



SMHA Tournament Rules & Format

U11-U18

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GENERAL RULES – U11 to U18

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(s)

Payments will be arranged via the hosting team's requirements

Schedule

Each team will play a total of 4 games: 3 in round robin and 1 final game. Tie games will be permitted, without having to break the tie during the round robin play. Game points will be awarded as follows:

WIN = 2 Points

TIE = 1 Point

LOSS = 0 Points

Pre-Game and Post-Game

Each team will be allowed a two or three minute on-ice warm-up prior to each game, this is dependent on access to ice in reference to the Zamboni gate being closed in time to allow the warm-up prior to the ice permit starting. 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 a player roster before the tournament starts, "official Hockey Canada roster" is not required but should be available if asked for this roster can be in its "pending form". Only registered and approved affiliates 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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Permit time	75-minute duration	15, 15, 15	Stop time
Permit time	90-minute duration	30, 30, 30	Stop time

Dropping the Clock

The clock will drop when five (5) minutes are remaining on the ice permit, at the first stoppage of play. At that time, the clock will be reset to two (2) minutes and the remainder of the game will be completed with run time (clock will not stop).

Disorderly Conduct

Any player who receives a misconduct penalty in the last ten (10) minutes of a game will be required to sit out the next game. In all other cases, Hockey Calgary rules apply.

Tie-Breaking Procedures

In the event of a tie in standings between three or more teams after Round Robin play, the standings will be determined as listed below. Use this process until one team can be promoted. Restart the process again to determine the order of the remaining teams. **A maximum of six goal differential in any one game will apply.**

1	Most Points	The team with the most points from Round Robin games advances first.
2	Head-to-Head	In case of a tie between two teams, the team having won the game between each other will advance.
3	Plus/Minus ('Goals for' minus 'Goals Against')	If still tied, the team with the best plus/minus (GF-GA) during Full Round Robin play will advance. As per above the 6-goal differential above
4	Fewest Goals Against	If still tied, the team with the fewest goals against during Full Round Robin play will advance.
5	Most Goals For	If still tied, the team with the most goals during Full Round Robin play will advance.
6	Fewest Penalty Minutes	If still tied, the team with the fewest penalty minutes during Full Round Robin play will advance.
7	Coin Toss	If still tied, then a single flip of a coin by the Tournament Director will determine the team to advance.



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Tie-Breaking Procedures for Playoff Games

All games must be completed within their permit ice times stated above. In the event of a tied score at end of the playoff game and time is still remaining on the permit then the below is in effect.

The Tournament Organizer with the collaboration of the Head coaches will move forward on the below outlines

5 minutes or more left on the permit: Five Minute overtime

For this tie-breaking option, and the permit time allows one 5-minute stop time 3-on-3 sudden-victory overtime period will be played. Play will end when one team scores and is declared the winner.

5 minutes or less on the permit: NHL-Style Shootout

In the event of a tie where there is less than 5 minutes left on the permit, each team will select three shooters and each player will take one shot each, and the shots alternate from team to team. Upon completion of the three-player shootout, the team with the most goals wins.

No time remaining on the permit

Due to the nature of the ice permit and the need for floods and other user groups needing access to the ice all games must be completed within their permit and in the event of a tie at the end of the ice permit the team who scored first wins.

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.

- [Four Points by Sheraton Hotel & Suites Calgary West](#)
8220 Bowridge Crescent NW, Calgary, AB T3B 2V1
- [Sandman Hotel & Suites Calgary West](#)
125 Bowridge Dr NW, Calgary, AB T3B 3R6

Official's box and other rules

Hockey Calgary and Springbank Minor Hockey asks that we have total transparency when running our official's box, please see [Hockey Calgary's Community Hockey Game Play Guidelines 2022-23](#).

- 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 penalty box, home also provides the scoresheet.
- **Away** is responsible for 2 volunteers: scorekeeping and penalty box



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- **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.

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.

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

MOST IMPORTANT RULE...

Have fun!