2026 TOURNAMENT RULES

1) All games will be played with NCAA hockey rules. Exception: Icing is automatic and teams can change on an icing call.

2) All teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time.

3) USA Hockey Zero Tolerance policy will apply for all players, coaches & parents

4) Round Robin games

Two 20 minute stop-time periods
3 min warm-up; No time outs in round robin play
Overtime played only during playoffs
If team leads by 5 or more goals following the start of the second half, the clock will not stop unless the trailing team comes to within 2 goals.
Minor Penalty: 1:30
Major Penalty: 4:00
Misconduct: 6:00
Five penalties in one game = Game Misconduct for current game
There will be no checking at any level
Players can only be rostered on one team per division and must play in minimum of one game to be eligible for playoffs

5) Game Sheets: All teams must provide roster labels for weekend at start of tournament.

6) Locker Rooms: Coaches are responsible for checking locker rooms after every game. All locker rooms must be cleaned with all trash disposed of in trash cans.

7) Point System: Win 2 points, Loss 0 points, Tie 1 point

8) Max Goal Differential +/- 7

TIEBREAKER TO GET TO CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

If two teams are tied with equal points to determine the winner will go as follows:

Points, Winning Percentage, Goals Differential, Goals For, Goals Against, Coin Flip

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

All Semi-Final and Championship Games are one 30 minute stop-time period
Teams in Semi-Finals & Finals will be given a one minute timeout
Overtime: Playoff rounds only one five (5) minute 4 on 4 sudden death period
Shootouts: 3 player shoot out per team; should tie persist, sudden death shoot out until there is a winner. No player may shoot twice unless all players have shot or team with least amount of players has shot.