

HPHL Spring AAA Challenge Rules

The HPHL Spring AAA Challenge is a USA Hockey sanctioned Tournament, all USA Hockey rules apply with the following additions:

Time Management - A running clock will be used in the third period when one team is ahead by 5 or more goals. Stop time will only resume if the goal differential is reduced to two goals. No curfew clock will be used.

No time outs are permitted in preliminary or consolation games. In playoff games, each team will have one 60 second timeout per game.

Jerseys - All players must wear numbered uniforms in the proper team colors. The home team will wear a white or light colored jersey and the visiting team shall wear a dark colored jersey.

Zero Tolerance – Referees will be instructed to strictly enforce zero tolerance rules. The HPHL Spring AAA Challenge Tournament reserves the right to remove players, coaches or spectators from the arena who violate the USA Hockey zero tolerance policy.

Starting Times - Teams must be ready to enter the ice surface for the warm-up period up to 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. If the tournament is running ahead of schedule, teams are expected to be ready to play.

Game Lengths and Overtime/Shootouts - All games will consist of 3 15 minute stop-time periods with a 3 minute warm-up. If any game ends with a tie score, a winner will be determined as follows: A. one 3 minute period of 4 on 4 play, B. one 3 minute period of 3 on 3 play, C. 3 person shootout, D. 1 person shootout (repeat until a winner is determined).

All players are eligible for the shootout unless they are serving a misconduct or game misconduct penalty. Teams must exhaust all eligible players in the shootout before any player can be used twice. Note, if a game is won in a shootout, the final score of a game will reflect one additional goal for the winning team from the score at the end of regulation, regardless of how many goals are scored in the shootout.

Game Points

Teams will be awarded points in preliminary play according to the following:

- 3 points for a regulation win
- 2 points for an overtime win or shootout win
- 1 point for an overtime or shootout loss
- 0 point for a regulation loss

Tournament Standings

Standings will be compiled by the tournament director and staff and posted at the rinks and on POINTSTREAK. Teams will be ranked within their tournament division by the total number of points obtained in the preliminary round games.

In the event of a tie, final standings will be determined by the following criteria:

1. Head to head results (can only be used if all tied teams have played each other)
2. Total wins (regulation and overtime/shootout wins are both considered wins)
3. Goal differential (single game maximum is 7)
4. Goal quotient (goals scored/goals allowed - goal differential maximum still applies), ranked highest to lowest
5. Coin flip

Note: Tournament officials reserve the right to adjust seedings up or down one position to avoid a rematch of a preliminary round game in the first round of the playoff portion of the tournament.

***All teams will be advanced on POINTSTREAK. Please refer to Pointstreak for all Saturday and Sunday Games.

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