

## **2011 CALIFORNIA WINTER GAMES ICE HOCKEY RULES**

California Winter Games is governed by rules of USA Hockey. In addition, the following rules apply.

1. All teams must show proof of USA Hockey team registration, team roster and release forms for each player prior to their first game.
2. All teams must be available to start their games up to thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
3. ALL TEAMS must provide a volunteer for the penalty box for every game. Other divisions may provide one.
4. Most teams will play 15 minute stop time periods. Mite and Squirt teams will play 12 minute stop time periods. All games are 75 minute curfew games except Midget and AA games which will be 90 minute curfew. Running time will be implemented if the game is in danger of exceeding curfew and will be evaluated after the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. 5 minute warm up time. No overtime shall be permitted.
5. Each team is allowed one 30 second time out.
6. If a five goal differential exists at any time Running Time will commence. Despite the occurrence of running time, penalties will remain the duration prescribed by USAH rules.
7. For Preliminary play, points will be awarded in the following manner: 0 points for a loss, 1 point for a tie, and 2 points for a win.
8. The following tie-breaker formula will be used to determine the order of finish after preliminary play:
  - a) Total Points
  - b) Head to Head record between all teams with equal points
  - c) Most wins overall
  - d) Fewest goals allowed overall
  - e) Fewest penalty minutes overall
  - f) Coin Toss
9. Forfeits: If a team forfeits one or more games in the tournament, all games it has played shall be recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team(s).
10. All tournament "Championship" and "Bronze Medal" games that end regulation in a tie shall use the following process to determine a winner:
  - a) Five (5) Minute Run-Time "Sudden Death" tiebreaker – first to score wins;
  - b) If the tie still exists after the "Sudden Death" tiebreaker, a shootout to determine a winner will go into effect. Shootouts will follow USA Hockey shootout procedures, beginning with a 3 person shootout.
11. Protests: No protests shall be made on the playing rules. Otherwise, protests must be registered on the back of the signed score sheets and must contain all of the known facts. Protests not written on the back of the score sheet before final signing will not be considered. Tournament Director shall act expeditiously on all properly submitted protests. Tournament Director's decision shall be final. A protest fee of \$50 will be implemented.
12. All penalties and suspensions made by the referees/game officials are final.