



## STX WINDY CITY GIRLS ELITE AAA

### RULES FOR CONDUCT OF 2018 GAMES

#### ARTICLE 1

#### General Rules

- 1.1 Playing Rules.** AHAI/USAH requires that our tournament be registered and that all participating teams, players and coaches be USA Hockey/Canadian Amateur Hockey Assoc registered. USA Hockey rules and penalties shall apply to all games. **Tournament Sanction # ILH1819128**
- 1.2 Length of Games & Penalties.** 12U and 14U age level round robin games will be three (3) – fourteen (14) minute stop time periods with no Ice Cuts. The 16U and 19U age level round robin games will be three (3) – fourteen (14) minute stop time periods with an ICE CLEAN after **every 2 periods** (this could be between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period or after the 1<sup>st</sup> period). Warm-ups for all levels shall be **three (3) minutes**. 2:00 Minor Penalties, 5:00 Major Penalties, and 10:00 Misconducts. \* It is the responsibility of each coach to read the score sheet after each game and to ensure that suspended players are advised of their suspension and not permitted to play in the next game.\*
- 1.3 Running Clock:** If a five (5) goal or greater spread exists at the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> period or at any time during the 3<sup>rd</sup> period ~ running time will commence for the balance of the game.
- 1.4 Home Teams/Jerseys/Start Times.** For all games, the home team listed shall wear its white, home jerseys and the visiting team listed shall wear its colored away jerseys. Teams are asked to be at the rink at least 45 minutes prior to their scheduled game time. In the event the previous game finishes early, teams playing the next game will be expected to take the ice as soon as re-surfacing is completed and/or referees are available. In no event, however, shall a game begin more than 10 minutes prior to its scheduled start time.

1.5 **Equipment.** All games are operated under USAH Rules and Regulations. All **USAH** players, including goalkeepers in the Midget (U16 and U19) age classifications are required to wear a colored (non clear) internal mouthpiece that covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. For the first violation of this rule, the team shall be issued a warning. A misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player or goalkeeper of that team for a subsequent violation during that game. Neck guards are not required by USAH but may be required by your affiliate - i.e. all Illinois (AHA!) teams are required to wear neck guards.

**Canadian (Hockey Canada)** team equipment rules are those recognized and subject to/by your governing body and or as required by their own leagues/associations. (i.e. mouth guards, neck guards, and all other equipment.) Hockey Canada requires a BNQ Certified Throat Protector (neck guard) for all Youth classifications. Hockey Canada rules do not mandate the wearing of a mouthpiece at any age classification where a full face mask is required.

The following USA Hockey rules may differ or not be familiar to teams from Canada and or other IIHF affiliates but shall apply in the STX Windy City Girls Elite AAA Tournament;

- Any player receiving 5 or more penalties in 1 game must sit the following game.
- If a team receives 15 or more penalties in one game, the head coach must sit the following game.
- Anyone receiving a game misconduct must sit the next game.
- Anyone receiving a match penalty is disqualified from further play.
- Any player who receives two (2) ten (10)minute misconducts in the same game will be ejected from the remainder of that game and will sit the next game. The second ten minute misconduct is converted to a game misconduct.

1.6 **On-Ice Officials.** All games shall be officiated by two referees.

1.7 **Off-Ice Officials.** The Tournament shall provide scorekeepers. **Each team competing in a given game shall provide a penalty box attendant for their team's penalty box.**

1.8 **Tournament Director.** The tournament director for the 2018 STX Windy City Girls Elite AAA Tournament shall be Justin Lewandowski [justin@200x85.com](mailto:justin@200x85.com) All questions and controversies shall be referred to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director's decision in any such matters shall be final.

1.9 **Score sheets.** All score sheets will be at the Director's table in the main concourse of the ice arena. It is the responsibility of each team to attach their roster labels to the scoresheet prior to each game and make appropriate changes/notations to the score sheet.

1.10 **Timeouts.** Each team will be allowed a single one (1) minute timeout per game.

1.11 **Handshakes.** Handshakes shall take place immediately after each game.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Divisions and Formats**

2.1 **Round Robin Games.**

The tournament is set up as a round robin format with two points to be awarded for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss. There will be no overtime.

## FORMATS

U12 Division will comprise of one (1) bracket of five (5) teams. Teams will play each team in their own bracket once (4 games). Following the round robin teams will be ranked 1-5 and the top 4 will advance to the semi and championship round.

U14, U16 & U19 Divisions will comprise of two (2) brackets of six (6) teams each. Three (3) teams will crossover and play three (3) teams in their own bracket once (3 games). At the conclusion of round robin play, teams will be ranked one through six within their bracket. The top four (4) teams in each bracket (8 teams) after the round robin will advance to the quarter finals, consolations, semifinals and championship round. Teams finishing 5th or 6th in their bracket will play a fourth game with a similar finisher in the opposite bracket.

**2.2 Tiebreakers for All Age Levels of Round Robin Play.** In all tiebreaker situations, the Tournament Director's decisions shall be final. If two or more teams are tied in points after the Round Robin, the following tiebreakers in the following order shall be used to determine which team finishes higher for final seeding:

1. If two teams are tied, **Head to Head Competition**;
2. If two teams remain tied, **Most Wins** during the Round Robin;
3. If two teams remain tied, **Goal Differential** (as defined below) shall be applied first counting only Games against common opponents, and if no winner emerges then counting all Round Robin Games;
4. If two teams remain tied, **Scoring Quotient** (as defined below) shall be applied first counting only Games against common opponents, and if no winner emerges then counting all Round Robin Games. If still tied, skip to Tiebreaker 9;
5. If more than two teams are tied and all tied teams played each other in the Round Robin, the seeding shall be by the following tiebreakers in the following order: a) **Points Earned in the Games against the other Tied Teams**; b) if still tied, **Goal Differential** in the Games against the other Tied Teams; c) if still tied, **Scoring Quotient** in the Games against the other Tied Teams; d) **Goal Differential** in all Round Robin Games; and e) **Scoring Quotient** in all Round Robin Games. If still tied, skip to Tiebreaker 9 without reverting to earlier two-team tiebreakers;
6. If more than two teams are tied and all tied teams did not play against each other in the Round Robin, the **Tournament Director** will use his best discretion to determine seeding, including where fair and feasible to use the following tiebreakers in the following order: a) **Points Earned in the Games that were in fact played against other Tied Teams**; b) **Points Earned in the Games against Common Opponents**; c) **Goal Differential in the Games against other Tied Teams**; d) **Scoring Quotient in the Games against other Tied Teams**; e) **Goal Differential in all Games**; d) **Scoring Quotient in all Games**. In applying his discretion, the Tournament Director may depart from strict adherence to these tiebreakers and in the interests of fairness may consider results in Head-to-Head competition, results against Common Opponents, relative Strength of Schedule, etc.;
7. **Goal Differential** is calculated by subtracting a team's goals against from its goals for. The team with the higher number advances. For purposes of calculating a team's Goal Differential, the maximum goal differential a team can take for any one game is six (6) goals;
8. **Scoring Quotient** is calculated by dividing a team's goals for by the sum of its goals for plus goals against. The team with the higher number advances. For purposes of calculating the scoring quotient, the maximum goal differential a team can take for any one game is six (6) goals, arrived at by reducing goals for and counting all goals against;

Example: Team A: 15 GF 7 GA Quotient is  $15/22 = .681$   
Team B: 14 GF 6 GA Quotient is  $14/20 = .700$   
Team B advances.

9. If teams still tied, **Fewest Penalty Minutes**;

10. If teams still tied, **Coin Flip**. If more than two teams are involved in the Coin Flip, the Tournament Director will determine the method of coin flip to be used.

**No Tie Games in Consolation, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals, and Championship Games.** A winning team and a losing team must emerge from these games. If at the end of regulation time in a consolation, quarter, semi, or championship game the score is tied, the teams will play;

1. A five (5) minute sudden death 4 x 4 (four on four) overtime period. The teams will switch sides so that each team is defending the goal farthest from their bench (as in hockey-speak, the "long change"). If a team ended the first overtime with a 5 on 4 advantage the advantage will continue as 4 on 3). If there is still no winner at the end of the first overtime period;
2. A five (5) minute sudden death 3 x 3 (three on three) overtime period. Follow the same "long change" format. If penalties occur during the 3 on 3 play the team with the man advantage shall begin the power play as a four-on-three. At the expiration of the penalty, the teams shall play four-on four. At the first stoppage after the power play ends, the play will resume as three-on three. If multiple penalties occur to the same team, penalties will be stacked once a team is down to three skaters. If coincidental penalties occur, both teams will remain with three skaters. If the score still remains tied;
3. Each team will pick five (5) players to take part in a shootout. The visiting team will shoot first. If no clear winner emerges after the first shootout;
4. Each team will pick one (1) player to take part in a sudden death shootout. The teams will continue in a "sudden death" shootout, until the game is decided. \* Teams must select a different player for each phase of the shootouts.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **Protests**

3.1 A game, including its outcome, may not be protested based on the judgments or "calls" made by an on-ice official. A game, including its outcome, may be protested based on the opponent's use of an ineligible player, or on a gross violation of rules or of protocol that clearly has an impact on the game and that inures to the detriment of youth hockey.

3.2 Any such protest must be filed by the protesting team as soon as is reasonably possible, preferably on the disputed game's score sheet, and referred immediately to the Tournament Director for his consideration.

3.3 If the Tournament Director determines that the circumstances warrant it, he may uphold the protest and assess the appropriate penalties against the offending team. The Tournament Director's decision in any such matters shall be final.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Suspension and Expulsion of Players, Parents, Coaches, Other Team Personnel**

4.1 **Coaches, Parents and Team Personnel.** Coaches, parents and other team or association personnel may be suspended or expelled from participation in the STX Windy City Elite Girls event, including all games and removal from the rink premises, for conduct deemed by the Tournament Director to be detrimental to the best interests of youth hockey. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. fighting or inciting others to fight;
- b. obscene language, conduct or behavior;
- c. language, conduct or behavior intended to intimidate others;
- d. refusal and/or failure to immediately heed a directive from a referee, from authorized rink personnel, or from the Tournament Director.

4.2 **Players.** Any player who receives a major penalty for fighting, or a game misconduct of any kind, in a game, shall automatically be suspended from the balance of that game and his next game. USA Hockey Official Playing Rules shall govern the assessment of penalties. At the conclusion of each game, the coach of each team shall be responsible for reviewing the score sheet (front and back) to determine whether any player or team official has been suspended or disqualified from participating in any future game.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **Sanctioning, Credentials and Forfeitures of Players, Coaches, Other Team Personnel**

5.1 All teams will produce verification that team is registered with USA Hockey or the C.H.A. All USA Hockey registered teams must provide a certified USA Hockey Official Team Roster (T1), authorized by your District Registrar. Only certified team rosters signed off /authorized by an authorized official from the team's respective affiliate/ federation will be accepted. Teams from outside of Illinois must provide a travel permit if their state affiliate requires one for their teams to play outside of their state. Non-US teams must provide an inbound Application for International Competition that has been approved by USA Hockey. All coaches must have valid CEP cards if participating on the player bench. Effective July 12, 2009 USAH roster (T-1) certified by the USAH Associate Registrar will serve as proof of birth.

5.2 All players must play exclusively for one organization and be a part of the team's permanent 2018-2019 roster. We will not permit players to be borrowed from another association, team and or league. Under no circumstances will the STX Windy City Girls Elite AAA Tournament allow select all-star teams to be formed for this event. Any team using an ineligible player (s) shall forfeit any and all games in which the individual player (s) has participated and the player (s) will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.