



Mile High Ice Fest Hockey Tournament

July 21-23, 2023

Family Sports Ice Arena

Centennial, Colorado

Produced by: Polaris Hockey

<https://polarishockey.com>

Tournament Rules

A current USA Hockey Registration is required to complete your tournament registration. If you are not already a member, please sign up using this link, <https://membership.usahockey.com/>.

All players are required to follow USA Hockey Adult Level equipment recommendations; all players are required to wear a helmet designed for hockey (HECC approved). Helmets must include a chin-strap that shall be properly worn at all times.

All players must be 18 years of age by the start date of the tournament.

Players may only play in one division. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

All teams must arrive at the tournament site with light and dark game sweaters with clearly visible numbers on all jerseys - no taped numbers will be allowed. Teams must wear color contrasting sweaters during games, and if a change must be made the visiting team shall be required to make the switch.

All Teams must have at least 5 players and 1 goalie, or 6 players, ready to play at their scheduled game start time.

All teams will be guaranteed 4 games.

- Schedule requests are not accepted.
- Schedule will be sent out a week or two before the tournament. This is to avoid sending out multiple schedule versions if any last minute changes need to be made.
- In order for any division to take place, 3 teams must be registered.

DIVISIONS:

There will be four divisions, each with four teams in a round-robin format.

- A
- B
- Upper C
- Lower C

Teams will determine their eligibility with the division they want to play in. In general, division skill levels are:

- A: Played any form of organized hockey past high school. Including junior system, college, or pro. Players at this level typically have Collegiate D3, College Club, Junior A or B or players that have at least High School hockey experience.
- B: Have played for a while (including any of the leagues listed in A) but you want a less competitive pace. Games at this level are relatively fast moving and players at this level have solid control on the ice and have developed their passing, shooting, and positional awareness beyond the basic level. Advanced high school experience or college club hockey experience are typical among players at this level. In some cases, older players who used to play at the A level might move down to this level.
- Upper C: Players have good control on the ice. They have developed the basic skills required for the game like passing, shooting, and positional awareness, but are not experts in those skills. Some C players are those that started at the Lower C level and have advanced their skills through multiple years of playing as an adult and/or improving their skills by participating in clinics.
- Lower C (Beginner/Novice): This level is usually for skaters who started playing hockey as adults or didn't play much competitive hockey growing up. These skaters did not play hockey in high school or college. Skaters in this level are often new to the game and may have difficulty maintaining balance on skates, stopping, passing, or shooting. At the top end of this level are players who have five or more years experience playing hockey as an adult and are starting to master the fundamentals. In some cases, older players who used to play at the Upper C level, may move down to the Lower C level to enjoy a slower paced game.

COST:

Cost per team is \$1,550. The cost is the same for all teams in all divisions.

The first deposit (\$310) for the tournament is due on April 1, 2023, with final payment (the remainder of the fees) due June 21, 2023.

Your deposit is refundable until May 21, 2023.

If your division is full at the time of your submission, 100% of your fees will be returned to you.

PERIODS: (3) - 16 MINUTE PERIODS - RUN TIME

WARM-UPS: Three (3) MINUTES. The ice will be resurfaced before each game.

OVERTIME RULES:

- **PRELIMINARY ROUND GAMES: (No Overtime)**
 - If a game is tied at the end of regulation, the game will end in a tie.
- **CONSOLATION & CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES: OVERTIME then SHOOTOUT**
 - If a game is tied at the end of a consolation or championship game, a three man shoot-out will be held to determine a winner. Visitor team shoots first. If after the first three shooters, the score is still tied, a sudden death shoot-out (one skater each) shall continue until a winner is determined. All skaters on the players' bench are required to shoot before a player may shoot for a second time.

PENALTIES: 2 Minute MINOR, 5 Minute MAJOR, 10 Minute MISCONDUCT

- Discipline For Excessive Penalties:
 - (4) Penalties carry an automatic game ejection (remainder of game).
 - Fighting WILL NOT be tolerated. Any players involved in a fight as deemed by the game officials will receive an automatic ejection from the tournament with no refunds.

TIMEOUTS: Each team is allowed (1) one minute time out per game.

EQUIPMENT: Players are required to follow USA Hockey equipment guidelines. Note: Certified hockey helmets must be worn.

OFFICIALS: All games will be officiated by USA Hockey-certified officials.

GAME RESULTS: A maximum differential of six goals per game will be used for standings/tiebreaker purposes. ex. A score of 14-3 becomes 9-3; a score of 8-0 becomes 6-0.

PLAYING RULES HIGHLIGHTS

- Jersey colors: Home = Light; Visitor = Dark
- No Checking is allowed.
- Icing is enforced.
- Slapshots are allowed.
- Tag up offsides.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Clock, score, penalty box: Will be provided by the tournament & host association.
- Pucks: Game pucks will be provided by the tournament & host association. Team is responsible for warm-up pucks.

- Each team must check-in with the tournament at least 45 minutes before their first game. Expect to be at the rink at least 15 minutes before each game.

STANDINGS:

STANDINGS WILL BE DETERMINED UTILIZING THE FOLLOWING POINT SYSTEM:

- WIN IN REGULATION = 2 POINTS
- TIE IN REGULATION = 1 POINT
- LOSS IN REGULATION = 0 POINTS

TIE BREAKERS:

IF TEAMS ARE TIED IN THE STANDINGS, THE FOLLOWING TIE BREAKING RULES WILL APPLY (in order):

1. HEAD TO HEAD (results in the games played between the tied teams) Note: If a team defeated the other team(s) that they are tied with, they will be ranked ahead of those other teams.
2. GOAL DIFFERENTIAL – GOALS FOR MINUS GOALS AGAINST IN ALL GAMES PLAYED. Note: In a given game the goal differential will be a maximum of (6) regardless of a greater goal differential. Ex: 15-2 = 8-2
3. FEWEST GOALS ALLOWED FOR ALL GAMES PLAYED
4. PERIOD POINTS (won by each team).
 - a. 2 points for each period won
 - b. 1 point for each period tied
 - c. 1 point for a shutout in a period
5. FEWEST MINOR PENALTIES IN ALL GAMES PLAYED.
6. FEWEST TOTAL PENALTY MINUTES IN ALL GAMES PLAYED.
7. COIN TOSS

RULES: USA Hockey playing rules are in effect except for some modifications listed below.

- All players are required to follow USA Hockey equipment recommendations.
- This is a non-checking event. Body checking is not permitted at any level.
- Slap shots are allowed at all levels.

Illegal players and teams:

- **Players may only play on one team in the tournament.** Players cannot play for multiple teams in multiple divisions. Exceptions may be made for goaltenders in extenuating circumstances.
- Game officials (referees) working games in the tournament are NOT PERMITTED to play for any team in the divisions that they officiate.

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TEAM NAMES

Because our website and social media platforms are visible to hockey fans of all ages (e.g. children of participants that go to the website to see if their mom or dad won that day), team names must not be offensive to any particular group or individual. While we encourage and enjoy creativity, we will not post team names online that may be sexually suggestive, discriminatory, or harassing in any way. USA Hockey will review all team names and, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any team name or modify any team name deemed offensive by either abbreviating or shortening the name. Thank you for your cooperation in being respectful to all hockey players and fans.

CHECKING

No body-checking is allowed during games. Any intentional, overt, or reckless body contact will result in a penalty.

ILLEGAL PLAYERS & TEAMS

If the tournament director(s) determine that an illegal player has participated in the tournament, the player(s) shall be immediately removed from the tournament and the team using the ineligible player(s) will receive a 0-15 forfeit loss in each of the games the illegal player(s) participated in.

Illegal players are any participants that:

- Participate on two different team rosters.
- Are under 18 years-of-age.

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Please remember to bring all of your player's photo IDs (or a copy of them).

You **MUST** check-in prior to your first game. You may be disqualified if a member of your team does not check in prior to playing.