



Tournament Rules & Policies

Coaches & Team Representatives

- Each team must have a coach or team representative register with the tournament prior to the team's first game.
- All coaches, managers, and team officials are responsible for reading, understanding, and following all tournament rules and policies.
- Coaches or managers must complete the official paper game sheet prior to each game.

Rosters & Player Eligibility

1. To be eligible for playoff games, a player must participate in at least one (1) round robin game.
2. A player may only be rostered and compete for one team during the tournament.
3. Emergency substitute players require prior approval from the Tournament Committee. Substitute players may not come from another team within the same age division or from an older age division.
4. Teams may register and dress a maximum of nineteen (19) players per game.

Game Rules

5. Teams must be ready to play at least fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled game time.
6. Home team wears dark jerseys; visiting team wears light jerseys. Teams must bring both jersey colours.
7. Each game begins with a three (3) minute warm-up.
8. Round robin games consist of 10-10-12 minute periods.
9. If tied after regulation, a three (3) minute sudden-death overtime will be played. If no goal is scored, the game ends in a tie.
10. Thirty (30) second timeouts are permitted only in Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Championship games.
11. The scoreboard displays a maximum five (5) goal differential.
12. Running time is implemented anytime (regardless of period) a team leads by five (5) or more goals and returns to stop time when the lead is reduced to three (3). Penalties during running time are three (3) minutes.
13. Standings record a maximum five-goal differential. Actual goals for/against are used only for tie-breakers.
14. All referee decisions are final.



Round Robin Scoring

- Regulation Win – 3 points
- Overtime Win – 2 points
- Overtime Loss – 1 point
- Scoreless Overtime (Tie) – 1 point to each team
- Regulation Loss – 0 points
- Failure to appear results in a 5-0 forfeit.

Round Robin Overtime

If a round robin game is tied after regulation, a three (3) minute sudden-death overtime period will be played. If a goal is scored, the winning team receives an Overtime Win (2 points) and the losing team receives an Overtime Loss (1 point). If no goal is scored, the game is recorded as a tie and both teams receive one (1) point.

Playoff Seeding

Teams are seeded by total round robin points. Higher seed is the home team.

Tie-breakers:

- Head-to-head (except three-way ties)
- Goal Percentage $GF \div (GF+GA)$
- Fewest Goals Against
- Fewest Penalty Minutes
- Most Goals For
- Coin Toss.

Quarterfinal & Semifinal Games

Game lengths remain 10-10-12. Ties are broken by a five (5) minute 3-on-3 sudden-death overtime followed by a three-player shootout if necessary. Teams remain in the same end throughout overtime and shootout.

Championship Games

All Championship games consist of three 12-minute periods. Overtime: 5-minute 4-on-4, then 5-minute 3-on-3, then a three-player shootout. Overtime penalty procedures follow the tournament rules.



Safety & Conduct

- Current Hockey Canada rules and equipment standards apply.
- Teams are responsible for dressing room and arena damage.
- Report existing damage before occupying dressing rooms.
- Keep dressing room doors locked when unattended.
- Tournament organizers are not responsible for lost or stolen property.

Zero Tolerance for Abuse of Officials

The MK23 Memorial Tournament maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding abuse of officials.

- Treat all officials, tournament staff and arena personnel with respect.
- Verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, profanity directed at officials, or any physical contact with an official will not be tolerated.
- Violations may result in removal from the arena, suspension, expulsion from the tournament, and/or referral to the appropriate Hockey Association.
- All Tournament Committee disciplinary decisions are final.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

If the tournament is cancelled in its entirety, registered teams will receive a refund less any non-recoverable expenses already incurred by the Women's Hockey Academy (WHA).

Team Withdrawal Policy

- More than 90 days: Full refund less a \$250 administration fee.
- 60–90 days: Deposit forfeited.
- Within 60 days: No refund.
- Refunds are issued to the original payment method.

Liability Waiver

By registering, the team representative acknowledges acceptance of these rules and releases the Women's Hockey Academy, MK23 Memorial Tournament organizers, sponsors, volunteers, officials, arena operators and affiliated organizations from liability arising from participation in the tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to rule on any matter not specifically covered in these rules, and all decisions are final.