 6 vs. West 6). The first place teams will play the second place teams across brackets (i.e. North 1 vs. East 2, etc.) in quarterfinal contests. The quarterfinal game winners will play semifinal games (i.e. winner of North 1/East 2 plays winner of South 1/West 2; winner of East 1/North 2 plays winner of West 1/South 2). The semifinal game winners advance to the championship game in the AAA division. The third place teams will play the fourth place teams across brackets (i.e. North 3 vs. East 4, etc.) in quarterfinal contests. The quarterfinal game winners will play semifinal games (i.e. winner of North 3/East 4 plays winner of South 3/West 4; winner of East 3/North 4 plays winner of West 3/South 4.) The semifinal game winners advance to the championship game in the AA division.

PLAYING RULES - ALL GAMES

USA Hockey sanctions this tournament. All participating teams must be properly registered with USA Hockey. USA Hockey rules will apply.

Player eligibility:

Proof of age must be available to the Tournament Committee. Teams using ineligible or illegal players will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, and may be removed from the tournament with a forfeit of any entry fee. Minor teams are composed of players in their first year of eligibility in that division. Major teams are composed of any player eligible in that division.

Players without suitable proof of age will be allowed to participate in his team's first game only. If proof is not presented before Game 2, and his team was the winner of Game 1, this will be forfeited by a score of 3-0.

All teams must be prepared to start each game 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

No time outs are permitted in the preliminary games. One time out of one minute per team is permitted in the quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games.

For the Mite, Squirt Minor and Squirt Major divisions, we will allow one adult to assist with the penalty box doors. No coaching will be allowed and assistance will be terminated without warning for violation of the coaching ban. No penalty box assistance will be allowed for the other divisions.

Penalty times will be as follows:

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| - MINOR Penalties | 1 1/2 minutes |
| - MAJOR Penalties | 4 minutes |
| - MISCONDUCT Penalties | Half of period (6 minutes) |
| - FIGHTING Penalties | Player out for remainder of game and next game. Second offense - Player out of tournament. |
| - GAME MISCONDUCT | Player or team official out for remainder of game and next game. Second offense - Player out of tournament. |
| - 5 NON-INCIDENTAL Penalties | Player out for remainder of game and next game. Second offense - Player out of tournament. |

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Team banners and individual awards will be awarded to the winning team and runner-up team of each level of the AAA divisions. Individual awards will be awarded to the winning team and runner-up team of each level of the AA divisions. Each participant will receive a commemorative bag tag as a memento of participation in this year's 41st annual tournament. Each team will receive a coaches planning board.

TOURNAMENT ADMISSION FEES

There is **no** admission charge for the tournament. Tournament program books will be on sale for \$5 each at most rinks. Anyone purchasing a program book will be entered into a raffle with prizes of \$500, \$250, \$100 and \$50. Drawing will take place on Monday, January 18 in the afternoon. Winners will be notified by telephone and posted on website.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

All teams should check with the Tournament Committee prior to the first game to see if any of the above rules or schedules has been altered.

Protests must be filed with the Tournament Committee within 4 hours of the scheduled start time of the protested game. All protests must be in writing and require a \$100 non-refundable administrative fee. Protests will **not** be considered if submitted beyond the time limit, fail to be in writing and fail to have the administrative fee. **Decision of the Tournament Committee on all protests is final.**