



TAOS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Taos MLK Classic

RULE 1 - ENTRY FEE AND APPLICATION FORM:

- A. Applications will be made only on the application form (2 pages) supplied for this specific purpose.
- B. An entry fee of \$495 made payable to TYHA must accompany each entry application.
- C. All applications, forms, and correspondence must be directed to:
 - o Tournament Director
 - o Taos Youth & Family Center
 - o 407 Paseo del Canon East, Taos, NM 87571
 - o Or Email: bgreer@taosgov.com
- D. The four hundred ninety five dollar entry fee will be refunded if the application is not accepted following the final selections.
- E. If a selected team is unable to attend the tournament, it must immediately notify the Tournament Director by phone (575-737-2581) prior to the second Wednesday in January for a full refund of monies. If not done within this time frame, the Tournament reserves the right to hold and keep all moneys by such team.

RULE 2 - TEAM ROSTER FORM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION:

- A. All tournament players must be listed on the official USA Hockey signed player roster form (USA Hockey Form T-1)
- B. There will be a credentials check to verify the credentials of each player and each team participating in the tournament.
- C. The following credentials must be presented for review to the tournament officials:
 - o USA Hockey T-1 (Official USA Hockey roster signed by registrar)

The USA Hockey T-1 must be completed for the current season and bear the signature of the USA Hockey District Registrar or his/her designee. The exact timing of this credentials check will be communicated to the participants prior to the tournament. A team will not be allowed to play until its credentials have been checked.

RULE 3 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- A. No player will be allowed to play for a team unless his or her name appears on the USA Hockey player roster form signed by the USA Hockey District Registrar or his/her designee for that team for the current season.
- B. No player will be allowed to play for more than one team in a given division without the express written permission of the Tournament Director. Players are allowed to play on more than one team if those teams are in separate divisions, and all roster requirements are met.

RULE 4 - PLAYING RULES:

- A. The playing rules of the Tournament will be such rules as laid out in the current USA Hockey rule Book.
- B. If changes in playing time are found necessary in the operation of the Tournament, all managers will be advised well prior to the commencement of their scheduled games.
- C. The Tournament Director's decisions will be final.

RULE 5 - DURATION OF GAMES:

- A. All games will be three stop 12 minute periods subject to game curfews. Penalties assessed during games will be followed as per USA Hockey Rulebook.
 - o **All tournament games are curfew games, and must end by the prescribed time.**

- B. If the game is tied after the end of the third period, the game is over and a tie will be issued to both teams. During Championship and Consolation games only, a five-player shootout will commence. If still tied at the end of the five-player shootout, the shootout will continue with one additional player per team, until a winner is decided. No player can shoot a second time until all other players (goalies excluded) on that team have taken a shot.

RULE 6 - TOURNAMENT SELECTION AND DRAW:

- A. Teams will be selected for each age division from all applications received.
- B. Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) games.
- C. All teams are required to play each scheduled game.
- D. Two top teams based on points will play for the Championship. The third and fourth place teams may play a consolation game if ice allows.

RULE 7 - TIE BREAKING RULE:

- A. Two (2) points will be awarded for each win during the Round Robin. One (1) point will be awarded for a tie. One (1) point will be awarded for a shutout.
- B. If two (2) teams are tied in points after the Round Robin, the winner of the Round Robin game between those two (2) teams will place higher. This same rule, applies to ties involving more than two teams (three (3) teams tied or more), that the winner of the Round Robin game between the tied teams will place higher.
- C. If the teams are still tied, the teams will be ranked on the point differential. Each team will be awarded one (1) point for two (2) goals winning differential. Two (2) points for three (3) goals winning differential will be awarded. Three (3) points for four (4) goals winning differential will be awarded. No additional points will be awarded for goal differentials higher than 4 goals differential. The team with the most points places higher.
 - i. If the teams are still tied, then the team which scored first in the Round Robin game between those two (2) teams will place higher.
 - ii. If the teams are still tied, then the team with the fewest penalty minutes (major, misconduct and game misconduct count) in the Round Robin series will place higher.
 - iii. If the teams are still tied, then the team with the lowest goals against in the Round-Robin series will place higher.
 - iv. If the teams are still tied, a coin toss will determine which team places higher.

RULE 8 – PROTESTS:

- A. Protests must be filed by the team Head Coach at the arena Tournament office or with the Tournament Director within one hour after the end of the disputed game, and be in writing. No other protest will be allowed.
- B. There will be a \$100.00 cash non-refundable charge for each protest, due within the same one hour following the end of the game. There will be no exceptions.
- C. Our protest committee will handle any and all protests and their decision(s) will be final. The committee will have an even number of participants, and the Tournament Director will have the tie-breaking vote if necessary and the final decision(s) on all matters.

RULE 9 - PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

- A. While on the ice, all players (including goaltenders) are encouraged to wear throat protectors. This shall include games, practices, during warm-ups and while sitting on the player's bench or penalty bench. All other equipment requirements will be in accord with USA Hockey rules.

RULE 10 - ON-ICE OFFICIALS:

USA Hockey sanctioned officials only shall be used to officiate all round-robin games and all consolation and championship games in the tournament.

RULE 11 – ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the USA Hockey policy(s) of Zero Tolerance. Good sportsmanship will be expected at all times, from Coaches, Players, Officials, Parents, and Spectators. Violations will result in suspensions and removal from the tournament. The Tournament Director(s) decisions will be final, and not subject to protest.

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