

# 2018 Women's Beantown – July 27<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>nd</sup> , 2018

Marlborough - Massachusetts

## Rules and Divisional setup.

1. All USA Hockey rules apply unless otherwise noted in this document.
2. Team representatives must check in at the registration desk one (1) hour prior to their first game.
3. **Teams must be available to play up to fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game time.**
4. **Game times:** All round robin games will consist of two 23 minute stop time periods. The last ten minutes of the second period will be running time when there is a four goal difference or more. Timing will revert to stop time if the difference is reduced to less than four goals. The playoff games on Sunday will be two 15 minutes stop time. **There will be no time-outs in any games.**
5. **Flooding Schedules:** Flooding will take place after every game. The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust the flood schedule if games start to run more than 15 minutes behind schedule.
6. **Overtime:** There will be no overtime in the round robin games. Ties in the round robin will be recorded as such in the standings. In the event of a tie in the play-off games there will be overtime to decide the winner. Overtime will be sudden death of three minutes off three on three skaters plus a goalie. If after overtime the game remains tied, the tie will be broken via a shootout.

In the case of penalties during overtime, no team shall go down to less than 3 skaters and the non-penalized team will add a player if required (3 on 3 becomes 4 on 3) until the first stoppage in play after the penalty has been served.

7. **Shootouts:** Shootouts to break a tie in the final start with a 3 player shootout. One player from each team will start at centre ice and skate in on the opposing goalie. Shootout on each goalie will take place simultaneously. If the game remains tied after three shooters, the shootout becomes sudden death. Shooters cannot repeat until all skaters of a team have taken a shootout attempt. Any player serving a penalty that has not expired by the end of overtime play may not participate in the shootout.
8. Minor penalties will be two (2) minutes. Penalties that are being served at the end of the third period will continue until completion during overtime if applicable.
9. The center redline will only be in effect for icing infractions. (No center red line for 2 line passes). There is no body-checking in any division.
10. **Discipline:** Any major penalties or game ejections will be reviewed by the tournament disciplinary director for further disciplinary action. There will be no toleration for fighting, un-sportsman like conduct versus officials or racial slurring. Disciplinary action will be based on items recorded on the game sheet or any reports from on-ice officials. Major penalties for items such as fighting, travesty of the game or intent to injure penalties can result in ejection from the tournament.
11. **Player Eligibility Rules:** Players may play, “up” a division, but only if they are listed on both rosters.
  - Player must be listed on the call up roster at check-in and there must be an “ap” next to her name.
  - A Futures Red player cannot play in both the Futures Red and Futures Blue division.
  - A player cannot play for two teams in the same age division.
  - Teams may use a maximum of 4 “ap” players with no more than 26 total players on their roster
  - Any violation of the above will result in ejection of the player from the event and the “ap” team will forfeit any games the “ap” player plays in for her call-up team.

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- A maximum of 20 players, in which not more than **18** are skaters, shall be permitted to play in the game

**12. General Playoff Rules:** The play-off brackets for all divisions will be seeded based on rankings after the round robin. The brackets are set up such that the top two seeded teams or the top two seeds from the same pool will not meet until the final. **There is NO re-seeding after each round.** The bracket is set once the play-offs start. The higher seeded team will be the designated home team in all play-off games. The detailed brackets for each division are listed in the “Play-off” bracket tab in the schedule.

**13. Divisional Format – Futures Red:** The Futures Red division consists of a 42 team field divided into four pools of 10 or 11 teams. Each team will play three robin games, two on Friday and one on Saturday. The top four teams in each pool advance to the A playoffs round of 16 games. Teams ranked 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> in each pool advance to the B playoffs round of 16 games. The remaining teams advance to the C consolation bracket. All teams will play a fourth game in their respective playoff bracket, with the winners advancing to games on Sunday. The play-off brackets are seeded such that teams from the same pool will not face each other in the first two playoff rounds. The complete play-off bracket details are listed in the schedule.

**14. Divisional Format – Futures Blue:** The Futures Blue division consists of a 37 team field divided into four pools of nine or ten teams. Each team will play four round robin games, two on Friday and two on Saturday. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the A playoff quarterfinals. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams in each pool advance to the B playoff quarterfinals. The 5<sup>th</sup> place team in each pool advances to the C playoff semifinals. All play-off games are on Sunday. The play-off bracket is seeded such that teams from the same pool will not face each other until the final.

**15.** Two (2) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie.

**There will be no overtime during round robin games.**

**16.** Teams can only get credit up to a maximum of a FIVE (5) goal differential for the purposes of tiebreakers. Goals scored by the losing team will determine the score being used for the standings. For example, an 8-2 game result will be recorded as a 7-2 score in the standings.

**17. Tie Breaker Rules:**

The following criteria will be used to break any ties between teams upon the completion of the round robin:

- A) Number of wins
- B) Best Record against other teams in the tie (points only)\*\*\*
- C) Goals for minus goals against (Plus / Minus )
- D) Goals for divided by goals for and goals against (GF) / (GF+GA)
- E) Least goals against
- F) Least penalty minutes
- G) Coin Toss

\*\*\* In case of a multi-team tie in points (more than 2 teams),

Tie-breaker rule B only applies if ALL teams in the tie have faced each other. \*\*\*

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\*\*\* Tie-breakers continue in succession as teams are eliminated in a multiple tie scenario.