**U18 HUNTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT RULES 2022**

This is a BODY CHECKING Tournament.

1. All OMHA playing rules and tournament regulations shall be in effect not withstanding major penalties for fighting which will result in expulsion for the remainder of the tournament.

2. A team representative must register at the Huntsville Summit Centre arena registration desk at least 1 hour prior to the team’s first game. The team rep must provide copy of the team’s official roster, travel permit and settle any outstanding debt owed to the tournament.

3. EXPULSION FOR MAJOR PENALTIES: Fighting majors, match penalties, gross misconducts, or a second “checking from behind” penalty will cause a player to be suspended from the tournament. Suspensions received in tournament play, MUST be served in that tournament. Any suspensions not served during the tournament must be served in regular league play, including if the suspension is received in the final game of the tournament.

4. ELIGIBILITY: All players and bench personnel must be certified as per OMHA or accepted equivalent. Team rosters will be limited to 19 players including goalies. All teams must always have a certified Trainer on the bench.

5. HOME TEAM: The tournament committee shall designate the home team in all games. Home will be the light colour. In the event of conflicting colours, the home team shall change sweaters prior to the start of their game.

6. PRELIMINARY ROUND: All teams will be guaranteed 3 games. All teams must be prepared to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time. There will be 3-minute warm-up at the start of each game. The ice surface will be flooded after each game. Please vacate the dressing rooms 20 minutes after the conclusion of your game. All games will be 10/15/15, stop time periods. (Except when mercy rule is in effect). There will be no overtime during the preliminary round. There are no timeouts in the preliminary round.

7. POINT SYSTEM: Each team will be awarded 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie and 0 for a loss. The top 2 teams in each division will advance to the playoff round. In the event of a tie for a playoff position, the following process will be used to determine the ranking within each division:

1) Head to head competition (only used if 2-way tie)

2) As calculated on www.huntsvillehockey.ca Tournament website (Goals for / Goals for + Goals Against)

3) Goals For minus Goals Against

4) Fewest goals against

5) Least penalty minutes

6) The Tournament committee will meet and decide on a further ruling, if required.

8. SEMIS/FINALS PLAYOFF GAMES: The semi-final games will be 10/15/15 minute stop time periods(no flood) and the final will be a 15/15/15 with a flood. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, stop time sudden victory overtime will begin as follows: 5 minutes will be put on the time clock and teams will play 3 on 3 plus a goalie until one team scores. If still tied after the first 5 minutes the process is repeated with another 5 minute 3 on 3 until we have a winner.

Penalties will result in the opposing team adding a player. One 30 second time out per team is permitted in playoff games.

9. FORFEIT: In the case of a game forfeited, the opposing team shall be awarded a 3-0 victory and 2 points for the win.

10. DISPUTES: The tournament committee will review all disputes - their decision will be final. The referee’s room is strictly off limits to all team personnel. All questions will be handled through the team manager.

11. MERCY RULE: A 5 goal or more lead in the third period will result in straight/run time. Should the lead be reduced to 4 goals, the clock will return to stop time. THE MERCY RULE WILL NOT BE IN EFFECT FOR SEMI-FINAL OR FINAL GAMES.

\* During straight/run time – 2 minute penalties will be posted as 3 minutes and 5 minute penalties as 7 minutes\*