

Rules and Regulations Governing Tournament Play

1. Teams must report to the arena for their first game **45 minutes** before game time. Coaches and staff must report to the control desk to sign the game sheet prior to each game.
2. All teams must **be prepared to play 15 minutes prior** to the scheduled game time and excessive lateness without a legitimate excuse will forfeit the game to the opposing team.
3. Play will be governed by the rules of Hockey Canada and OMHA Tournament regulations with the following provisions.
4. BODY CHECKING IS NOT ALLOWED!
5. No protests will be accepted. The Families First Weekend House League tournament committee's decision will be final.
6. The tournament will consist of a Novice, Atom, Peewee and Bantam Division structured as follows:

Novice Division: The Novice Division has fourteen teams. Each team will play three of the fourteen teams in their division in a round robin format. At the end of the round robin, the standings will be counted with the fifth through fourteenth being eliminated. The fourth place team (visitors) will play the first place team (home) in one semi-final game and the third place team (visitors) and the second place team (home) will play the other semi final game. The winner of the semi final games will advance to the Championship game and the loser of the semi final games will be eliminated. The home team for the Championship game will be the team that finishes highest in the standings during the round robin portion of the tournament.

Atom Division: The Atom Division has sixteen teams. Each team will play three of the fourteen teams in their division in a round robin format. At the end of the round robin, the standings will be counted with the fifth through sixteenth being eliminated. The fourth place team (visitors) will play the first place team (home) in one semi-final game and the third place team (visitors) and the second place team (home) will play the other semi final game. The winner of the semi final games will advance to the Championship game and the loser of the semi final games will be eliminated. The home team for the Championship game will be the team that finishes highest in the standings during the round robin portion of the tournament.

Peewee Division: The Peewee Division has twenty teams. Each team will play three of the ten teams in their division group in a round robin format. At the end of the round robin, the standings will be counted with the fifth through twentieth being eliminated. The fourth place team (visitors) will play the first place team (home) in one semi-final game and the third place team (visitors) and the second place team (home) will play the other semi final game. The winner of the semi final games will advance to the Championship game and the loser of the semi final games will be eliminated. The home team for the Championship game will be the team that finishes highest in the standings during the round robin portion of the tournament.

Bantam Division: The Bantam Division has sixteen teams. Each team will play three of the sixteen teams in their division in a round robin format. At the end of the round robin, the standings will be counted with the fifth through sixteenth being eliminated. The fourth place team (visitors) will play the first place team (home) in one semi-final game and the third place team (visitors) and the second place team (home) will play the other semi final game. The winner of the semi final games will advance to the Championship game and the loser of the semi final games will be eliminated. The home team for the Championship game will be the team that finishes highest in the standings during the round robin portion of the tournament.

7. Round Robin series standings in all divisions will be determined based on the following:
2 points = Win 1 point = Tie 0 points = Loss

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	Warm Up	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Shoot out
Round Robin	2	10	10	10	No
Semi final	2	10	10	10	Yes
Championship	2	10	10	10	Yes

9. One 30 second time out will be allowed only in Semi Final and Championship games per team.
10. All game suspensions shall be assessed as per OMHA Regulations
11. Any fighting major will be result in an automatic player disqualification for the remainder of the tournament.
12. In the event of a five or more goal differential in the last five minutes of the third period the timekeeper will run the clock in a runtime finish. At which any penalties incurred during this time will be three minutes. The tournament committee shall have the authority to curfew any games extended unnecessarily due to conflicts between opponents either on or off the ice. Assessment of major penalties, disputes with referees, etc.
13. In the event there are teams still tied at the end of the round robin format. The following tie breaking procedures shall take effect.
 - a. Total points earned during round robin format
 - b. Head to head competition, if applicable.
 - c. Least number of goals against
 - d. Least number of penalty minutes
 - e. Coin toss
14. At the end of regulation play in the Semi finals and Championship games if the score is tied, shoot out will be played as follows:
 - a. Three player shoot. (Players to be selected at the end of regulation time)
 - b. Sudden death shoot out (Original shoot out players cannot be used until everyone else has shot)
 - c. A player in the penalty box at the end of regulation time or removed from the game due to a penalty is not eligible for the shoot out. This does not include a player serving a penalty for another player.
 - d. Any team winning in a shoot out will be credited with a one goal victory and they will be credited with 2 points for the win.
15. There will be two Certified OMHA officials to officiate all Bantam, Peewee Atom and Novice games.
16. A maximum of nineteen players (17 skaters and 2 goalies) and a maximum of five team officials (in accordance with OMHA rules) will be allowed on the bench.
17. All players must use OMHA sanctioned equipment.
18. Players must have participated in at least one round robin game in order to qualify for playoff games.
19. There will be a " Player of the Game" medal presented at all games. One player from each will be chosen by coaching staff at the end of the game and it will be announce by one of the time keepers.
20. The Riverside Minor Hockey Association, its' sponsors or the Tournament committee will not be held liable for any injuries, damages, or thefts that take place, before, during or after the tournament. Please respect the privacy of both male and female dressing rooms, as well as the OMHA dressing room policy.
21. All participants in final games will receive either a trophy or medal for Champion or finalist.