



Clifton Park Youth Hockey Association
Mite Madness Tournament
March 1-3, 2024

Intermediate/Novice Division Tournament Format and Rules:

- Novice Level Cross Ice and Intermediate Half Ice. For Novice the full ice sheet will be divided into thirds using the black Border Patrols placed on the Blue Lines. X-Ice Games will be played simultaneously in each one-third of the ice. Each X-Ice Rink (1, 2, and 3) will be marked with a large green sign opposite the bleachers.
- Teams **must be ready to skate at their scheduled time** and be ready to enter the ice 15 minutes prior to the start-time. It is critical that we stay on time.
- For each game, a team will play with three (3) skaters plus a goalie. If the coaches agree prior to the game, the game may be played with four (4) skaters plus a goalie.
- Novice Games will be 20 minutes in duration and will be running clock. Intermediate Games will be 30 minutes in duration and will be running clock. Scoring will not be kept for these two divisions, although the kids all know the end score.
- Each team must have one coach on the bench with the team.
- Each team shall supply one coach to serve as a referee for each game if no other volunteers are available at the rink from CPYHA. In the event a team has only one coach, a single referee may be used for a game. It is mandatory that there is a coach on the bench with the team at all times. Games may be officiated by Shenendehowa Varsity players or CPYHA Directors or coaches when possible if available. Please respect their decisions. All coaches should bring helmets and skates in the event that they must officiate.
- There will be a 5-minute intermission between games to allow teams to shake hands, exit, and enter the ice, and to allow for team warm-ups. If teams are ready before the buzzer sounds indicating the start of the game, and the coaches/referees are in agreement, then they may feel free to start play. Games played at the Hockey Hut will **not** have an on ice warm up scheduled, please plan accordingly.
- The scoreboard will be used as a timing device only. The timekeeper will sound the horn every 1:30 for a player change. The clock will keep running so please try to make player (line) changes as quickly as possible.
- During shift changes, please make sure the players coming off the ice line up along the boards and allow the players coming onto the ice to get on the ice first.

- Face-offs will only occur at the start of a game, and should be conducted in the middle of the ice section. If a goal is scored or the puck is frozen by the goalie, the defending team must take the puck behind their net and the opposing team must have all players touch up at the center of the ice before applying fore-checking pressure.
- Penalties -Flagrant Penalties that have the potential to hurt someone will be called. A penalized player's team will not play short-handed - rather, the opposing player will be awarded a penalty shot. Any player receiving 2 flagrant penalties in a game will not be permitted to play in the balance of the game and the teams will continue to play at even strength.
- For games being played at the ends of the rink, visitor players will use the team benches and door closest to the goal line net. Home team will use the rink door or may sit on barriers opposite the bench side of the ice.
- For games played in the neutral zone, players will use the team benches (one team on the home bench and one team on the away bench) and the door closest to the neutral zone.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Tournament Director:

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All USA Hockey and NYSAHA Code of Conduct rules will be enforced for players, coaches and spectators. If in the judgment of Tournament Officials any player, coach, team official, or spectator engages in conduct which is not conducive to the safe and orderly operation of the tournament the tournaments officials retain the right to disqualify and/or remove the offending party. Zero Tolerance is strictly enforced. Judgment of Tournament Officials is final. Teams by their participation acknowledge and give implied consent to these rules.