



30th Annual March Break House League Tournament



TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All teams will be registered house league teams. **Absolutely no Select or Red teams will be accepted.**
2. All tournament entry fees must be paid in full before a team is allowed to compete.
3. Finalized rosters for tournaments excluding any injured/missing players must equal or exceed ten (10) skaters and one (1) goalie, failing which permission to attend the tournament will not be granted. Teams with only one (1) goalie on its roster may choose a replacement if their rostered goalie is unavailable for the tournament. (Please follow the procedures below to arrange the replacement.) In isolated cases where a player at the last moment can not attend for illness or injury reasons only, the Coach may approach the Tournament Committee Chair and seek approval to add a like number of player(s) to replace any injured/sick players originally intending to play in the tournament. If approval is not forthcoming, the team must withdraw from the tournament with no refunds.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HEAD COACH REQUESTING ANY CHANGE TO THEIR ROSTER TO PLACE THE MATTER IN PRINT (EMAIL WILL SUFFICE) TO BOTH THE PERSON APPROVING SAME AND OUR OFFICE. THE APPROVAL WILL ONLY BECOME EFFECTIVE ONCE THIS IS COMPLETED AND ACKNOWLEDGED, BY RETURN EMAIL, BY THE PERSON PROVIDING THE APPROVAL.

Final approval of a team's roster is given by the Tournament Committee of the hosting tournament organization. Coaches must seek this approval prior to commencement of the Tournament.

4. All HC playing rules shall be enforced. OHF minimum suspension list is in effect. Any suspensions not completely served during the tournament will carry over into regular league play. A letter will be sent to your Hockey Association reporting the misdemeanor. **An official's decision will be FINAL (no exceptions). The Tournament Director will not have the authority to overrule a referee's decision.**
5. Handshakes/Glovetaps will follow Alliance protocol for this season.
6. All teams must be ready to play 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time and Game Sheets must be filled out 45 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Games may start early if the ice is ready. Game times are subject to change due to any unforeseen circumstances.
7. Tournament Game sheets must be used and will be provided at your designated game arena before each game.
8. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make any decision regarding the interpretation of tournament rules. All decisions of the Tournament Director and Committee are **FINAL**. In the event of a dispute, the ALLIANCE rules apply. The Tournament Director and Committee are not liable for any injury, accident, or loss of articles, which may be incurred by players or team officials while participating in the Hockey Tournament.
9. All games excluding the Championship will consist of three ten-minute stop time periods with a curfew if necessary as determined by the tournament organizers. No time outs will be permitted.
10. The Semi-Final & Championship games will consist of the first two periods of ten minutes stop time and the third period of twelve minutes stop time. Please see (a) in relation to semi final and championship games.



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IF THREE (3) TEAMS OR MORE ARE TIED

NOTE: The three team tiebreaker is used to determine the seeding of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd seed.

If any step in the tiebreaker only seeds one team, that team assumes that position. The three team tiebreaker will continue to determine the seeding of the two remaining teams. At no time will teams using this formula go back to the two-team tiebreaker.

If three (3) teams or more are tied, the point record established in the games **AMONG THE TIED TEAMS ONLY** will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which team(s) shall advance.

(A) The team(s) with the most wins would gain the highest position.

(B) If the teams are still tied after (A) has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals (for and against).

NOTE: ALL round robin games are included

Example: For = 10 goals

Against = 4 goals

Percentage: $10/10+4 = .714$

NOTE: The higher percentage (1.0 being the highest attainable) gains the higher position

The exercise of (B) establishes the team or teams with the highest position(s) by percentage. These teams will advance.

If there are still teams tied, they go to the next step. **They do not go back to the Two Team Tiebreaker.**

An example is as follows:

(1) Team A - .714 = 1 seed – Advances

Team B - .500 = 3 seed – Does not advance

Team C - .650 = 2 seed – Advances

(2) Team A - .714 = 1 seed – Advances

Team B - .500 = Still tied with Team C (go to next step C)

Team C - .500 = Still tied with Team B (go to next step C)

(3) Team A - .650 = Still tied with Team B (go to next step C)

Team B - .650 = Still tied with Team A (go to next step C)

Team C - .500 = Does not advance

(C) If teams are still tied after (B1) and (B2), the team with the fewest goals against (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.

(D) If teams are still tied after (A), (B) and (C) the team with the most goals for (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.

(E) If teams are still tied after (A), (B), (C) and (D) have been applied, the team to qualify would be the team that received the least number of minutes in penalties throughout **all** of the tournament games.

Note: Teams will have until 5 p.m. game day to verify results of games at tournament headquarters. Teams may dispute game results should they have reasonable proof. All decisions of tournament organizers are final.



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15. All players and team officials must have approved Hockey Canada House League Team Roster sheets for the current hockey season. Roster sheets **MUST** be submitted by Friday, February 19th. No changes in players after this date without authorization of the Tournament Director. Any discrepancy in age of a player must be addressed by a written letter from the President of your minor hockey association.
16. All teams participating in the tournament shall be responsible for their own insurance coverage.
17. All players must wear CSA approved helmets with CSA Stickers, facemasks, and BNQ neck protectors.
18. Each player participating in the Championship Game will receive individual awards.
19. Championship teams will receive a championship trophy.
20. Please leave the dressing rooms in a clean condition after use. You are responsible for any damage. Please check your dressing prior to your game(s) and report any damage.

NOTE: Tournament Office Number at Appleby Arena– 905-331-3112
Tournament Director – Bob Brown