

Rules and Format for 2008 GYHA Runnin' with the Bulls

General Information

This is a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament. USA Hockey rules regarding age classification will be followed. This tournament will be open for the Midget Minor A (92 & 93s) and Midget DNHL /REC (90 - 93s) levels. All teams must be registered with USA Hockey in order to participate.

A minimum of (3) and maximum of (4) teams will be accepted at each Division. Each team is guaranteed four games. The maximum number of games will be five, and only as registration dictates.

Following each game, there will be a (3) player shoot-out. See Tournament Rules for specifics.

There will be a Championship (1st & 2nd place) and Consolation (3rd & 4th place) game in all (4) team Divisions; and a Championship (1st & 2nd Place) game in all (3) team Divisions. A tournament trophy and banner will be given to the 1st Place championship team, and plaques will be given to the 2nd and 3rd-Place teams. Participant medals to 4th Place teams.

A mandatory credentials check for Coaches or Managers will be held one hour prior to the first game played by that team to include USA Hockey form (1-T) and coaches' CEP cards.

The entry fees for the tournament are as follows:

US\$ 1,095 per team for Midget Minor A

US\$ 1,095 per team for DNHL /REC Midget

Checks are payable to **GYHA Tournaments.**

For tournament information and to print application, see Tournaments at www.greeleyyouthhockey.org.

This is an invitational tournament. All applications are due by Thursday, Nov 20th, 2008. Payment must accompany Team's application. If your team is not accepted, this is 100% refundable. However, if you are notified of acceptance but elect not to attend, all but \$200 will be refundable provided a replacement team accepts a spot.

Teams will be notified of their acceptance no later than Monday, November 24th, 2008.

Tournament Rules

Admission for spectators is free.

The age level for this tournament will follow USA Hockey guidelines and will be open for the Midget Minor A (92 & 93s) and DNHL /REC Midget (90 - 93s) levels.

Upon acceptance into the Tournament, each team will be required to provide a copy of their USA Hockey Roster (Form 1-T), and copies (front and back) of coaches CEP cards.

Each team must have a light "Home" and a dark "Away" jersey.

Each team should arrive at the rink at least 45 minutes prior to their game and must exit the locker room within 30 minutes of the conclusion of their game to facilitate locker room use.

Games are subject to start up to 15 minutes prior to posted and scheduled times, as time permits. As such, all teams shall be prepared to take the ice 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time.

Someone from each team shall be responsible for cleaning up in assigned locker rooms after each game and for collecting any items left behind by players. No food or drinks in locker rooms (except water). No exceptions.

The game format for both Divisions will be two 12-minute stop periods, a 15-minute stop period for the 3rd period, followed by a (3) player Bulls Shoot-out for a total game time of approximately 1.50 hours.

Bulls Shoot-out shall have no bearing on the standings, and will be played for team prizes to be announced prior to the start of the tournament. *See Bulls Shoot-out rules.*

All games will be played according to USAH and CAHA rules and standards of play, except as noted in this document.

Games may be subject to curfew if necessary, converting to a running clock when the time remaining on the clock matches the time allotted for game play.

Should the goal differential become 6 goals or more, the clock will convert to running-clock. If the goal differential returns to less than 6, the game will revert back to a stop-clock. The clock will stop on all injuries.

Each team will have a 5-minute warm-up period, which will begin as soon as the officials are on the ice.

Each team will be allowed one 1-minute timeout per game, which can be called only when play is stopped.

Game results will be posted on PointStreak within 24 hours of game.

Each team will play three games at their given division. Points will be awarded based on the following guidelines:

2 points for a win, 1 point for tie, 0 points for a loss. 1 point will be awarded for a shut-out win for tie-breaking purposes only. Forfeits will cause the non-offending team to be awarded a 1-0 victory.

There will be no overtime in round robin play. For Championship and Consolation games, tie games will be decided in the following manner:

- 1) Five-minute sudden death overtime, 4 on 4, stop time
- 2) Five-minute sudden death overtime, 3 on 3, stop time (if necessary)
- 3) Five-man shootout (if necessary)
- 4) Five-man shootout, sudden death (if necessary)

Points will be tabulated at the conclusion of each game. The two teams with the most points will play in the Championship game for 1st and 2nd Place; the next two teams will play in the Consolation game for 3rd Place.

The following tiebreakers are used in the order shown:

- 1). Results of head-to-head, if applicable
- 2). Highest plus-minus in all games
- 3). Most goals for in all games
- 4). Fewest goals against in all games
- 5). Highest goalie save percentage in all games

Bulls Shoot-out rules:

- 1). (3) players from each team will alternate in a shoot-out at the end of each game
- 2). Each team player must complete a shoot-out turn before repeats are allowed
- 3). In the event of a tie, a one-for-one shoot-out will continue until there is a winner
- 4). Bulls Shoot-out will not reflect in game records or standings
- 5). A team prize will be awarded to the winning team at the end of each shoot-out

No protests will be allowed for:

Referee's judgment calls on the ice, and off-ice official's actions.

Interpretation by the officials of the playing rules or

Misunderstanding the tournament rules as specified in the tournament package.

Protest for other matters shall be submitted in writing by the coach within 1 hour of the conclusion of the game and will require a US\$200.00 non-refundable fee.

The protest shall be submitted to the Tournament Coordinator to present to the head of the Tournament Committee for review by the committee. The Committee shall be comprised of four disinterested parties and the Tournament Coordinator.

The Tournament Committee will enforce the USA Hockey zero tolerance policy for spectators, parents, coaches and players. Anyone who violates these principles will be removed from the Tournament.

Players receiving a major penalty for fisticuffs (fighting) shall automatically be assessed a game misconduct penalty and a 3-game suspension. Any team participating in a "bench clearing" will forfeit that game, and be ejected from the tournament.

The goal of this, and all GYHA Tournaments is to promote challenging, fair hockey games played in an excellent environment which values good sportsmanship and fun for players and spectators.

The Tournament Committee will evaluate any activities which do not help the tournament pursue these goals.

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