

Tournament Rules

General Rules

All tournament games are played according to the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) rules with certain modifications.

Team Specifications

- All players must be born in 2014 or later.
- The team listed on the left in the game schedule is the home team. The home team's bench is on the left side, and they must wear dark jerseys.

Tournament Format

- Teams: The tournament consists of 6 teams.
- Group Stage: Each team plays against every other team in a round-robin format.
- After the group stage, the teams ranked 5th and 6th play against each other, 4th and 3rd play bronze medal game and finally 2nd and 1st play gold medal game.

Game Duration

- Warmup: Warmup lasts for 2 minutes, and no pucks are allowed during this time.
- Group Stage & 5th vs. 6th Place Game: These games are played in two periods of 15 minutes each. The first period has running time (no stoppages), while the second period has stoppage time.
- Medal Games: These games are played in two periods of 20 minutes each. The first period is running time, and the second period is stoppage time. There is no ice resurfacing between periods, and a 2-minute break is taken between periods.
- Teams do not switch sides after the first period.

- Body checking is prohibited in all games.

Points System

- Victory in regulation time: 3 points
- Victory in shootout: 2 points
- Loss in shootout: 1 point
- Loss in regulation time: 0 points

Tiebreaker Criteria

If two or more teams are tied in points at the end of the group stage, the ranking will be determined by the following criteria, listed in order of importance:

1. More points in head-to-head games.
2. Better goal difference in head-to-head games.
3. More goals scored in head-to-head games.
4. More wins in all group stage games.
5. Better goal difference in all group stage games.
6. More goals scored in all group stage games.

Shootout Procedure

- Applicable in both group stage and medal games.
- The first three shots must be taken by different players.
- After the initial three shots, the same player can take multiple shots.
- A player serving a penalty at the end of regulation cannot participate in the shootout.
- The home team takes the first shot in the shootout.

Penalties

1. Minor Penalty

A minor penalty results in 2 minutes of running time.

2. Major Penalty

A major penalty results in 5 minutes of running time.

3. Misconduct Penalty (5+20)

- A player or team representative receiving a misconduct penalty (5+20) is removed from the game for the remainder of the match.
- If the same player or team representative receives a second 5+20 penalty during the tournament, they are disqualified for the next game.
- If the same player or team representative receives a third 5+20 penalty, they are fully disqualified from the tournament.

Referees' Authority

- The referees have the final say in all decisions made during the game.
- Players, coaches, and team staff are prohibited from arguing with or disputing the referees' decisions. Any form of dissent may result in penalties or further disciplinary actions.

Additional Regulations

- Tournament officials are not responsible for any lost or damaged personal belongings or equipment of any team.
- Hockey sticks may only be used during games on the ice. The use of hockey sticks outside the ice (e.g., in accommodations, shared areas of the arena, etc.) is prohibited.
- Tournament organizers reserve the right to make changes or adjustments to the schedule and rules as needed. Any changes will be communicated to the teams in a timely manner.