



2012 Yukon Indian Hockey Association

Adult Division Rules

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DEFINITIONS

Protest Committee – will be comprised of one (1) YIHA board Member and two (2) referees.

Executive Committee – The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and the Secretary.

Professional Player – Is a hockey player that has played in a professional hockey league or been paid to play professional hockey within the year prior to the tournament.

Ex-professional Player – is a hockey player who has not played in a professional league one year prior to the tournament.

Proof of Ancestry: all First Nation and Inuit hockey players must provide a copy of Proof of Ancestry. Proof of Ancestry includes the following:

- a Status or Treaty Card;
- a certified Nunavut Trust card, roll number or any other proof accepted by Inuit communities; or
- official letter from First Nation indicating that you are a member.

Metis Hockey Players: All Metis hockey players must submit a Metis Player Application Form along with an official letter from a recognized Metis organization to the Yukon Indian Hockey Association by **Monday, March 26th, 2012**. The Yukon Indian Hockey Association will approve or deny the Metis Player Application form based upon the information provided.

1. ENTRY FEE

1.1	Division Entry Fees are:	
	‘A’ Division:	\$1000
	‘B’ Division:	\$900
	‘Old timers’	\$800

The entry fee must be paid by a certified cheque, money order or cash payable to the Yukon Indian Hockey Association (YIHA), **NO PERSONAL CHEQUES OR PURCHASE ORDERS** will be accepted.

- 1.2 The registration deadline is Thursday, March 1st, 2012. Entry fee must be submitted by the deadline. If a team has not paid by the deadline, that team will not be entered into the draw for scheduling.
- 1.3 Teams who withdraw from the tournament after the deadline will forfeit their entry fee.
- 1.4 Any player or team that is not in good standing with YIHA will not be permitted to play in the tournament. If the YIHA Executive Committee is notified by local businesses that there are unpaid bills for damages or motel/hotel rooms, ice time, etc., the responsible team will be contacted and their future participation in the Tournament will be suspended until these bills are paid in full.



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2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Aboriginal / Inuit / Métis players must provide a copy of a valid Proof of Ancestry that will be attached to the team entry form.

2.1.1 THOSE WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE VALID PROOF OF ANCESTRY TO YIHA BEFORE THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2012 WILL NOT PLAY IN THE TOURNAMENT

2.1.2 ALL METIS HOCKEY PLAYERS MUST SUBMIT A METIS PLAYER APPLICATION FORM ALONG WITH AN OFFICIAL LETTER FROM A RECOGNIZED METIS ORGANIZATION TO THE YUKON INDIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BY MONDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2012. THE YUKON INDIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION WILL APPROVE OR DENY THE METIS PLAYER APPLICATION FORM BASED UPON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. . THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE.

2.2 Players must be at least (18) eighteen years old (**as of December 31st, 2012**) to play in the 'A' & 'B' Divisions. Those Players (who turn 18 in 2012) must have their parent or guardian sign the team entry form to allow them play in the tournament.

2.3 Players must be at least thirty-five years (35) old or older to play in the Old timers Division.

2.4 'A' & 'B' & OT's teams can have a maximum of twenty-one (21) players registered in the tournament with one (1) coach and one (1) manager. NOTE: A maximum of nineteen (19) players will be dressed at one time, including playing coaches and managers.

2.5 'A' Division teams can have a maximum of three (3) non-native players.

2.5.1 Goalies are excluded from this rule.

2.6 'B' Division teams can have a maximum of two (2) non-native players.

2.6.1 Goalies are excluded from this rule.

2.7 Old Timers Division Teams are allowed three (3) non-native players.

2.7.1 Goalies are excluded from this rule.

2.8 'A' Division teams can have one (1) ex-professional player playing on their team during the tournament.

2.8.1 Professional players are ineligible to play in the tournament.

2.9 All of the player's names, who are playing on a team, must be listed on the time keeper sheet for the team's first game.

2.9.1 Exception to Section 2.9 - for those players who are returning from provincials or minor hockey playoffs, their names must be put on the official time keeper sheet from the team's first game.

2.10 Each player on the team must play at least once in the first two games.

2.11 A player will play with one team only during the tournament.

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2.12 No new player(s) will be added to the team roster or time keeper sheets after the first game. If a player(s) name is added after the first game, **the team will be disqualified from the tournament.**

2.13 The ineligible player's goal(s) and assist(s) will be dropped from the games played.

2.14 No nicknames will be used on the time keeper's sheets.

3. PERIOD TIMES

3.1 Regular Games:

1st Period: 20 minutes straight time;

2nd Period: 20 minutes straight time; and

3rd Period: 15 minutes straight time and the last 5 minutes stop time.

3.2 Semi-final & Final Games:

1st Period: 20 minutes straight time;

2nd Period: 20 minutes straight time; and

3rd Period: 20 minutes stop time.

3.3 The ice will be cleaned every second period.

4. OVERTIME

4.1 If the score is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be a four on four for five (5) minutes straight time or sudden death victory.

4.2 If the score is tied at the end of five (5) minute overtime period, there will be a five (5) player shootout. A coin toss will decide who shoots first.

4.3 If the score is tied after five (5) player shoot out, there will be one new shooter for each team until there is a victory.

5. TIME OUT

5.1 One (1) - thirty (30) second time-out will be allowed per team per game including overtime.

6. GOAL SPREAD

6.1 A game will be considered no contest at any time during the game when there is an eight (8) goal spread.

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7. GRACE TIME

- 7.1 Due to the importance of staying on schedule, a team will be allowed five (5) minutes grace time from the starting time on the schedule to have their team on the ice.
- 7.2 After the five (5) minute grace time, one (1) goal will be awarded every five (5) minutes to the full team who is on the ice.
- 7.3 After the 1st period, if the team is still unable to have at least six (6) players on the ice, they will forfeit the game.
- 7.4 Teams must have a minimum of six (6) players on the ice (including the goaltender) during a game.

8. DELIBERATELY THROWING A GAME

- 8.1 Any team who deliberately throws a game will be disqualified from the tournament.

9. PROTESTS

- 9.1 Protest must be made **PRIOR** to the start of the second (2nd) period of the game in which is being protested. (protest form will be included in the team package)
- 9.2 Protests can only be made by the **Coach or Manager** listed on the team entry form.
- 9.3 In order for the protest to be heard, \$200 **cash** must be given to the YIHA Protest Committee.
- 9.4 The \$200 protest fee will be either:
 - 9.4.1 Reimbursed to the Coach or Manager if the decision is in-favor of the disputing team; or
 - 9.4.2 Lost, if the decision is against the disputing team.
- 9.5 All decisions made by the YIHA Protest Committee are final!

10. PENALTIES AND MAJOR PENALTIES

- 10.1 All minor penalties assessed at any time during straight time will be assessed at three (3) minutes in duration.
- 10.2 All major penalties assessed during straight time will be assessed seven (7) minutes in duration. The player who receives the major will be ejected from the game.
- 10.3 Any player in the 'A' Division who receives a five-minute major penalty for fighting will also receive a game misconduct.

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- 10.4 Any player in 'A' Division who receives two penalties for fighting will be ejected from the tournament.
 - 10.5 Any player in 'A' Division who receives a game misconduct for fighting during the last ten minutes of a game will also receive an automatic game misconduct for the team's next game.
 - 10.6 Any player fighting in 'B' Division will be ejected from the tournament.
THERE WILL BE NO FIGHTING IN THE B DIVISION!!
 - 10.7 There will be **NO checking** in any Division!
 - 10.8 There will be **NO slap shots** in the Old timers Division!
 - 10.9 Where in the CAHA rulebook, players receiving gross misconduct or match penalties will be suspended from the tournament.
 - 10.9.1 The BCAHA guidelines in that match penalties will carry a minimum three (3) game suspension. The YIHA Executive Committee reserves the right to assess suspensions of longer duration, including suspension from future tournaments.
 - 10.9.2 The referee will report these incidents to the YIHA Executive Committee.
 - 10.10. Any player deliberately injuring or intending to injure another player will be ejected from the tournament and could receive an indefinite suspension from future tournaments.
 - 10.11. Any player or coach displaying unsportsmanlike conduct could be indefinitely suspended from the tournament.

11. SUSPENSION

- 11.1. Any player who is under suspension from a CAHA-affiliated league is ineligible to participate as a player or team official in the tournament.

12. EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 All standard CAHA approved hockey equipment is required.
- 12.2 It is mandatory that all players wear C.S.A approved helmets with chinstrap properly fastened under the chin.
- 12.3 All players eighteen (18) and under will wear masks and approved neck protection in all games.
- 12.4 There will be no stick measurements throughout the tournament.

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13. INJURIES ASSESSMENT

- 13.1 If a player is injured during a game, they must be assessed by a St. Johns Ambulance attendant or obtain medical clearance to re-enter that game.
- 13.2 If a player refuses to be assessed by St. John's Ambulance attendant or does not have medical clearance, they will not go back on the ice to continue that game. There are no exceptions to this rule!

14. ABUSE OF OFFICIALS / REFEREES

- 14.1 There will be no abusive language or behavior tolerated from spectators or players towards YIHA officials or referees.
- 14.2 Officials have the right to eject a player from the current game for abusive language or behavior towards him/her.
- 14.3 Officials have the right to inform the YIHA Executive of any abuse towards them from spectators. The Executive have the right to eject spectators from the facility if such behavior is reported.

15. ALCOHOL or DRUG USE

- 15.1 Any player under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to play in any game. **This rule is for the protection of all players and to eliminate serious injuries. Coaches and Managers are also required to adhere to this rule.**
- 15.2 The referee has the right to eject a player from the game if suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

16. OTHER

- 16.1 The Coaches and Managers are responsible for their team and players conduct on and off the ice.
- 16.2 All players must read and sign the waiver on the entry form prior to the start of their first game; otherwise the game will not proceed!
- 16.3 The scheduling of referees will not be altered for any hockey team.