



Ice Hockey



COMPETITION MANUAL

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International rules will be followed unless specified in WPFG Guidelines

EVENTS

UNISEX; 18+ (Maximum twenty-two (22) athletes on a roster; 20
players 2 goalies, plus one (1) Non-Playing Coach)

Division I- Ex-pro, CHL, USAHL,

- Teams entered from a department/agency over 1000 members including combined organizations, teams representing a province, state, country.
- Previous winners of DIV II

Division II - Junior, B,C.

- Teams entered from a department/agency with less than 1000 members.
- Previous winners of Intermediate

Intermediate Division

- Teams entered from a department/agency with intermediate players only.
- Previous winners of Novice.

Novice Division

- Teams entered with novice players only. Intermediate or higher caliber players are not allowed in this Division. No exceptions.

Age as of Date: 12/31/2027

Entry Deadline: 1/22/2027



It is recommended to have four or more teams enter to form a bracket. If we do not have enough teams entered, the WPFGE Director will consult with teams on division placement.

Teams that wish to enter a different division than previously entered must contact and consult with the WPFGE Director prior to registration. The WPFGE Director for Ice Hockey makes final decision on team placement.

Active competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN A COUNTRY**. Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish with other eligible competitors whether police or fire. This includes across country lines.

Exception: Novice Division teams can be combined from multiple countries.

EQUIPMENT

Regulation Pucks - with the event logo on one side and WPFGE logo on the other side.

Warm Up pucks do not require logos.

Bracket Boards. An up-to-date bracket board must be posted in a conspicuous position at each facility used for the tournament.

Individual competitors shall be responsible for providing their own personal equipment, including uniforms, sticks & water bottles.

BRACKETING

The tournament will be played as Round Robin group pool-play with a single elimination tournament to follow. Bracketing will be designed to provide each team in each event that is able to continue in the competition, with a minimum of four (4) games. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the medal round. All other teams will play in a relegation game(s). Circumstances may allow for modified bracketing depending on the number of teams and venues however this must be approved in advance by the WPFGE Director for Ice Hockey.

Teams must have a minimum of 12 players entered in the Games to be bracketed for competition.



GENERAL SPORT RULES for Ice Hockey

A mandatory team meeting will be held prior to round robin play. Only the team Captain and/or an Assistant Captain to attend. (2 maximum/team). This purpose of this meeting is to inform team captains of expectations and to answer any questions.

Body checking is NOT permitted in any division.

Personal equipment will be supplied by the competitors and shall comply with the safety requirements as specified in the IIHF (or national/state affiliate) rule book.

HALF OR FULL COVERAGE MASKS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL PLAYERS.

All players must wear approved safety equipment including helmets and a minimum of a visor on the ice during the game and pre-game warm-up period.

The rules specify the use of protective equipment out of concern for the orderly playing of the game, and for the safety, health and welfare of participants. However, such rules do not imply a guarantee by the WPFGEF that the use of such equipment will provide protection from injury. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the equipment used conforms, where specified, with the official playing rules and is worn and maintained in good condition in accordance with the manufacture's warranties.

VIOLENT OR NON-SPORTSMANSLIKE PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

A player involved in a fight or violent intentional contact with an opposing player during the tournament will be expelled from the remainder of the tournament. Additional sanctions may be levied by the WPFGEF. The WPFGEF Incident Review Committee will review the circumstances of all incidents where a player(s) has been expelled, and their supervisor of their department will be informed. Detailed game reports will be required.

GAME DETAILS

Round robin games will consist of minimum three 12-minute stopped-time periods with a 5-minute warm up preceding each game and a 2-minute break after completion of the first period and prior to the start of the second period. A dry



scrape or an ice clean will be completed following the completion of the second period and after each game.

Single elimination and medal games will consist of three 15-minute stopped-time periods. If time permits, a dry scrape or an ice clean will be completed between each period. For medal Games the ice must be resurfaced after each period.

If at anytime, the score differential is 6 goals at any point during the game, the remainder of the game will be on running time.

These times and the schedule of the resurfacing of the ice may be adjusted with the approval of the WPFGE Director for Ice Hockey.

OVERTIME RULES

If at the end of the three (3) regular periods in the round robin or playoff games, the two (2) playing Teams are tied, the Teams will then play a “sudden death” overtime period with the Team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period shall be played with each Team at a numerical strength of three (3) Skaters and one (1) Goalkeeper unless there are penalties remaining from the third period that may affect the number of players.

A dry scrape will commence before the overtime period for the medal games.

Teams will not change ends for overtime.

Round Robin Games:

- Five (5) minutes running time.
- **No offsides and no icings will be called.**
- If no goal is scored in the overtime period, the game will end in a **tie**.

Playoff – Single Elimination Games:

- Five (5) minutes stopped time.
- If no team scores in the overtime period game, a shootout will commence until a winner is declared.

Medal Games:

- Ten (10) minutes stopped time.
- If no team scores in the overtime period game, a shootout will commence until a winner is declared.



SHOOTOUT:

A shootout will be conducted as follows:

- It is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring the goal.
- The team that is the higher seed determined prior to the start of the playoffs, will have the choice to shoot first or second.
- All goalies and players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout.
- Any eligible player can be selected to shoot.
- **Format – Sudden Death: Each team will be given only 1 shot until a winner has been determined. Should one team be successful in scoring a goal and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shootout.**

TEAM STANDINGS:

In pool play, 3 points will be awarded for a win in regulation; 2 points will be awarded for a win in overtime; 1 point for a loss in overtime; 1 point for a tie and 0 point for a loss in regulation.

- Win Regulation: 3 Points
- Win Overtime: 2 Points
- Tie: 1 Point
- Loss Overtime: 1 Point
- Loss Regulation: 0 Points

Rankings will be based on the following -

1. Most Points
2. Most Regulation Wins
3. Most Overtime Wins
4. Head-to-Head
5. Higher Goals Difference
6. Least Goals Against
7. Least Penalty Minutes
8. Coin Toss



TIE BREAKER:

If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tiebreaking format. If one tiebreaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tiebreaking process over again.

For example - 3 teams are tied, and the tiebreaker is higher goals difference. Team A's goal difference is 9, Team B is 7 and Team C is 6. Team A will receive the highest seed and then the tiebreaker procedure will restart. Team B and C are left and if Team C won the head-to-head record against Team B, they would become the higher seed.

Forfeits - If a team forfeit any of its games and becomes involved in any tie-breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, all games involving that team in the round robin play will be considered as forfeits and the games will be recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.

PLAYOFF SEEDING:

Teams will be seeded into the playoffs based on their placing in the round robin play, with first place teams being seeded first followed by second place teams and so forth.

AWARDING OF MEDALS TO ATHLETES AND COACHES

One Non-playing coaches can **ONLY** receive a medal if they are eligible to participate in the games. This means that the coach would have to pass the same requirements of an athlete to receive a medal. This coach will receive an Athlete's Credential when they register at the Accreditation Center and should do so at the Special Handling booth to receive the Athlete's Credential.

Coaches who do not meet the requirements to participate in the Games **will not** receive a medal. **Technical Support Personnel SHALL NOT** receive medals.

During the medal presentation, only athletes and eligible coaches are allowed to participate in this ceremony. Each athlete and one eligible coach **SHALL** wear their Athlete's Credential. If the athlete or coach does not present their Athlete's



Credential, they **SHALL NOT** receive a medal. This is a mandatory requirement to receive a medal.

Technical Support Personnel and children are not allowed on the podium with the teams during the medal presentation.

The sport coordinator **SHALL** have in their possession a copy of the CSE Report and the team's final roster that was submitted at the team captains meeting to verify the athletes being awarded medals.