



## Greater Springfield League 8U Games

### Coaches Instructions

- If necessary, share the locker room with another team.
- Coaches and team representatives from all teams playing are responsible for setting up the hard rink dividers.
- Divider will be moved, by the coaches, to allow the Zamboni to clean the ice.
- Dividers will be removed and put away, by coaches/team representatives from all teams, after the last 8U game.

### General Rules

- Hard rink dividers will be set-up across the red line and players will use the benches.
- Games will be played half-ice.
- Full size nets will be used without pegs, nets need to be mobile.
- Nets will be placed off of the center hard divider boards and opposing goal line with room for players to skate behind the net.
- Two games (with 4 teams) will be played at once.
- There will be a 3 minute warm up.
- After a goal the official will give puck possession to the scored upon team. They will play the puck from behind their net.
- After a goal the scoring team will skate half way back (across the center line if there is one) into their zone prior to turning back to fore-check to give the other team a chance to move the puck.
- When the buzzer sounds (2 minute intervals) players will change lines and play will resume from the last spot the puck was played by the team with prior possession.
- Events will be 4-on-4 with a goalie but if teams are short players and would like to play shifts at 3-on-3 they can, upon mutual agreement of the coaches.

### Officials and Timekeepers:

- One official will work each game.
- There will be no face-offs except to start the game.
- Official does not need to call player penalties, but rather helps instruct players as to the rules.
- For any flagrant infractions, situations which could result in injury, or repeated penalty situations to one player, the official will escort that player to the coach for further instruction and/or discipline, if needed.
- The official should carry multiple pucks (supplied by the home team) to keep the play going quickly. There should not be any delay in the game while the official goes to retrieve a puck.
- The official can stop the game to restore order, call a penalty on a coach, or eject a fan.
- The timekeeper will set the clock for 50 minutes at the start of the hour to allow time for teams to shake hands and the rink dividers to be moved for the Zamboni at the end of the game.
- The timekeeper will sound the buzzer every 2:00 for line changes during the game until time expires
- If a coach receives a game misconduct the official will report the incident to the supervisor of officials and the timekeeper will report the incident to GSL 1st Vice President for further action.