

### **Niagara Falls Select House League Tournament Rules**

1. All teams must have at least one (1) Certified Coach and one (1) Certified Trainer on the bench. They must be present throughout the entire game.
2. There is NO BODY CONTACT in the Novice and Atom divisions. There is body contact in the Peewee, Bantam, and Midget divisions.
3. Players who fight or throw punches at another player will be ejected from the tournament.
  - a.) A Major penalty will be assessed.
  - b.) At the Referees discretion, a Minor penalty may also be assessed to the aggressor.
4. The team manager or coach must report to the Tournament Registrar one hour prior to the start of first game. A team forfeits any game if they are not ready to go on the ice at game time.
5. If for any reason rule four (4) is not adhered to, the team will be reported to their governing body and removed from tournament play. The team(s) will not be refunded their entry fee and teams from that Minor Hockey Association will not be considered for future tournaments.
6. Game start times shall remain flexible in that they may be moved forward or backward as circumstances dictate.
7. Visiting and Home teams must occupy the player bench and end assigned to them.
8. In the event of conflicting colours, the home team must change sweaters.
9. Only Tournament Officials will be represented in the timekeeper's bench. Team Officials are ONLY permitted in the player bench areas.
10. All Tournament Committee decisions in consultation with Referees shall be final.
11. All decisions by the Tournament Executive shall be final and without Appeal.
12. No one is permitted on the ice while ice-cleaning equipment is on the ice.
13. Dressing rooms are designated to the Team Manager when you register for each game.
14. Teams are responsible for damage to a dressing room(s) and other arena facilities. Report any damage to a Tournament Committee member before using the room. The Tournament accepts no responsibility for loss or theft from dressing rooms.

15. Spectators are forbidden to enter the player's dressing room, player's bench area, penalty box area, or the Referee's change room.
16. There will be a two (2) minute warm up prior to each game starting when the siren sounds for teams to go on the ice.
17. All games will be 10-10-10 Stop Time. Finals will be 10-10-15 Stop Time. OMHA Rules apply for all penalties.
18. Semi-Finals and Championship games will be held in each division.
  - a.) For ties after regulation time, teams play one (1), ten (10) minute stop time sudden death period.
  - b.) If the game is still tied after ten (10) minutes sudden death, the tournament will arrange for a five (5) player shoot-out until a winner is decided.
19. For ties for division standings, the winner will be decided by the following:
  - a.) If two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the game between the tied team wins,
  - b.) For more than two (2) teams tied, most goals FOR minus goals AGAINST, and the team with the highest net goals wins,
  - c.) If still tied, the team allowing the least number of goals wins,
  - d.) If still tied, divide total goals against, over total goals for, and the lowest percentage wins,
  - e.) If still tied, the tournament will arrange a shoot-out.
20. OMHA Rules and Regulations shall apply, save and except the following:
  - a.) A player, coach, manager, or team official who receives a major suspension during the tournament, the Association Executive of that person will be notified of suspension,
  - b.) Any person(s) receiving a major penalty will be ejected from the tournament,
  - c.) A Major suspension is a major, gross, or match penalty imposed by game officials during the tournament,
  - d.) A Major suspension may be imposed by the Tournament Committee by a majority vote on any player, coach, manager, or team official who by his or her conduct off the ice cause abuse, either bodily or verbally to any official, player, or spectator. Suspensions will be acted on immediately and Section b.) will be adhered to.
21. When a tournament suspension is assessed, the Tournament Committee will notify the Executive Body of the suspended person and it will be left to the discretion of that Executive Body whether the suspension carries over to their league play.

22.
  - a.) A player receiving three (3) minor stick penalties in a game is ejected for that game only.
  - b.) Any player who receives the third penalty in the last three (3) minutes of a game will be ejected for that game plus one additional game.
  - c.) Players must serve their penalties under a.) and b.) above.
  - d.) Any player, coach, manager, or team official who uses abusive and or obscene language will be assessed a gross misconduct or match penalty and will be removed from the tournament.
  
23. Any team wishing to protest or launch a complaint will be required to place a \$200.00 cash deposit with the Tournament Committee before the complaint or protest will be heard. The complaint will also have to be placed in writing.