

## “Northern Exposure” Tournament Rules 2012

### GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

- All games are played under USA Hockey rules unless otherwise noted.
- Only USA Hockey / MSHSL registered officials will be used.
- A trainer / EMT will be present for all checking games. The Tournament will assume no liability for personal injury to participants or spectators during the event.
- A maximum of 20 players may be rostered and dressed for any team.
- If a parent / guardian are not present at the tournament, a written consent must be provided for medical care authorization.

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A maximum of 20 players may be rostered and dressed for any team.
- Any and all eligibility protest must occur before the start of the game and must come from the head coach to be valid.
- Any player found playing without signed parent/guardian waiver will be deemed ineligible and removed from competition.
- Any player found playing in a younger birth-year classification will be deemed ineligible and removed from competition. Players may not play down a level.
- Tournament officials hold the right to confront player eligibility without a formal request from a head coach. If the player is found to be ineligible, he/she will be removed from the remainder of the tournament
- Teams have until 1 hour prior to the start of their first game to make roster changes and submit them to tournament officials. At the 1 hour mark all rosters will be final for the remainder of the tournament.

### TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND ISSUES

- Competition format will consist of round-robin / pool play followed by seeded bracket and/or championship place games. Please check individual level brackets for more scoring specifics.
- Tournament scoring shall consist of two (2) points being awarded for a WIN, one (1) point for a TIE and zero (0) points for a LOSS.
- Teams listed first in pairings will be considered the home teams and will be required to wear the light colored jerseys when possible.
- Teams that occupy the player’s box closest to the exit gate shall leave the ice first. The

remaining team will exit the ice only after the opposing team is completely off the ice.

- Once a team is confirmed for the tournament, there will be no refunds under any circumstance.
- Tag up rule will be utilized.
- Checking will be allowed at all levels except 2000, 2001 and 2002.

## GAME TIMES

- Games will consist of three (3) 15 minute, stop time. A six goal lead at any time in the third period will result in running time until the lead falls to less than six goals. The ice will be resurfaced after every 2 periods.
- All games will be completed in the set amount of time allowed in the schedule. If time becomes an issue running time may be instituted and/or ice resurfacing will be skipped within reasonable terms.
- Each team will be permitted one (1) 45 second time out per game during all rounds.
- Teams must be ready to play 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Games may start earlier when time permits.

## EQUIPMENT

- All players must adhere to their local hockey governing body's rules regarding equipment. Mouth guards are required as specified by USA Hockey.
- Canadian teams are required to wear neck guards (mouth guards optional).

## PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

Minor 2 Minutes

Major 5 Minutes

Misconduct 10 Minutes

Fighting Automatic game misconduct. The player will be removed from the remainder of the game and will serve a minimum (1) game suspension. Tournament officials will reserve the right to determine if the player will be allowed to participate in the rest of the tournament.

- Any penalty deemed serious with intent to injure will result in a 5-minute Major and a tournament disqualification.
- Any player receiving 5 penalties will be removed from the remainder of the game. A player from the offending player's team will be required to serve the fifth penalty. Any major or checking-from-behind penalty will count as two penalties.

## OVERTIME AND TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

- There will be no overtime in round robin / pool play.
- Overtime for all other games will consist of a five (5) minute running-time period. The period will be played 4-on-4 with goalies. If a tie still remains, a 5-player shootout will determine the winning team. If a tie still remains, a sudden death shootout will determine the winning team. Any player serving a penalty when the game clock expires will not be allowed to participate in the shootout.
- Unexpired penalties will carry in to overtime periods.
- \*Tie breaking procedure for teams tied after round robin / pool play:

1)Head to head competition (if applicable)

2)Goal differential.

3)Goals allowed.

4)Goals scored.

5)Least penalty minutes.

6)Coin toss.

•In a case where a tie involves more than two teams, head to head tie breaker will not be used. The tie breaking procedure, beginning with goal differential, shall be used in succession until the position for the 1st team has been determined. The remaining tied teams will revert to the tie breaking procedures 1-6 starting with head to head.

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•In no case will any team be credited with more than a seven (7)-goal differential for statistical purposes.

•All referee decisions are final. Protests will not be allowed.

## TEAM CREDENTIALS AND CHECK-IN

•Teams are encouraged to supply a team roster by the deadline date of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to be put into the tournament program. Teams that do not provide a team roster by July 8<sup>th</sup> will not be featured in the tournament program.

• All teams are required to supply the team waiver & release form and the final team roster at the

team check-in. Parents are required to sign for their minor players. The team check-in will be held Friday, July 20nd from 9:00am until 9:00pm at Mars Lakeview Arena. If your team is unable to get to the check-in prior to the start of your 1<sup>st</sup> game you must have arrangements made with the tournament director for alternate check-in procedure.

- Teams that have not submitted all necessary forms will not be allowed to participate. All registration will take place at the Mars Lakeview Arena.
- In addition to completing the health/insurance waiver and tournament roster form, birth certificates (copies acceptable) must also be available for verification of age at registration / check in.

Thank you, we hope you enjoy the tournament!