

# NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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### F. BASIC TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Tournament Manager will be in charge of tournament arrangements and team bracketing. The manager will have the power to settle any problems in regard to rules and regulations during the tournament days, both on and off the ice, in accordance with the NDAHA Bylaws and USA Hockey rules.
2. Age Classifications shall be as established by the NDAHA Board of Directors.
3. Birth Certification: All teams will be required to submit birth or, baptismal certificates (if the individual was baptized prior to age five) for certification or proof of age unless the player is already on an approved list as distributed by the NDAHA Secretary. It will be the Tournament Managers' responsibility to check ages and administer this rule. The Tournament Manager will provide a valid certificate to a head coach questioning the age of any player.
4. Players in the State Pee Wee, Bantam, Girls/Women's or NDAJGHL tournaments must be registered in accordance with Section 1, Article II of these rules and regulations.
5. All teams will be properly uniformed.
6. A registered Pee Wee, Bantam, Girls/Women's or NDAJGHL player may not play in more than one (1) NDAHA tournament. That is any one player regardless of age eligibility cannot play in Pee Wee, Bantam and NDAJGHL tournament. (For exceptions see Section 1, Article VI Class of Play, A.5. Inadequate Numbers).
7. The Tournament Manager will provide another copy of these rules to each coach upon arrival to the state tournament.
8. The NDAHA, through the treasurer, will provide monies for the cost of the NDAHA State Tournament trophies. Standardized trophies will be provided for each state tournament for first, second, third, and consolation winner places. In tournament of six (6) teams or less, trophies will be provided for first, second, and third place winners only. Existing traveling trophies will be presented. Individual gold medals will be provided for the individuals of the championship team. Individual silver medals will be provided for the individuals for the second place team.
9. Tournament Seeding: Seeding of teams shall be determined by the standings of the team in regional or district leagues after finishing the mandatory league play. The top three (3) teams in each "B" district will be seeded into the "B1" state tournament and the lower teams in each "B" district will be seeded into the "B2" tournament, according to the approved NDAHA tournament format.
10. Teams shall be guaranteed two (2) games in state tournaments.
  - Tournament formats shall provide the opportunity for all teams to enter the consolation bracket after their first loss in the championship bracket.
  - No teams shall play three (3) games in one day in state tournament competition regardless of bracketing.
  - Scheduling at state tournaments will be such that there is at least a two (2) hour break between games for the same team, prohibiting back-to-back games for the same team.

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- During the course of tournament play, if one of the teams involved has a score lead of six (6) goals or greater over its opponent during the third period of the game, the game officials, either the referee or the Tournament Manager, must invoke a running/non-stop clock. The clock will be stopped only by the referee. If during the period the goal spread becomes four (4) goals; the non-stop clock will be resumed.

### 11. Tie Tournament Games

- a. If the ice-sheet has been played on for one (1) period the following procedures will take place:

1. A five (5) minute rest period will be allowed.
2. The teams shall not change ends.
3. A ten (10) minute period shall be played. The game shall be terminated upon a goal being scored.
4. If no goal is scored, the ice shall be resurfaced and teams will not change ends.
5. Teams will repeat ten (10) minute periods until the tie is broken. Ice will be resurfaced every two (2) periods.
6. In tournaments with pool play ties will not be played off. In the event of a tie in pool standings, the seeds will be determined first by head to head competition, second by fewest goals allowed, and thirdly by goals scored. If the teams are still tied after exhausting the above possibilities, the team scoring the first goal in head to head competition will be given the higher seed. (If the tie is still not broken, for example a 0 – 0 tie in head to head competition, a coin toss will determine the seed).

12. Parent/Spectator Tournament Behavior – any parent/spectator identified by a game official to be removed from the building will be treated the same as a game misconduct. The parent/spectator will be out of the facility for the rest of that game, and the next scheduled game. Violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. (Tournament Chair, Arena Manager, Affiliate Organization)
13. Player/Coach/Spectator Tournament Behavior - Any player/coach/spectator removed from the ice/arena by a game official due to a penalty or penalties during a game shall not be allowed back on the ice/arena after the game has been concluded.