



Caribou Coffee Classic –Tournament Rules and Procedures

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Team Conduct

The conduct of players and coaches is to be beyond reproach both on and off the ice.

- Coaches/chaperones are responsible for the conduct of players and any damages that occur at venues/tournament facilities.
- A zero tolerance policy regarding abusive language and unsportsmanlike behavior toward opposing team players/coaches/fans, as well as referees/volunteers/tournament officials, is strictly enforced. Anyone in violation of this policy will be immediately escorted from the venue.

Tournament Roster

- Players are not permitted to roster on more than one team in the same age division unless approved by Tournament Committee. If player(s) are in violation will be deemed ineligible and disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. Any requests to have player(s) participate on more than one team in the same age division must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee.
- All goals will be subtracted from both teams' records for goals in which any ineligible player was part of a scoring play (goal or assist).
- Final tournament roster of not more than 20 players (18 players and 2 goaltenders) must be declared at Final Team Check-in.
- A maximum of 4 Coaches/Managers are allowed on the bench during a game.

Game Procedures

- All periods will be 17-minute stop time. The ice will be resurfaced after every two periods or in between the start of each game. If the game qualifies for a resurface every two periods than there their will be games that will begin on "old" ice and will be resurfaced after the first period.
- In preliminary games, the team listed first on the schedule is considered the Home Team. In finals, the team listed at the top of the bracket is considered the Home Team. The Visiting Team must have an alternate-colored jersey available and be prepared to change, if, in the opinion of the game officials, there is a color conflict.
- Rink Coordinators will ensure that games run on time and attempt to resolve jersey conflicts.
- All teams must arrive at the tournament venue at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled start time; teams must be prepared to take the ice 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
- Every effort will be made to provide teams with a warm-up period; however, teams must be ready to take the ice as soon as the preceding game and/or ice resurfacing is finished.
- Tournament provides all game pucks but individual teams must provide their own pucks for pre-game warm-ups.
- One 1 minute time-out will be allowed for all games.

Protests

- All protests must be made to the Tournament Officials by the Head Coach only to be valid. The Head Coach must bring their concerns to the Tournament Officials within 30 minutes of the game in question. The Advisory Committee's decision is final on all arbitrated game decisions.
- No protests will be permitted regarding rules interpretations or judgment calls made by referees. Only protests related to game rules that can be addressed in the USA Hockey Rule Book and/or regarding player eligibility will be heard by tournament officials.
- If it is determined that a player has violated an eligibility rule (whether double rostered or age ineligible), the player is disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.

Competition Format

- Teams are guaranteed four tournament games.
- Round robin, pool play competition is conducted in all age classifications with all teams seeded into a finals based on pool play point standings.
- * Mercy Rule – at any point in time after the first period if the gap in the score equals five goals or more running time will begin. If the gap in score is below 5 goals stop time will resume.
- Standings are determined on the basis of two points for all wins; in the event of a tie, one point is awarded to each team.
- If two teams have an equal number of points, standings are determined by 1). Head-to-head result; 2). Most wins; 3). Fewest goals allowed; 4). Goal differential; 5). Most goals scored; 6). Fewest penalty minutes; 7). Coin toss.
- If a tie in the standings occurs with three teams, and the tie-breaking procedure eliminates one of the teams and if two teams still remain tied, the eliminated team is removed and the procedure is re-employed with the remaining two teams. If the two teams remain tied following this process, a coin toss is used to determine advancement and seeding into the finals.
- No overtime period will be played in preliminary, pool play at any level.
- In the event of a tie after regulation play in semi-finals or championship, a five-minute, 4 player, stop time sudden death overtime period is played following a one-minute rest period. If no score in overtime, then a 3-player shoot-out follows; visiting team shoots first.
- There will be no ice resurfacing between the end of regulation play and any overtime period.

3-Player Shoot-out Rules:

- A. If a player is in the penalty box at the end of the five-minute OT that player is NOT eligible for the shoot-out.
- B. The team bench with the fewest number of eligible players will be used to determine how many players shoot before being eligible to shoot again. For example, Team A has 10 players and Team B has 15 players. Once Team A has used all 10 players then Team B will be allowed to use any player that has already shot in the shoot-out.
- C. One minute for coaches to choose three players. The list of 3 players is to be given to the referees prior to the start of the shoot-out.
- D. Teams alternate players shooting until three players have had one shot and an advantage is held.
- E. If score remains tied, one additional player shoots until a winner is decided. Refer to Rule B if necessary.

Rule Modifications

The Caribou Coffee Classic is played under current USA Hockey rules as modified by tournament organizers. USA Hockey guidelines for equipment are enforced for all teams from the United States. International teams will abide by their country's equipment guidelines. Significant modifications used during tournament play include:

- The red line is used for icing only. No touch icing.
- The tag-up rule for offside will be used for all Boys' and Girls' age divisions.
- Slap shots are permitted at all levels.
- Checking is permitted in the boy's age categories: 99, 98, 97, 96 and 95. Checking is not permitted in any girls' age category or in the boy's age categories of 01 and 00.
- A Game Ejection will occur after 4 penalties per player in one game with no further suspensions.
- Fifteen Penalty rule: A team acquiring fifteen penalties in a single game, the Head Coach will be allowed to finish that game but will not be eligible to participate in the teams next scheduled tournament game.
- All players, including alternate goaltenders, in the player's box area are required to wear helmets.

Penalties

- Only referees and linesmen registered with USA Hockey will be assigned to work the Caribou Coffee Classic. All decisions made by the officials are final. Questions regarding rules interpretations should be directed to the Supervisor of Officials. Contact information will be provided at Team Check In.
- USA Hockey rules governing player/coach/team penalties is enforced. In the event of coincidental penalties, neither team will skate shorthanded.
- Referees have the discretion of assessing a Game Ejection penalty to players and/or coaches for the remainder of any game. Players and/or coaches receiving a Game Ejection penalty will be eligible to play/coach at the next scheduled game.
- Checking-from-behind penalties will carry a two-minute minor penalty, plus a ten-minute misconduct, to be served consecutively unless the opponent is checked head-first into the boards, which carries a mandatory five-minute major penalty and a game misconduct.
- Per USA Hockey rules, a Fighting Penalty will result in the player being ejected for the remainder of the game and their next scheduled game.
- Any player and/or coach using remarks that are considered a racial slur in nature heard by a game official will automatically receive a game misconduct. The tournament advisory committee reserves the right to review any racially motivated incident for further disciplinary action, including disqualification from the tournament.

Awards

- Individual player awards will be presented to the players that participated in the Championship game each age group.
- The Championship team will be awarded a team trophy.
- The team name of each classification winner will be engraved on the Caribou Coffee Classic tournament trophy.