



RULES FOR CONDUCT OF 2010 AAA GAMES

ARTICLE 1 General Rules

- 1.1 **Playing Rules.** AHAI/USAH requires that our tournament be registered and that all participating teams, players and coaches be USA Hockey/C.H.A./IIHF registered. **Tournament Sanctioning Number ILH0910180**
- 1.2 **Length of Games & Penalties.** All games for all age levels shall have seventeen (17) minute periods. All games played at the U16 and 1996 age levels shall have an ICE CLEAN after every 2 periods (this could be before or after the first period or between the 2nd and 3rd period). *All 1996 Quarter Final and Semi Final Games will be three (3) – ten (10) minute periods. 2:00 Minor Penalties, 5:00 Major Penalties, and 10:00 Misconducts.
- 1.3 **Warm ups** for all levels shall be **three (3) minutes**. Teams must furnish their own pucks.
- 1.4 **Running Clock:** If a team is ahead by five (5) or more goals during the third period of the game, a running/non-stop clock will be invoked. If during the third period the goal spread becomes four (4) goals; the stop clock will be resumed.
- 1.5 **Home Teams/Jerseys/Start Times.** For all games, the home team listed shall wear its light/white, home jerseys and the visiting team listed shall wear its dark/colored away jerseys. Teams are requested to bring two (2) sets of jerseys-one light and one dark. Teams having only 1 set of jerseys must notify their opponent at least 45 minutes prior to their scheduled game. Teams are asked to be at the rink 45 minutes prior to their scheduled game time. In the event the previous game finishes early, teams playing the next game will be expected to take the ice as soon as re-surfacing is completed and/or referees are available.
- 1.6 **Protective Equipment.** All games are operated under USAH Rules and Regulations. Neck guards are required and mandatory for all US and CDN age level teams. All USAH registered players, including goalkeepers in the Pee wee (98, 99) through Midget (U16) age classifications are required to wear a colored (non clear) internal mouthpiece that covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. Canadian teams will abide by the equipment requirements of their governing organization. For the first violation of this rule, the team shall be issued a warning. A misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player or goalkeeper of that team for a subsequent violation during that game.

- 1.7 **Other USAH Rulings.** USA Hockey replaced the delayed offside rule with an automatic whistle. Consequently, if a player is offside, the whistle will be blown immediately. If the offside is accidental then the face-off will occur just outside the offensive zone blue-line, an intentional offside will be whistled down with the face-off occurring in the violating team's defensive zone. Checking and Slapshots are only permitted at the 1999 and older age classifications.
- 1.8 **On-Ice Officials.** All games shall be officiated by two referees.
- 1.9 **Off-Ice Officials.** The Bresy Chi-Town Shuffle shall provide scorekeepers. Each team competing in a given game shall provide a penalty box attendant for their team's penalty box.
- 1.10 **Tournament Directors.** The tournament directors for the 2010 Bresy Chi-Town Shuffle shall be Kevin Mann & Andrea Hahn. All questions and controversies shall be referred to the Tournament Directors. The Tournament Director's decision in any such matters shall be final.
- 1.11 **Score sheets.** All score sheets will be at the front counters of the proper rink. It is the responsibility of each team to fill out the team roster or attach the team labels prior to each game and make appropriate changes/notations to the score sheet.
- 1.12 **Timeouts.** There will be **NO Timeouts for Round Robin Games**. In all Consolation, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Championship Games ~ Each team will be allowed a single one (1) minute timeout.
- 1.13 **Handshakes.** Handshakes shall take place prior to each game.

ARTICLE 2

Ties and Tiebreakers

2.1 Round Robin Games.

In the round robin portion of the tournament two points will be awarded for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss. There will be no overtime. During round robin play, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the tie score will stand and each team shall be awarded one point for the game. The division winner will be determined as the team who has accumulated the most points.

- **2001 Squirt Minor** (12 teams) will be split into two (2) Divisions – **AAA Elite (6 teams)** and **AAA (6 teams)**. The **AAA Elite** and **AAA** Divisions will comprise of two (2) brackets of three (3) teams each. Division A (3) teams will crossover and play Division B (3) teams one time each (3 games). At the conclusion of round robin play, all teams from both brackets will be ranked one through six. The top four (4) teams or seeds after the round robin will advance to the semi finals and championship round. Teams finishing 5th and 6th will play a consolation game for their fourth and final game.

- **2000 Squirt Major** (16 teams)) will be split into two (2) Divisions – **AAA Elite (10 teams)** and **AAA (6 teams)**. **AAA Elite** Division will comprise of two (2) brackets of five (5) teams each. Teams will play each team in their own bracket once (4 games). The top two (2) teams in each bracket (4 teams) after the round robin will advance to the semi final and championship round. Every other team will have completed the tournament. The **AAA** Division will comprise of two (2) brackets of three (3) teams each. Division A (3) teams will crossover and play Division B (3) teams one time each (3 games). At the conclusion of round robin play, all teams from both brackets will be ranked one through six. The top four (4) teams or seeds after the round robin will advance to the semi finals and championship round. Teams finishing 5th and 6th will play a consolation game for their fourth and final game.
- **1999 Pee wee Minor** (18 teams) will be split into two (2) Divisions – **AAA Elite (10 teams)** and **AAA (8 teams)**. **AAA Elite** Division will comprise of two (2) brackets of five (5) teams each. Teams will play each team in their own bracket once (4 games). The top two (2) teams in each bracket (4 teams) after the round robin will advance to the semi final and championship round. Every other team will have completed the tournament. The **AAA** Division will comprise of two (2) brackets of 4 teams each. Teams will play each team in their own bracket once (3 games). At the conclusion of round robin play, all teams will be ranked one through four within their bracket and advance to the quarter final, semi final and championship round.
- **1998 Pee wee Major** (16 teams) will be split into two (2) Divisions – **AAA Elite (8 teams)** and **AAA (8 teams)**. The **AAA Elite** Division and the **AAA** Division will comprise of two (2) brackets of 4 teams each. Teams will play each team in their own bracket once (3 games). At the conclusion of round robin play, all teams will be ranked one through four within their bracket and advance to the quarter final, semi final and championship round.
- **1997 Bantam Minor** (12 teams) will be split into two (2) Divisions – **AAA Elite (6 teams)** and **AAA (6 teams)**. The **AAA Elite** and **AAA** Divisions will comprise of two (2) brackets of three (3) teams each. Division A (3) teams will crossover and play Division B (3) teams one time each (3 games). At the conclusion of round robin play, all teams from both brackets will be ranked one through six. The top four (4) teams or seeds after the round robin will advance to the semi finals and championship round. Teams finishing 5th and 6th will play a consolation game for their fourth and final game.
- **1996 Bantam Major** (20 teams) all in one Division and will comprise of four (4) brackets of five (5) teams each. Teams will play each team in their own bracket once (4 games). The top two (2) teams in each bracket (8 teams) after the round robin will advance to the quarter final,

semi final and championship round. Every other team will have completed the tournament. * All quarter final and semi final games are 3 x 10 minute stop time periods. Championship game will go back to 3 x 17 minute stop time periods.

- **U16 Midget Minor** (8 teams) all in one Division and will comprise of two (2) brackets of 4 teams each. Teams will play each team in their own bracket once (3 games). At the conclusion of round robin play, all teams will be ranked one through four within their bracket and advance to the quarter final, semi final and championship round.

2.2 **Tiebreakers for Round Robin Play.** If two or more teams are tied in points after the round robin, the following tiebreakers in the following order shall be used to determine which team finishes higher for seeding in the Finals and Consolation Games:

- a. Head to Head Competition;
- b. Best Goal Differential (i.e. goals for minus goals against); Max 5 per game.
- c. Fewest Goals Allowed;
- d. Most Goals Scored;
- e. Most Periods Won in Head to Head Competition;
- f. Most Periods Won in all Round Robin Play;
- g. Fewest Penalties in all Round Robin Play.

2.3 **No Tie Games in Quarter Finals , Semi-Finals, Championship and Consolation Games.** A winning team and a losing team must emerge from these games. If at the end of regulation time in a semi, championship or consolation game the score is tied, the teams will play;

1. A five (5) minute sudden death 4 x 4 (four on four) overtime period (if a team ended the first overtime with a 5 on 4 advantage the advantage will continue as 4 on 3). If there is still no winner at the end of the first overtime period;
2. A five (5) minute sudden death 3 x 3 (three on three) overtime period. If penalties occur during the 3 on 3 play the team with the man advantage shall begin the power play as a four-on-three. At the expiration of the penalty, the teams shall play four-on four. At the first stoppage after the power play ends, the play will resume as three-on three. If multiple penalties occur to the same team, penalties will be stacked once a team is down to three skaters. If coincidental penalties occur, both teams will remain with three skaters. If the score still remains tied;
3. Each team will pick five (5) players to take part in a shootout. The visiting team will shoot first. If no clear winner emerges after the first shootout;
4. Each team will pick one (1) player to take part in a sudden death shootout. The teams will continue in a “sudden death” shootout, until the game is decided.
*Teams must select a different player for each phase of the shootouts.

ARTICLE 3 Protests

3.1 A game, including its outcome, may not be protested based on the judgments or “calls” made by an on-ice official. A game, including its outcome, may be protested based on the opponent’s use of an ineligible player, or on a gross violation of rules or of protocol that clearly has an impact on the game and that inures to the detriment of youth hockey.

3.2 Any such protest must be filed by the protesting team as soon as is reasonably possible, preferably on the disputed game’s scoresheet, and referred immediately to the Tournament Directors for their consideration.

3.3 If the Tournament Directors determine that the circumstances warrant it, the Tournament Director’s decision in any such matters shall be final.

ARTICLE 4 Forfeitures

4.1 Use of an Ineligible Player. Any team found using an ineligible player shall forfeit each and every game in which the ineligible player is used. Such ineligible players may not even dress for a game or it shall be forfeited. The forfeiture shall take effect upon a finding by the Tournament Directors to that effect. It is the responsibility of the team, and of the team’s organization, to immediately report to the Tournament Directors any use of an ineligible player once such use becomes known by them.

ARTICLE 5 Suspension and Expulsion of Players, Parents, Coaches, Other Team Personnel

5.1 Coaches, Parents and Team Personnel. Coaches, parents and other team or association personnel may be suspended or expelled from participation in the Bresy Chi-Town Shuffle tournament, including all games and removal from the rink premises, for conduct deemed by the Tournament Director to be detrimental to the best interests of youth. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. fighting or inciting others to fight;
- b. obscene conduct or behavior;
- c. language or behavior intended to intimidate others;
- d. refusal or failure to cease such conduct upon a referee’s or the Tournament Director’s order.

5.2 Players. Any player who receives a major penalty for fighting, or a game misconduct of any kind, in a game, shall automatically be suspended from the balance of that game and his next game.

ARTICLE 6 Sanctioning and Credentials of Players, Coaches, Other Team Personnel

6.1 Prior to your first scheduled game the team manager or coach will check in with the rink director at your scheduled arena. The following information will be needed for this credential check in.

- All teams will produce verification that team is registered with USA Hockey or the C.H.A.
- All teams will produce a roster certified by their State Registrar. All USA Hockey registered teams must complete and sign the USA Hockey Official Team Roster,
- Birth certificates must be available, if requested.