



**2010 NCYHA  
CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT**

**DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**HOSTED BY:**

**NEWPORT COUNTY  
YOUTH HOCKEY  
ASSOCIATION**

# TOURNAMENT RULES

## General Playing Rules:

### Score Sheets, Time Keeper and Score Keeper:

Score sheets will be prepared in accordance with rosters supplied to the Tournament Director prior to the tournament. Score sheets will be handed out to the Coaches at the Check in Desk at the Rink before each game and it will be the coach's responsibility to turn over the score sheet to the scorekeeper prior to the start of the game. The Tournament will provide timekeepers and scorekeepers for all games in the tournament. All completed score sheets must be returned to the scorekeeper immediately after the game and turned over to the Rink Coordinator.

### Tournament Scoring:

Points for each game will be awarded as follows: All Games Scores will be posted at each rink;

**2- Points for a win** (Winning Team)

**1- Point for a tie** (Each Team)

All Games Scores will be posted at each rink. All Questions on scoring will be directed to the NCYHA Rink Manager.

### Bench:

Each bench shall have no more than four adult coaches. Only players, coaches and non-participating or injured players (who must wear helmets and jerseys) will be allowed on the bench.

### Teams:

Each team may have a captain and an alternate whose names and numbers must be designated on the score sheet before the game. Home Teams will wear White Jerseys and Visitors will wear Dark Jerseys. All teams are required to bring two sets of jerseys to the tournament. One White and One Dark Colored. Home team will have choice in case of similar colors.

### **Game Officials:**

Game Officials will be members of the Rhode Island Amateur Hockey Referees Association (USA Hockey sanctioned).

### **Duration of play:**

All games will consist of three twelve minute (12:00) stop-time periods. All games will have a three minute warm up period. Games will have running time in the third period any time a team has a **five goal lead**. If the lead is cut back to four the clock will resume to normal stoppages.

### **Time Outs:**

No time outs will be allowed during any round robin games. One time out per team, per game will be allowed in the Championship game ONLY.

### **Games:**

Each team is guaranteed three games; there will be no overtimes in round robin play. The top two teams using total points (Wins & Ties) in each division will advance to the Championship game. All Championship games will have overtime; see (Determining the Championship Final). All teams must be ready to play 15-minutes prior to their scheduled game time. If a game is decided to start early by rink or tournament organizers then teams will take the ice at the designated time and play as constituted at that time.

### **Tie breakers to advance to the finals:** (in order of use):

- 1- Record against opponent involved in the tie, (Head to Head).
- 2- Record against teams that both played (Common Opponent)
- 3- Least Goals Against
- 4- Least Penalty Minutes accumulated for all round robin games. Any Game Misconducts that were assessed will have added (36 minutes) to the total time of penalty minutes regardless of when it occurred during the game for tie breaker purposes.
- 5- Most Periods won for all round robin games
- 6- Goal Differential /All Games(Goals for minus Goals against) higher differential wins
- 7- Team with the least amount of Major Penalties assessed.
- 8- Flip of the Coin

### **Determining the Championship Final in case of tie:**

A maximum of (2) sudden death overtime periods will be played.

Each team will start out playing a **5-minute 4 on 4** and if necessary followed by a **5-minute 3 on 3**. All Penalties being served at end of regulation and overtime will carry over into the next overtime period.

If the game is still tied after the sudden death overtime periods then a shoot out will occur with each team alternating different shooters. A flip of the coin will determine who will shoot first. The winner will be the first team to score while holding the opposition from scoring in the same shoot out round, (One shooter per round). Goalies may not be replaced unless in case of injury.

**Defaulting games:**

If any, the non-defaulting team will be awarded the win and awarded 2-points.

**Eligibility:**

League and Teams must be a USA Hockey Certified and members in good standing. Copy of a Birth Certificate for each player shall be required if a protest is submitted to prove age qualification. Only Tier II Teams are accepted to the tournament, all players participating in the tournament must be listed on the official roster sent in by the participating organization.

**Rosters:**

USA Hockey team rosters are required in advance and cannot be changed without approval of Tournament Director. Team Rosters must consist of players assigned to that Teams Organization and their specific team assigned.

**Home Teams:**

Home teams are designated on the schedule. Each team will have at least one home game during the tournament.

All Newport teams will be designated the home team in all round robin games.

For the Championship game the team with the higher point total or in case of tie then rules for ties applies will be the home team.

In the event of a jersey color conflict, jersey choices will be given to the home team.

**Locker Rooms:**

Locker room assignments will be handled by the Facility Personnel at the St. Georges Rink and NCYHA personnel will handle locker room assignments for the Portsmouth Abbey. Keys will be issued when checking in at the front desk at the Portsmouth Abbey and turned in upon leaving.

**All coaches will be responsible for keeping the locker rooms clean.**

**Equipment:**

All equipment shall be made in accordance with USA Hockey rules.

Mouth guards are required for all Peewee age and above players. Mite and Squirt players that have mouth guards attached to their helmet or face cage must wear the mouth guard.

Earflaps are required of all players.

**Conflicts/Rulings:**

The tournament committee; made up of the tournament director, NCYHA League President and League Secretary shall have the authority to make changes or rule on matters that are in the best interest of the tournament.

**Gift Bags:**

All players will receive a gift bag which will be given to the head coach before the start of the first game. Please exchange pins prior to games in the locker rooms.

## **Additional RIAHA Playing Rules**

The Newport County Youth Hockey X-mas Tournament will use USA Hockey playing rules and RIAHA playing rules that are in addition to USA Hockey rules. Additional rules are as follows:

- 1- Minor penalty shall be one and one-half minute (1:30) in duration.
- 2- Any player receiving (4) minor penalties (USA Hockey rules are five penalties) in any one game will receive a game misconduct and must be removed from that game and the following:
  - A. First time: must not participate in next game
  - B. Second Time: will not be allowed to participate in any further games in the tournament.
- 3- Any players receiving a game misconduct for fighting will not be allowed to participate in any further games in the tournament.
- 4- Any aggressive penalty (for example, but not all inclusive; roughing, high sticking, elbowing, slashing, cross checking, etc.) or a major penalty that cannot be served in its entirety in the game in which the penalty occurred, will be required to serve the first 5-minutes of the next game in the penalty box. The penalized team WILL NOT be made to skate shorthanded during the time the player serves the penalty in the next game.
- 5- In an effort to curtail unruly spectator behavior, RIAHA rules allow for the Referee to stop play, but keep the clock running if a spectator, team official or other person becomes disruptive. If the unruly spectator does not cease the disorderly behavior or leave the rink, and the game time expires, the team of the unruly spectator will be declared the loser by forfeit.

**PENALTIES DURING OVERTIME:** If teams are tied at the end of regulation, Penalties will be applied as follows;

**4 on 4:** No team will skate with less than 3-players:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> penalty on one team skate 4 on 3
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> penalty on same team (coinciding with 1<sup>st</sup> penalty)
  - a. penalized player sits in the penalty box
  - b. penalized team will add 1-player to the ice giving them 3-players
  - c. opposing team will add 1-player giving them 5-players
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> penalty on same team (coinciding with penalties 1 and 2)  
Delayed penalty rule applies
4. When penalty expires and there is stoppage of play go back to 4 on 4

**3 on 3:** No team will skate with less than 3-players

1. 1<sup>st</sup> penalty on one team
  - a. penalized player sits in penalty box
  - b. penalized team adds new player on ice (3-players on ice)
  - c. opposing team adds 1-player (4 on 3)
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> penalty on same team (coinciding with 1<sup>st</sup> penalty)
  - a. penalized player sits in the penalty box
  - b. penalized team will add 1-player to the ice giving them 3-players
  - c. opposing team will add 1-player giving them 5-players (5 on 3)
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> penalty on same team (coinciding with penalties 1 and 2)  
Delayed penalty rule applies
4. When penalty expires and there is stoppage of play go back to 4 on 4

When the Championship games are complete all players and coaches are asked to line up on their respective blue lines for post game ceremonies.

Thank You for participating in our tournament and we wish all teams the best of luck and enjoy your stay in Newport.

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