



SMHA Tournament Rules & Format

2019/20

Season

GENERAL RULES – Novice

Hockey Calgary Sanction

Teams attending all Hockey Calgary Sanctioned tournaments will adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the governing body of zone 9 which is described as Hockey Calgary.

This is in effect regardless of traveling or local area teams.

Fees

Payment will be made upon confirmation of invite from hosting SMHA team. Payments can be made through e-transfer and/or cheques; made out to Springbank Minor Hockey Association.

Schedule

Each team will play a total of 4 games round robin format. No score is kept, and therefore there are no winners or losers determined throughout the event. See Novice Development League (NDL) Resource Guide on Hockey Calgary for more details.

Medals and other

All players will get participant silver medals. Swag and snack(s) are also given out.

Pre-Game and Post-Game

Each team will be allowed a three minute on-ice warm-up prior to each game. Please ensure your team is ready and able to take advantage of this time.

Players must take their equipment directly from the dressing room to their vehicles and not leave it in the arena foyer. SMHA and SPFAS will not be responsible for any lost or stolen equipment.

Player Eligibility

Each team is required to submit player amateur cards or “team sheets” before the tournament starts. Only registered and approved players for your team may be used. Only those players included in the registration for this tournament will be eligible to play. Please have the list available in paper copy or online, in case there is a challenge from another team.

Tournament coordinator or coaches must ensure that team line-ups are ready and verified 10 minutes before the game, by a coach from each team.



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Game Format

Permit time	60 minute duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 min Warm up • 24 min Period #1 • 3 min Rest & Change ends • 24 min Period #2 • 3 min Shake hands & exit
	75-minute duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 min Warm up • 30 min Period #1 • 3 min Rest & Change ends • 30 min Period #2 • 3 min Shake hands & exit

- ½ ice game will be played from the goal line (at one end), to the center line. The net at center ice will be put on the center faceoff circle
- Boards will be used to separate the ice surface
- Coaches are required to balance their players across each games so they are close to equal skill level.
- 2 face-offs during the game – one to start the game, and one to start the second half
- No official score will be posted
- No off-sides, no icing
- Blue pucks only
- Main score clock is used for time keeping only for both ½ ice games simultaneously
- 1 official at each end, plus a mentor official
- A maximum of 2 coaches per team will be permitted on each bench
- 1.5 minute shifts in length with buzzer to signal player changes. Players must relinquish control of puck immediately and vacate the tice, new players enter ice immediately
- Tag up rule: If there are fewer than 4 players on the bench, the active player(s) designated to stay out for the following shift must tag up at the bench prior to racing to the play the loose puck. This is enforced by the coaches, not the officials.

Game Sheets and Scoring

While there are no official scores shown on a scoreboard, an internal score for each half-ice game will be kept for reseeding purposes. Novice specific games sheets will be used in order to track all players who participate in the game as well as to tally the score.

When the puck enters the goal, the official will blow the whistle and signal a goal, retrieving the puck from the net and allow the team that was scored on to take possession of the puck. The team that scored will back off 3 meters.

Disorderly Conduct

Any player who receives a misconduct penalty in the last ten (10) minutes of a game will be required to



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sit out the next game. In all other cases, Hockey Calgary rules apply.

The Tournament Committee, consisting of three members of the host team, will review any disorderly conduct by players or coaches, on or off the ice. The Tournament Committee will hand down penalties for such actions.

Out of Town teams

These are suggested accommodations but not mandatory. Springbank Minor Hockey has no affiliation to these hotels; they are simply the closest to our arenas.

1. Four Points by Sheraton Hotel & Suites Calgary West
8220 Bowridge Crescent NW, Calgary, AB T3B 2V1
2. Sandman Hotel & Suites Calgary West
125 Bowridge Dr NW, Calgary, AB T3B 3R6

Official's box and other rules

Hockey Calgary and Springbank asks that we have total transparency when running our official's box and ask that we populate the box similar to our league games. Visiting teams are to provide enough labels for the score sheet for all the games. It is also against Springbank Park for all Season's policies to have children under the age of 14 in the box.

- **Home** is responsible for 2 volunteers: timekeeping and internal score sheet keeping, home also provides the scoresheet.
- **Away** is responsible for 1 volunteer: internal score sheet keeping
- **Hosting team (the SMHA team running the tournament)** is responsible for a volunteer in the box at games where two visiting teams play each other to help with running the clock/music and collecting the score sheet. HOSTING TEAM WILL PROVIDE THE SCORESHEETS for every game and is responsible for game sheet reporting as per Hockey Calgary regulations.

Teams shall arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of the game. Team line-ups must be ready and verified by each team 20 minutes prior to the game.

Players must take their equipment directly from the dressing room to their vehicles and not leave it in the arena foyer. Springbank Minor Hockey will not be responsible for any lost or stolen equipment.

The Tournament Committee, consisting of three members of the host team, will review any disorderly conduct by players or coaches on or off the ice. The Tournament Committee will hand down penalties for such actions.

There will be at least two (2) certified A.A.H.A. referees on the ice for each game.

MOST IMPORTANT RULE... Have fun!