

2012 CCYHA MID-WINTER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

RULES & PROCEDURES

1. **Sanction.** The CCYHA Mid-Winter Classic is a USAH sanctioned tournament. The Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association is a member in good standing of USA Hockey and NYSAHA. The tournament will be conducted under the rules that govern these affiliations.
2. **Registration.** All teams and players participating in the tournament shall be properly registered with their District and the USA hockey National Office. Proof of such registration must be presented upon request to the Tournament Committee.
3. **Roster.** The roster submitted to the tournament committee will have all players eligible to participate and will be considered final. Each team must submit a copy of their signed validated **OFFICIAL** USA Hockey Roster with the tournament application. (USA Hockey certified roster 1-T form validated by the USAH District Registrar or an Associate Registrar.) Players who are under suspension by USA Hockey are ineligible to participate in the Tournament.
4. **Credentials.** The tournament committee will request rosters to include each coach's CEP info and each coach to present their credentials, if available, prior to the beginning of its tournament play. Registration must be completed at least one half hour prior to the teams' first scheduled game.
5. **Responsibility.** Each team is responsible for any damage that might be done by any of its members to any locker room facility used by the team during the tournament. The committee requires that team coaches, managers and players cooperate in keeping locker rooms clean, orderly and in good condition. Please see that all tape, debris, etc. is placed in trash receptacles before leaving the locker room. The management of the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena and CCYHA will NOT be responsible for any valuables left in locker rooms during or after games. Please keep any valuables out of the locker rooms.
6. **Team trophies** will be presented to the champions and runners-up in each division. Player trophies will be awarded to the champions in each division.
7. **Tournament point structure** (5 total per game) will be as follows: two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, one (1) point for each period won, half (1/2) point for each period tied
8. **Tournament tiebreaker.** If two or more teams have an equal number of points after round play, their final position in the standings will be determined as follows:
 - a. Head to head competition
 - b. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against) THE MAXIMUM GOAL DIVERENTIAL PER GAME IS +/- 6

- b. Least penalties (first by number of then by minutes)
- d. Coin Toss

9. **Game structure.** Period length will be as follows:

Mite	10	10	10
Squirt	10	10	12
Peewee	10	12	12
Bantam	12	12	12

10. **Ties.** In the event of a tie in regulation play, the tie stands in all age Levels. **NO OVERTIME WILL BE PLAYED** in preliminary games.
11. **Timeouts.** No timeouts will be allowed in preliminary games. One timeout per team will be allowed ONLY in semi-final and championship games.
12. **Protective Equipment.** Facemasks certified by the Hockey Equipment Certification Council, HECC, is mandatory in all age levels of the tournament. All players are required to wear an internal mouthpiece.
13. **Playing Rules.** The official playing rules of USA Hockey will be used for all games of the tournament. This will include the USA Hockey **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy which is strictly enforced by Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena and Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association.
14. **Bench Area.** Only players in uniform and the immediate coaching staff may occupy the players' bench area. The referee may determine the dimension of this area.
15. **Final Authority.** The tournament committee, with the advice of the Rules Committee, shall have the final authority in all matters pertaining to the conducting and governing of the Mid-Winter Classic. In any case **NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
16. **Starting Times.** All game starting times are approximate. Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes before scheduled time. All games will be played to completion. Curfew clocks will be implemented if the tournament becomes 30 minutes behind schedule.
17. **Mercy Rule:** If 5 or more goals separate the teams at the end of the 2nd period or any time in the 3rd period, running time will commence for the remainder of the game. If the goal spread comes to within 2 goals, stop time will resume for the remainder of the game.
18. **Championship Game Tiebreaker.** A 5-minute period of 4 on 4 sudden death play. If it remains tied, the game will be determined by a 3-man shootout. 3 individual players will be selected at the end of the first overtime period. All players must shoot once before repeating. Home team has option to go first or second. Repeat process until game is decided.