



# SMHA Tournament Rules & Format

## U9

### GENERAL RULES – U9

#### 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.

#### Fee

Payment will be made upon confirmation of invite from hosting SMHA team.

#### 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.

The game schedule will be available to view in all Hockey Calgary team's team portal, teams from outside of the Hockey Calgary will be emailed a schedule directly.

#### Medals and other

All players will receive 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

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.



# SMHA Tournament Rules & Format

## U9

### Game Format

Permit time	60 minute duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 min Warm up</li> <li>• 24 min Period #1</li> <li>• 3 min Rest &amp; Change sides</li> <li>• 24 min Period #2</li> <li>• 3 min exit</li> </ul>
-------------	--------------------	--

- 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 and are only handled by SMHA assigned volunteers
- Coaches are required to balance their players across each game, 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 (when available)
- 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 ice, 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, both Home and away teams will need to arrange scoresheets as per the Hockey Calgary Community Hockey Game play Guidelines 2023-24 doc.

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.



# SMHA Tournament Rules & Format

## U9

### Official's box and other rules

- Springbank Minor Hockey is encouraged by Hockey Calgary to populate your official's box like regular games. Both Home and Away are in the box
- At Springbank, if the tournament committee chooses to fully host the official's box, SMHA would like you to at least assign a parent from the visiting team in their Penalty box. This aides in transparency.
- When two away teams are matched up SMHA asks the asks to assign a tournament volunteer to assist in the box

---

**MOST IMPORTANT RULE... Have fun!**