

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan – the birthplace of organized Hockey

Labatt Blue UP Pond Hockey Championship Tournament Rules

- 1) Since this is a MAHA sanctioned event, USA and MAHA rules apply except where amended below.
- 2) Game times will be set by the tournament coordinator. No exceptions will be made. In the past teams have made requests for later game times depending on their arrival. That will no longer be allowed.
- 3) All games played in the daytime leaving the evenings to frolic and reminisce.
- 4) All games are 30 minutes long consisting of two 15 minute halves with a two minute warm-up between halves.
- 5) All goals must be scored from the attacking side of center ice.
- 6) Each team will receive two points for a win during the round robin portion of the tourney. There will be no tied games (see #28).
- 7) Semi-final and championship tied games will be decided by sudden death period.
- 8) All players must be 21 years of age by the first day of the tourney.
- 9) Teams are required to have home (white or light) and away (dark) jerseys.
- 10) There will be no goalies.
- 11) No goalie skates or other goalie equipment allowed.
- 12) Minimum equipment required is a helmet.
- 13) Minimum number of players to enter and play in the tournament is 4. Maximum of 7 players*. Must have 4 players to start a game.
- 14) All nets will be reduced in size to 6" by 6'.
- 15) One referee will be used for each game and penalties will be enforced. Any minor penalties such as tripping or slashing will result in a goal for the non-offending team plus puck possession.
- 16) Any major infractions called will result in ejection from the tournament with no replacement.
- 17) Fighting is strictly prohibited. Any player that fights will be ejected from the tourney with no replacement.
- 18) Abuse of officials will be considered a major penalty. This includes yelling, swearing, or arguing calls.
- 19) There is NO checking or body contact. A minor penalty or major penalty will result if the referee deems it serious enough.
- 20) There are no slapshots. If the stick comes above the knee in a slapshot motion it will be deemed a slapshot and minor penalty.
- 21) There will be no lifting the puck above your knee.
- 22) A player may not lay his/her stick across the goal mouth to protect the goal. Such action will result in a minor penalty.
- 23) Players cannot fall or lay on the ice in an effort to protect the goal area. Such action will result in a minor penalty.
- 24) There will be no offsides or icing.
- 25) If the puck goes out of play the referee will determine who sent the puck out and will give possession to the non-offending team at the point 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 referee's command (whistle). Puck chasers will be provided and the referee will always have extra pucks ready.
- 26) 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 scored and minor 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 referee's command (whistle) to keep play moving.
- 27) Player substitution – players may be substituted on the fly. Player leaving the game must be at the snow boards and not involved in the play.
- 28) Tiebreaker formula:
 - Head to Head Result
 - Goals scored for minus goals scored against in games played between tied teams.
 - Goals scored for divided by goals scored against in games played between tied teams.
 - Goals scored for minus goals scored against in ALL GAMES.
 - Goals scored for divided by goals scored against in ALL GAMES.
 - Coin Flip!

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*** Since there is no Women's senior division, if your whole team is 35 or older, women's division teams can bring as many team members as they want. In other words, ladies, if your whole team is 35 or older, bring the whole gang!**

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Tournament Directors reserve the right to disqualify any team from the championship round if said team has not fairly represented their teams' skill level on the registration form.

31) Teams must be at their designated rink 10 minutes prior to scheduled game. If team is not there by 5 minutes after scheduled game time it will be considered a forfeit.

32) Rules subject to change!

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