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2025
GIRLS ILLINOIS STATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT
Play-Down Rules and Regulations

This Tournament will be played according to AHAI and USA Hockey By-Laws and Playing Rules except where these Tournament Rules conflict; then the Rules of this Tournament will prevail. The following rules will apply to all Play-down/Elimination games:

1. Home Team: In the brackets that will be sent to each participating team upon completion of the rankings, the team with the highest ranking will be the "Home Team". All play-down games must be completed by February 12, 2025. Teams participating in play-down games are required to split the cost of the ice & the officials. It is the responsibility of the home team to secure the Officials & notify the AHAI Girls Director, Anita Lichterman, of the date, time, & location. Upon conclusion of the game, the home team, win or lose, will submit via email *(girls@ahai2.org)* the final score within two *(2)* hours after the conclusion of the game. There will be play-down games in all Tier II Girls divisions where there are more than four *(4)* teams.
2. Girls Divisions: All Divisions will play a round robin tournament to determine the final two *(2)* teams. The Girls Tier II Round Robin games will take place at the Glenview Community Ice Center in Glenview, Illinois between Thursday, February 20, 2025 & Sunday, February 23, 2025.

   Officials Scheduling: The Tournament Director will arrange for officials at all games played at the Glenview Community Ice Center in Glenview, Illinois from February 20, 2025 thru Sunday, February 23, 2025.

   Off-ice Officials: In all round robin & championship games, the off-ice officials will be provided by the 2025 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament Committee.

The following rules will apply to all games:

3. Playing and Penalty Times: Age division playing times and penalty times, for all elimination, Round Robin and Championship games are as follows:

Tier II

Division	Periods	Minors	Majors	Misconduct	Overtime
10 and Under	11	1.5	4	8	6
12 and Under	12	1.5	4	8	6
14 and Under	16	1.5	4	8	10
16 and Under	17	2	5	10	10
19 and Under	17	2	5	10	10

The ice will be re-surfaced between the second and third periods of the Girls 16 & Under and 19 & Under Divisions ONLY for all Round Robin and Championship games.

All games will be played to a winner. The following overtime rules apply:

a. Overtime period lengths will follow National Tournament rules for all National Bound levels *(14u,16u,19u)* - ten *(10)* minute periods with an ice cut after the second overtime period & every subsequent second overtime period within the same game.

b. In the Round Robin games for the 10U & 12U age divisions only there will be one *(1)* overtime period six *(6)* minutes in length. If there is no winner, the game will end in a tie.

c. Goalies at all age divisions will switch sides for every overtime period.

d. All overtime periods will be played 5 on 5.

e. There are no shootouts in the State Tournament.

4. Penalty/Suspension: In the event a player or coach receives a penalty in a 2025 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament Game which requires that a player or a coach is to be suspended, that player or coach shall serve the suspension during her/his team's next 2025 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament Game, regardless of any other intervening games or requirement to serve a suspension in another game.

5. Round-Robin Games: If the differential in score reaches five *(5)* goals or more in the third period, the clock shall be kept running until the goal differential is reduced to four *(4)*, after which it will be a normal stop-clock. USA Hockey and AHAI rules apply in all cases.

   All Round Robin games will be played regardless of their meaning.

6. Points System: Points will be based on the Three-point *(3)* system: Regulation win = Three *(3)* points

   Regulation loss = Zero *(0)* points

   Regulation tie = One *(1)* point for each team with One *(1)* additional point awarded for the overtime win

7. Rules: Coaches should review the applicable rules prior to any Tournament game and bring a copy of the rulebook with them to games, including this letter.

8. Roster Eligibility: Rosters complying with AHAI, and USA Hockey By-Laws, Rules and Regulations are the responsibility of the team and supporting organizations. All players at 10U must have played in at least eight *(8)* sanctioned games and such teams must have played in at least ten *(10)* sanctioned games. All players at 12U, 14U, 16U, and 19U must have played in at least ten *(10)* sanctioned games and such teams must have played fourteen *(14)* sanctioned games.

   a. All Girls on 14 & Under teams and higher that are double rostered on a Youth Team Bantam or older team MUST declare which team they will play on in the State Tournament by December 31, 2024 to Anita Lichterman, AHAI Girls Director, Laura Johnson, AHAI Registrar, Tom Hansen, Central District Registrar or they will be ineligible to play on either team.

   b. All players and coaches will be required to sign in at the Welcome Desk prior to the start of every Round Robin game. Please allow enough time.

   Note: The teams eligible to advance to Districts and Nationals must be familiar with Article XI of USA Hockey's Rules & Regulations regarding Eligibility/Registration. Any question of interpretation a team may have should affirmatively be brought to the attention of the AHAI Registrar, Laura Johnson, by the Team Manager or the Organization's Registrar. The team manager for each team must have, at all times, scoresheets demonstrating compliance with the minimum game requirements and be able to produce them, if questioned. National Bound age level teams advancing to the Championship game are required to have their binders assembled and submitted, in accordance to the email instructions, to the AHAI Registrar, Laura Johnson prior to arrival Championship Day.

9. Tournament Awards: All First and Second place teams will receive individual plaques and a State Banner. For the 10U & 12U consolation games, a 3rd place State banner will be awarded to the winning team.

10. Coaches Certification/Persons on Bench: All coaches on the bench, other than rostered players participating in that particular game then on the ice, shall be listed on such teams' roster and coaches shall be certified coaches by USA Hockey at the appropriate level, have completed the mandatory USA Hockey Screening Program, completed the age-appropriate USA Hockey Coach's Module, and must have completed the USA Hockey Safe Sport Training Certification.

11. Fan Conduct: Each team shall be responsible for the conduct of fans supporting their team. Failure to control fan conduct may result in game stoppage or penalties against the team not controlling their fans, up to and including the forfeit of the game and disqualification from the Tournament. The AHAI Girls Director and Tournament Committee must approve any forfeit. That decision will be final and is not subject to appeal.

    Zero Tolerance will be enforced.

    Alcohol and tailgating in the parking lots for both the Round Robin & Championships Day is prohibited.

    Alcohol consumption at the Nicholas Sportsplex and Glenview Ice Arenas will strictly adhere to the rules set forth by the Nicholas Sportsplex and the Village of Mount Prospect and the Glenview Ice Arena and the Glenview Park District. Outside alcohol is strictly prohibited.

12. Any Coach *(head coach or assistant coach)* who violates any part of Rule 601 – Abuse of Officials or Other Misconduct shall be suspended for the remainder of the 2025 Girls Tier II State Tournament up to & included the Championship games.

    If a coach violates Rule 601 – Abuse of Officials or Other Misconduct, she/he will be suspended from ALL teams for which they are listed on the certified roster. *(For example: If the Head Coach for a 12u team is also a Head Coach or an Assistant Coach for the Organization's 14u team, & Rule 601 is cited as a violation, this coach would be ineligible to be on the bench for either team).*

    Rule 601 – abuse of officials or other misconduct can be found in the USA Hockey official rules of ice hockey 2021-25 edition.

13. Please Remind Your Players: All players must adhere to the equipment guidelines per USA Hockey *(this includes mouth guards and neck laceration protectors).*

14. USA Hockey One-Minute Time Out Rule: Will be applicable for all games in the tournament.

15. Admission: No admission charges will be permitted to view Final State Championship Games. No admission may be charged for elimination, playdown or round robin games.