



# Waterloo Minor Hockey Association Recreational Hockey Christmas Tournament Rules Novice to Midget Divisions



1. WMHA rules for Recreational Hockey will be followed.
2. Maximum warm up to 3 minutes from the time the ice is ready. All players should be ready 15 minutes ahead of scheduled times as games may start early.
3. Teams advance according to points total (2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie).
4. There will be no time-outs in round robin play. One 30-second time-out per game in Semi-Finals and Finals.
5. Time for preliminary games for all divisions are to be 10 – 10 – 10. **Playoff games are 10 – 10 – 15.** When there is a six (6) goal difference, straight time will be used after the mid-point in the game.
6. When teams are tied for advancement to semi-final games, the following will be used to determine their standing.
  - > The head to head result involving the teams tied (2 way ties only)
  - > If the two (2) teams are still tied, then the team with the best goal average gains the higher position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner: "Goals For/Goals For + Goals Against"
  - > For 3 or more teams tied, the teams will be ranked according to their goal averages
7. For play-off and championship games tied at the end of regulation time, there will be 5 minutes of 4 on 4 stop time sudden victory overtime period. If still tied a shootout will occur, the coaches will submit three names to the referee prior to the shootout beginning. If still tied a sudden death shoot out will follow. All players must go once before a player can go a second time. If a shoot out is required one player from the home team will shoot first then one from the visitor team switching between home and visitor until one team wins.
8. A team not icing 6 players for any game loses by default. The score will be recorded as 3-0.
9. Games will not be held up for lack of equipment for players.
- 10. Any player incurring a fighting penalty will be ejected from the tournament. Any suspensions will be served during regular season play.**
11. Waterloo Minor Hockey reserves the right to make decisions regarding interpretation of tournament rules and regulations and to make decisions regarding protest(s). All decisions are final.