

Rules and Regulations – Wickenheiser International Women’s Hockey Festival 2011

Event date: November 17 – 20st, 2011

1. All games will be conducted in accordance with Hockey Canada, B.C.A.H.A. and P.C.A.H.A. rules and regulations.
2. Teams will be allowed four (4) officials and up to nineteen (19) players in the designated bench area during the game. All teams must have a minimum of ten (10) players including the goalie. The Tournament Director may waive this minimum player rule upon approval.
3. The only players eligible to play in the Tournament are those listed on the Roster submitted by the team prior to commencement of the Tournament. Except for Affiliate players, as defined by P.C.A.H.A., no additional players are permitted without the approval of the Tournament Director. Please submit the names of Affiliate players to the Tournament Registration Desk, prior to the use of those players.
4. No time-outs will be permitted during games.
5. Each team will play a Round Robin format within their Division. The top teams will advance to Championship Games as outline below:
 - (a) Divisions with 4 teams will play in a 3 game round robin format. The 4 teams will then play semi finals; 1st vs 4th & 2nd vs. 3rd. The winners of the semi final games will proceed to a Championship game.
 - (b) Divisions with 5 teams will play in a 4 game single round robin format. After the round robin series the top 2 teams in the divisional standings will advance to the Championship game.
 - (c) Divisions with 7 or 9 teams will play select teams in a random 4 game round robin format. After the round robin series the top 2 teams in the divisional standings will advance to the Championship game.
 - (d) Divisions with 8 teams will be split into (2) Pools 1 & 2. Each team will play within their pool in a 3 game round robin format. After the round robin the 3rd and 4th place finishers will play the 3rd and 4th place finishers from the opposite pool. The 1st and 2nd place finishers of each pool will play in a semifinal game. The 1st place finisher of Pool 1 will play the 2nd place finisher of Pool 2. The 1st place finisher of Pool 2 will play the 2nd place finisher of Pool 1. The winners of the semi final playoff game will then proceed to a Championship game.

- (e) Divisions with 10 teams will be split into (2) Pools 1 & 2. Teams will play in a 4 game single round robin format. After the round robin series the top team in each pool will advance to the Championship game.

There will be **no** overtime periods in the event of a tie for the Round Robin games. Team standings in the round robin will be determined as follows: 2 points for a win 1 point for a tie 0 points for a loss

TIE-BREAKING (POOL PLAY)

Should two or more teams in the same pool be tied in points at the end of round robin play, the following criteria shall be used to break the tie. Note: The first priority of the tie breaker is to determine the 1st place team. (Once a team has been eliminated from the tie-breaker, by any means, return to criteria number i).

- i) Head to head record between tied teams; if still tied
- ii) Wins
- iii) Net Goals (Goals For - Goals Against); if still tied
- iv) Fewest Penalty Minutes; if still tied
- v) Goals Against; if still tied
- vi) Goals For; if still tied
- vii) Coin toss

6. **Semi-final and Championship Games in the event of a tie after the Third Period**

A shoot out will determine Semi-final and Championship games as follows:

- (a) Six (6) different players will be named at the end of the third period and the list submitted to the scorekeeper.
- (b) Three (3) players will be used. Each player for both teams will shoot upon direction from the Referee. The Visiting Team will shoot first, then the Home Team until all (3) players have gone. The team with the most goals after each team has completed their shots will be declared the winner.
- (c) If the score is still tied, the next three (3) players will shoot upon direction from the Referee. The team with the most goals after each team has completed their shots will be declared the winner.
- (d) If there is no winner after the second three set of players shoot, then a sudden death shoot out will occur. Sudden death shoot out will commence with the first players of the original three designated players from each team. Players will shoot maintaining their original order. If no winner is determined, then the second three designated players will shoot again in their original order. The sudden death shoot out will be repeated until a winner is determined.

7. **The "Wayne Gretzky Rule" will apply for all Atom games only.**

Once a player has scored three (3) goals, she cannot score any more goals in that game. She may score in the next game. This rule is installed to encourage passing and minimize blowouts.

8. For the Atom Divisions equal ice time will be given to each player regardless of playing ability.
9. Each team will be allowed a five-minute warm up period prior to each game and a one-minute break between periods. There will be no ice scrapes between periods. There will be a 1 min break in-between periods. Teams who fail to line up at center ice after the one minute break may be assessed a delay of game penalty.

10. **Game Times**

Games will have three stop time periods. Periods one and two will be 15 minutes and period three will be half of the remaining time on the clock (up to a full 15 minutes). For **Semi-Final and Final games** the third period will consist of half of the remaining time on the clock, after five minutes is set aside for a shoot out in the event the game ends in a tie after regulation time.

FINAL GAMES WILL BE 1.5 hours of allotted ice time vs. the 1.25 hours allotted for ALL other games.

The schedule will be posted online at www.wickhockey.com or through your Pointstreak log-in, as provided close to the tournament date.

11. At the conclusion of each game, and after the handshake, each team will line up on their respective blue lines for award presentations. For safety reasons helmets and gloves are **not** to be removed by the players.
12. If for any reason beyond our control, games are not played, there will absolutely be no refunds.
13. If a game is not played due to an "Act of God", it will be considered a 1 - 1 tie.
14. CHA approved facemasks, helmets and BNQ approved throat protectors are mandatory. All players including back-up goaltenders must wear full equipment in warm-up periods preceding each game and while on the bench.
15. **Three Penalty Rule**

Any player who incurs any combination of **three (3)** penalties in a single game shall be immediately ejected from the game.

16. **Intentional body-checking** A Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty, shall be assessed to a player who, in the opinion of the Referee, checks, bumps, shoves or pushes any opposing player. If the player is injured, a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct penalty must be assessed.
17. **All Major or Match penalties** as well as game misconducts will be adhered to as per B.C.A.H.A. and Hockey Canada rules and regulations.
18. There will be **zero tolerance** for abuse of officials. If you have a complaint about an official, your complaint must be filed in writing to the Tournament Director. Information must include the official's registration number as well as the circumstances of the complaint.
19. Canlan Ice Sports will provide all Timekeepers and Scorekeepers for the games.
20. Where there is sweater colour conflict, the **home team** will change colours. All teams are expected to carry two sets of jerseys.
21. Teams need to be ready to play at least 10 minutes prior to your game time. Games may start early.
22. Teams are expected to leave their assigned dressing room in a clean and safe condition. Report unclean or unsafe conditions prior to occupying dressing room. Dressing rooms will be assigned. Teams are responsible for the security of their dressing rooms and a padlock should be brought to secure the door.
23. Protests must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes after the end of the game accompanied by a \$50 non-refundable deposit. The Tournament Director will make a ruling as soon as reasonably possible.

The Tournament Director's decision is final, **no further appeals will be accepted.**