

## Official Rules & Regulations

### The Edith Casaletto Memorial Pond Hockey Tournament

**ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 16, ON OR BEFORE, THE TOURNAMENT START DATE OF FEBRUARY 24th, 2007**

#### **Tournament Format:**

- The tournament is non-contact
- All teams are responsible for light and dark jerseys.
- Teams are guaranteed 3 games (round robin format)
- All games are 30 minutes in length, consisting of two 15-minute halves with a 5-minute break between halves.
- Teams are limited to 5 players with a maximum of 4 players on the ice at one time.
- Teams may substitute “on the fly”
- The schedule is created through a ‘random draw’ process – there are no pools of teams
- All Games will start at the sound of the horn whether teams are on the ice or not.
- The game begins with the home team taking possession at centre ice. The second half begins with the visiting team taking possession at centre ice.
- If the puck leaves the playing surface, players are not to chase pucks as the assigned official will have extra pucks and immediately spot a puck for play to continue.
- Scores will be announced by the official at halftime, with 5 minutes remaining in the game, and at the conclusion of the game.
- There are no overtime periods in the opening round of play. During the playoff games there will be a 5-minute overtime period(if needed). The team with the most goals will be declared the winner. If the score remains tied at the end of the overtime, play will continue unabated and the first team to score wins (sudden death format).
- The top 12 teams will continue to the playoff round. Total points determine the standings. In the case of a tie, Policies 2-4 will be considered in the order listed until a winner is declared.
  1. Total points after opening round 3 games. (Wins = 3 Points, tie = 1 Point, loss = 0 Points)
  2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against)
  3. Total goals scored
  4. Least goals against
  5. Coin toss

#### ***Recommended Equipment:***

Shin pads  
Hockey gloves  
Elbow pads

***Mandatory Equipment:***

Helmet  
Hockey stick (player stick in proper condition)  
Skates

**The Rink**

Nets are 10" high and 6' wide. Nets are flush to the end of the rink (no ice behind the nets)  
Ice surface is approx. 75' x 150'.

**Playing Rules:**

- Officials will call out infractions, and will throw a penalty flag on the ice surface to indicate a stoppage of play.
- There will be no off-sides or icings.
  
- Goals must be scored from the offensive side of the playing surface.
  
- Deliberate goal tending is prohibited, and will result in an awarded goal.

Should the puck go outside the designated playing area, the team last to touch the puck will lose possession and upon restart will give the opposing team 2 stick lengths to initiate play.

- Any player visibly intoxicated will not be permitted to play, that will be to the discretion of the Game Official.

- The Organizing Committee and Officiating Committee reserves the right to:

Add or delete rules, and all teams will be informed of any changes prior to start of the tournament or individual games. Example: bitter cold weather conditions may result in change of length of games or tournament schedule. Prohibit any player or team from participating if they are deemed to cause safety concerns or behaves in a manner that does not exemplify sportsmanship and fair play.

- Any player ejected from the tournament cannot re-enter the tournament. The team cannot replace the ejected player with an alternate player.

Any team with more than 2 ejected players will be disqualified from the Championships.

**Change of Possession Infractions:**

- Raising the puck intentionally above knee-level is prohibited and will result in a loss of puck possession.
  
- Sticks cannot be raised above the waist, contacting the puck with a stick above the waist will result in a loss of puck possession.

■ Slap shots are PROHIBITED and will result in loss of puck possession. Goals scored by slap shots will be disallowed.

■ Teams must give their opponent's ½ of the ice after a goal is scored or an infraction takes place. Once an opposing player has crossed centre ice, pursuit of the puck can take place

■ Hand passes are prohibited and will result in a loss of puck possession.

■ Goals kicked in will be disallowed and will result in a loss of puck possession.

### **Minor Penalties:**

■ Minor penalties result in a Change of puck possession.

■ All standard penalties WILL; these include, but are not limited to

- Tripping
- Interference
- Conduct
- Rousing
- Cross Checking
- Hooking
- Body Checking
- Elbowing
- Interference
- Slashing
- Unsportsmanlike

### **Major Penalties:**

■ **MAJOR PENALTIES WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE GOAL FOR THE OPPOSING TEAM**

■ All major penalties will be called; these include, but are not limited to:

- Goaltending
- Swearing
- Excessive Body Contact
- Arguing calls made by the official
- Fighting
- Intent to Injure
- Verbal abuse

■ Goaltending is prohibited. Players may NOT lay themselves or their stick across the net in order to prevent a goal or act as a goaltender- such action will result in an automatic goal if in the official's judgment the goal was imminent.

■ Major penalties involving the Intent to Injure or sustained abuse of an official will result in an automatic game ejection.

■ The team that receives a major penalty, which includes any action that could possibly injure another player which results in ejection (of that player) from the tournament, the team will play the remainder of the tournament (3 vs. 4)

Thank you,

THE POND HOCKEY TEAM