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2024

Tier I Illinois State Hockey Championships Championship Series Tournament Rules

All levels of the 2024 Tier I Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament will follow USA Hockey Annual Guide rules governing the playing of National Championships and the USA Hockey Official Rules of Ice Hockey 2021-25.

The 2024 Tier 1 Illinois State Hockey Championship Tournament Series will be conducted for all nine (9) youth levels and all four (4) girl's levels. There is a round robin series followed by a Championship Series.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The two top teams by points from the Round Robin State Tournament will participate in the championship division held at Mt. Prospect Ice Arena, March 2 thru March 5, 2024 (*see exact schedule of games*).

Championship round is a best two (2) of three (3) game series.

The first and second place teams in each age division must participate. The higher seeded team following round robin play will be the home team for the 1st and 3rd game (*if necessary*). The second seeded team will be the home team for the 2nd game.

No ties are allowed.

One 30 second time out will be allowed during regulation play.

The Home team will wear dark jerseys and dark socks.

Home team will occupy the home bench and use the locker rooms provided.

In the final Championship Series, each team will be responsible to have a responsible adult in the penalty box only to let players in and out. These individuals will be acting as minor officials. AHAI will provide scorekeeper and clock personnel.

Officials for the 10, 11, 12 and girls U12 age divisions will be a 2-man system. All other age divisions will use a four (4)-man system.

The 10, 11, 12 and girls U12 age divisions will play fifteen (15) minute periods. The 13, 14 and girls U14 age divisions will play sixteen (16) minute periods. The 15 only, 16 only, girls U16 and girls 19U will play seventeen (17) minute periods. The youth U18 will play 20-minute periods.



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The 10, 11, 12 and girls U12 will each have 1.5-minute minor penalties, 4-minute major penalties and 8-minute misconduct penalties. All other age divisions will have 2, 5 and 10 penalties.

All teams will start their games on a clean sheet of ice.

There will NOT be resurfacing of the ice at any time during the 10, 11, 12 and girls U12 contest. All other age levels, 13, 14, 15O, 16O, 18U and girls U14, U16, and U19 will have ice resurfaced after the second period. The exception is the youth U18 division which will have ice resurfaced after each period. The ensuing faceoff after all ice resurfacing (*inclusive of overtime*) will take place at center ice.

"Sudden Death" overtime games will NOT be resurfaced for any age division, except the youth U18 division where the ice will be resurfaced after the second overtime period.

Overtime periods will be 10 minutes in length and conducted as first a 5 x 5, then 4 x 4, then 3 x 3 and finally a 3-man shoot-out. During the shoot-out, no player may shoot a second time until all players rostered have had an opportunity to shoot.

Teams involved in overtimes do NOT change ends, they remain defending the same end as in the third period.

An additional 30 second time out for each team will be allowed during OT.

The AHAI fighting penalty will NOT be applied. To agree with the District and National rules the Tier 1 Illinois State Tournament will be an additional single game suspension for fighting.

Scoring for the championship series will be done only using Gamesheet electronic scoring app. iPads will be provided for all Championship games

Best of Luck to all participants!

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