



# Winter Classic

## Rules

The Hockey Academy Winter Classic will consist of three youth divisions: mites, squirts and pee wees. Please note there are no private changing facilities. Players must arrive and depart dressed from the waist down. Spectators must stay within the designated areas, and three feet away from the netting. No one on stairways, ramps, or bench areas. If these rules are violated, games will be stopped but the clock will run. Repeated infractions will result in game termination.

Parents are responsible for their non-playing children. They must watch and control them.

Teams are to be ready 10 minutes prior to their schedule start time. One goal will be awarded for each minute a team delays the starting of the game. If a team fails to show up, their opponent will win 10-0.

- All games are 22 minutes in length, running time. **Games are played 4 on 4** with the long pond hockey style nets. The nets will be filled with wood to control scoring.
- All youth players are required to wear full equipment.
- **No goalie equipment is permitted.**
- Face-offs will always be at center ice and will determine possession after a goal is scored.
- Both teams must move quickly so the game is not delayed. The defending team returns to their side of the ice before the attacking team advances. Once the puck or the attacking team crosses the center, the defending team may pressure or engage in play.
- All teams must wear light or dark jerseys. Jerseys are not provided but we will have a set on hand just in case. In the event these must be used, the Tournament Director will determine which team will wear them.
- Minor penalties will be one minute running time from the puck drop.
- Major penalties will result in that player's ejection from the tournament with no substitution allowed for that player's team. In extreme circumstances involving more than one player, the entire team can be ejected from the tournament.

- General hockey rules apply: tripping, hooking, slashing, elbowing, etc are considered infractions at this event as well (minor penalty).
- Any abuse of official or tournament staff is considered a major penalty. This includes yelling/swearing and excessive arguing about calls. This results in game ejection.
- No body checking
- No slap shots
- No contacting the puck with your stick above the waist. This will result in a face off.
- No intentional lifting of the puck. "Flip" or "Saucer" passes are permitted; whoever, shots that are intentionally lifted into the air can cause injury to players and spectators alike. Doing this results in a minor penalty.
- All minor penalties can be upgraded to major infractions.
- There will be no off-sides or icing calls
- Goals must be scored from the attacking side of center ice.
- Pucks that leave the playing area result in a face off where the puck left the rink.
- The organizers reserve the right to prohibit any player from participating in a game, should they be deemed a safety risk to themselves or anyone else.

### **Playoff Format**

The first three games are in a round-robin format, in which you play each team in your four-team bracket once. The first and second seed will advance to the semifinals and then the winners of those games will advance to the championship game.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Two points for a win

One point for a tie

Tie breaker rules:

Head to Head

Least goals allowed

Least PIMs

Flip of a coin