

TAOS COYOTE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINI MITE FESTIVAL
February 17, 2008
RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 1- ENTRY FEE AND TEAM APPLICATION FORM:

- A) Application will be made only on the application form supplied to the specific purpose.
- B) An entry fee of \$100 made payable to TCYHA must accompany each team entry application.
- C) All applications and correspondence must be directed to:

Taos Coyote Youth Hockey Association
Atten: Todd Gravelle; Mini Mite Festival Director
6184 NDCBU
Taos, NM 87571

- D) The one hundred dollar (\$100) entry fee will be refunded if the application is not accepted.
- E) If a team is unable to attend the festival, it must immediately notify the Festival Director by phone (505) 770-2661 prior to February 5TH in order to receive a full refund. If not done by this date, the festival reserves the right to keep all monies by such team.

RULE 2 – TEAM ROSTER FORM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION:

- A) Festival Roster Forms supplied for the specific event must be completed and provided with the entry application.
- B) All players listed on the Festival Roster Form must also be listed on the same USA Hockey Form 1-T and supported by a USA Hockey individual membership registration form (IMR) for the current season.
- C) Each team will be composed of no more than 6 players. All teams must have a minimum of 4 players. Two additional alternate players may be listed in the event of illness or injury. Goalies are not allowed.
- D) At least one USA Hockey registered coach must be on the USA Hockey Form 1-T for each team. A coach may represent more than one team, if needed.
- E) A credentials check will be done prior to the teams' first game.

RULE 3 – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- A) Players must not have reached their 7th birthday prior to January 1, 2008.
- B) Players' names must appear on the USA Hockey Form 1-T for the current Playing Season.
- C) Due to illness or injury, alternate players are allowed provided that they are listed on the USA Hockey Form 1-T.
- D) No player will be allowed to play for more than one team. However, players may be registered with one team and allowed to play as an alternate for another team

in the event of an illness or injury. Alternate players are subject to the above eligibility requirements.

RULE 4 – PLAYING RULES

- A) Protective equipment will be required in accordance with USA Hockey Guidelines for the MITE playing level. I.e. Mouthguards are not required.
- B) Teams on the ice will consist of 3 skaters and no goalie.
- C) Games are conducted cross-ice with two simultaneous games in each end of the rink.
- D) Each game will be contained from the end boards to the blue line using “Border Patrol” rink dividers. Reduced size nets will be used (2’x3’).
- E) Goalies are not allowed, and defending players are not afforded goalie privileges. E.g. covering the puck for stoppage of play.
- F) There will be 12’ diameter semi-circle in front of each net, this will be considered an exclusion area. Goals cannot be scored from within the boundaries of the exclusion area. Defending players may not enter the exclusion zone to play a puck that is not in the path to the net.
- G) One on-ice official will be provided for each game to ensure that players are playing safely and that the game is conducted in a timely manner and that play is roughly continuous. Stoppage of play will result in the referee tossing the puck into the near end corner (the one with boards).
- H) No off sides – No icing – No Time outs
- I) All penalties will result in the player being sent off the ice for at least one shift. A team may replace that player with another player from the bench. Teams will not have to play shorthanded. Coaches will be responsible for enforcing missing shifts due to penalties.
- J) The scoreboard will be used for time keeping only. Goals will be not displayed.
- K) All other USA Hockey Rules will apply.
- L) Players will have even playing time, to the best of coaches’ ability.

RULE 5 – DURATION OF GAMES:

- A) All games will commence after a 4 minute warm up period.
- B) All games will consist of three 12-minute running periods with 1 minute between periods.
- C) All games will have 1 minute and 30 second interval horn for line changes.
- D) Deviations from the format are not at the discretion of the on-ice officials.

RULE 6 – ZERO TOLERANCE

- A) The Festival will uphold the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy.
- B) The Festival is to have fun and promote good sportsmanship amongst players, coaches, officials, parents, and other spectators.
- C) Infractions of the Zero Tolerance Policy will be dealt with swiftly and fairly to all involved.