



The 16th Annual Ottawa Senators Showcase Tournament
October 14-17, 2021
Presented by the HEO U18 'AAA' Hockey League

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Playing Rules

1. Playing rules will be those recognized by HEO Minor (Hockey Eastern Ontario Minor), except as noted.
2. Neckguards & Mouthguards: Players are required to wear mouthguards & neckguards for all tournament games if their own district requires that they do in league play.
3. Game Length:
 - a. Periods and running times to be used:
 - i) Round Robin, Quarterfinals & Semi-finals** : Games will consist of 1 x 12 and 2 x 15 minute stop-time periods. There will be a flood after every two periods of play (eg. After 2nd period in Game 1, after 1st in Game 2, etc.)
 - ii) Championship Game:** Games will consist of 2 x 15 and 1 x 20 minute stop-time periods. There will be a flood after the 2nd period.

In the event of a slowly played game, the final period may be switched to straight time at the discretion of the tournament coordinator or a designate after notifying both teams. The tournament committee reserves the right to impose a running clock on Round-Robin or Playoff games as well, in the case of an extended injury or other prolonged delay.

- b. Warm-ups will be 3 minutes in length starting when the Zamboni has left the ice (5 minutes during semi-final and championship games).
 - c. After intermissions (mid-game floods) teams should go directly to their bench - no warm-up is permitted at this time.
 - d. If, at the beginning of the third period or at any time during the third period, a team is ahead by five or more goals, straight running time shall commence on the game clock. If the goal differential is seven goals at any time during the first or second period, running time shall also commence. If at any point the margin is reduced to two goals or less, stop-time play shall resume. This rule is in effect for all games including round robin, playoffs, and championship games.
4. Time-Outs: One (1) thirty (30) second time out will be permitted in ALL games (round-robin & playoff).
5. Overtime: Overtime will only be played in playoff and championship games if regulation time produces a tie. Overtime shall consist of:
 - a. One sudden-death 5-Minute stop time period with teams playing three (3) skaters plus a goaltender.
 - b. If still tied a shootout with 3 skaters from each team will take place. The coach of each team will provide the game officials with the list of these three players immediately following the final overtime period. If a player was penalized during overtime and there is still time remaining in his penalty at the end of overtime, that player is not eligible to participate in the shootout. The

team that scores the most goals with these three skaters will be declared the winner. The HOME team will have the option of shooting first or last. Once the order is determined, it will remain the same for all future rounds of shootout. A player from one team will go, followed by a player from the other team, and so on until all 3 designated players have shot.

- c. If still tied a sudden-death shootout with one player from each team. Each shooter must not have participated in any prior round of the shootout. Whichever team shot first in the previous round, will once again shoot first.
 - d. Repeat point c. until no skater remains that has yet to participate. At this point, the shootout will continue in reverse order, starting with the player who has most recently shot. Teams will continuously work up and down their list of shooters until a winner has been declared.
6. Round Robin Standings: Standings will be based on points: two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, no points for a loss.
 7. Tie-Breaker, Round Robin: If tied in points, standings (seedings) will be determined based on the following order:
 - a. The head-to-head result involving the teams tied (two-way ties only or if one team has beaten all others they are tied with).
 - b. The team with the most wins in round robin play.
 - c. The highest ratio of goals for divided by goals for plus goals against $[GF/(GF + GA)]$ (up to the 5th decimal)
 - d. The team with the lowest number of penalty minutes accumulated in round robin play.
 - e. The team with the lowest number of goals against
 - f. Coin toss by the tournament coordinator or a designated representative.

Note: in the event that three or more teams are tied, there will be no reverting back to a previous tie-breaking step as each seed is determined. Should two of three teams still be tied after a tie breaker, those two teams will continue down the list of tie breakers, and the single team will either be eliminated (if they fell below the other two teams), or be skipped above (if they stood above the other two teams). Furthermore, please note that the highest ratio tie breaker heavily favors fewer goals against as opposed to higher goals for.

8. Stick Measurements: Teams are NOT allowed to request the measurement of any stick during tournament games. If teams have a concern with an opposing player's stick, they must bring it forward to the attention of the referees, whom will use their discretion in the matter.
9. Game Misconduct Penalties: Any player or team official receiving a game misconduct penalty will be penalized at a MINIMUM according to the HEO Minor code of discipline but may be penalized further by the tournament committee or a higher governing body. This will involve at least a ONE-GAME suspension for all Game Misconducts. (it is recommended that all out of district teams consult their own code of disciplines to determine their suspensions if they are in excess of what is assessed by the tournament committee – failure to do so could result in further sanctions by home branches) HEO Minor code of discipline is available at www.heominor.ca .
 - a. Major penalties will be reviewed by the tournament host U18 AAA League Risk & Discipline, the assessment may result in a reduction, a suspension increase or the assessment is upheld.
 - b. In addition, all games are available on Hockey TV (video) and any missed calls may be brought to the attention of the tournament host U18 AAA League Risk & Discipline for review, whereby a suspension may be assessed.
10. Fighting Penalties: **I**) Any player receiving a penalty for Fighting will be suspended for the greater of:
 - a. The minimum number of games according to the HEO Minor code of discipline, or;
 - b. The minimum number of games according to the code of discipline for the player's home branch**II.** Any player receiving both an instigator & aggressor penalty along with a fighting major will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
11. A player of the game or hardest worker award may be awarded at the conclusion of each game. No player may win the player of the game more than once during the round-robin portion of the tournament.

12. For playoff and championship games, the home team will be the team with the highest seeding after the round robin portion in the tournament.
13. For all games, handshakes will occur at the conclusion of the game.
14. Reminders:
 - a) Three stick infractions, as per Hockey Canada Rule 4.2: A Game Ejection penalty shall be assessed to any player that incurs a total of three or more stick infraction penalties during the same game. For the purpose of this rule, only high-sticking, cross-checking, slashing, butt-ending, and spearing are considered stick infractions. Players penalized under this rule shall be ordered to the dressing room for the remainder of the game.
 - b) Coincidental minors, as per Hockey Canada Rule 4.2 (d): When coincident Minor or coincident Minors of equal duration are imposed against players on each team during the stoppage of play, immediate substitutions shall be made for those penalties, and such penalties shall not be taken into account for the purpose of the delayed penalty. Any differences in time or total penalty time shall be served by one or more players on the ice at the time of the infraction (and the penalties causing the differential shall be served first in the normal manner). Unless they have been ejected from the game, such penalized players shall take their place on the penalty bench and remain there until the first stoppage of play following the expiry of their respective penalties.

COVID-19 Related Rules and Regulations

1. Team officials on the players bench must wear a mask at all times. Referees may issue one warning per game to a team that is violating this rule, and should another violation occur, the referee will have the authority to apply escalating discipline (beginning with a bench minor penalty).
2. Players must fill in the COVID screening form each day that they enter the facility. Failure to do so, could result in a game suspension, or expulsion from the tournament, at the discretion of the tournament coordinator.
3. Team safety officers must ensure that their team has no more than 40 spectators in the stands. Should a team exceed this number, the team may be given a penalty or expulsion from the tournament, at the discretion of the tournament coordinator.
4. In accordance with the Government of Ontario, all spectators 12+ must show proof of vaccination when entering the arena. If a patron refuses to show proof of vaccination without proof of an exemption, by law, they are not permitted to enter the facility.

General and Administration Rules

1. **ZERO Tolerance: Taunting or berating of any players, officials, staff, or tournament volunteers will NOT be tolerated under any circumstances by parents, players, team officials or other spectators.** The Sensplex facilities reserve the right to eject any person whom it deems in its sole discretion to be acting in an improper manner and we accept no liability in connection with such ejections.
2. Referee's Decisions: All referee's decisions are final and may not be appealed.
3. Protests: All protests must be accompanied by a \$200.00 deposit that will be returned only if your protest is successful. A protest will only be heard if it is brought to the attention of the Tournament Manager or their delegate within fifteen (15) minutes of completion of the game in question. A hearing and ruling will be completed prior to the team's next scheduled game. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final and MUST be respected.
4. Teams must bring with them their official branch issued team roster or player cards, along with proof of age and identity for all players.
5. In the event of a suspended game by way of forfeiture or forfeit, the score shall be recorded as zero for the loser and three (3-0), or the greater margin of victory at the time of the forfeiture, for the winner.
 - a. Should a team who previously forfeited a game during the tournament be in contention for a playoff spot, that spot will be automatically forfeited should it come down to a tiebreaker whereby the goal ratio becomes the deciding factor.
6. Scheduled Game times are approximate. **TEAMS MUST BE PREPARED TO START THEIR GAMES NO LESS THAN 15 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED START TIME. Teams not prepared to start at least 15 minutes ahead of their scheduled time, may receive a delay of game penalty or forfeit their game at the discretion of the tournament committee.**

7. Check In: One (1) team representative must check-in to the registration desk, no less than one hour before the team's first scheduled game. He or she will be required to fill out a tournament check-in form. The team representative will then be required to check-in to the tournament desk before each game.
8. Team officials are responsible for the conduct and supervision of all of their team's participants at all times. No shooting, stickhandling, or passing of any objects is permitted anywhere in the facility other than the ice surfaces! Any damage done to any dressing rooms that is not reported will be the responsibility of whichever team previously occupied the room when it is discovered. Any pre-existing dressing room condition should be immediately reported to tournament or building staff BEFORE proceeding onto the ice.
9. Teams may be **ejected from tournament play** if they are found to be responsible for damage to tournament facilities (including host hotels) or unacceptable dressing room conditions.
10. No outside Food & Beverage is permitted inside the Sensplex facilities.
11. No alcoholic beverages or "tailgating" is permitted on Sensplex facilities property.
12. **Team Warm-Ups:** Note that due to concerns with the safety of their patrons, the Sensplex facilities do not permit 'running' in public areas of their facility.
13. Teams should also read and understand the building rules and regulations that are located in the front lobby of the Sensplex facilities.
14. **The tournament coordinator reserves the right to change or alter these rules at any time without prior notice in order to act in the best interests of the tournament.**