



# 2024 April Showers Tournament Rules



## USA Hockey playing rules are in effect except for some modifications below:

All players must be USA Hockey members and must be rostered prior to March 8, 2024. All players / goalies must be female and turn 30 years old in the year 2024 \* exception in the 55+ division, they may have up to 5 rostered players that are 50yrs old and C-1 and C-2 divisions which may have up to five players that turn 25 years old in 2024. C-Division players rostered on a SSWHL A division team or have played in any professional, semi-professional or on a D-1 collegiate team within the past two years and are not the age of 50 are not eligible to play in our C-1 or C-2 Division. Full hockey equipment is required. This is a non-checking event. Body checking is not permitted. Slap shots are allowed at all levels. Two-line passes are permitted. The red line will be used for icing only. The tag-up rule will be used for offsides.

**Fighting WILL NOT be tolerated.** Any players involved in a fight as deemed by the game officials will receive an automatic game misconduct (1 game suspension) and could result in expulsion from our tournament.

Three minor penalties to one player in any game will result in an automatic game ejection (remainder of current game). Major penalties such as spearing, or butt-ending could result in expulsion from the tournament. Each team is allowed one timeout in the final game only.

3<sup>rd</sup> Period only: if the goal differential is six or greater, running time shall be used. If at any time the goal differential goes back under six goals, stop time shall be reinstated.

All teams must have home (light) and away (dark) jerseys.

Players may play on only one team in the tournament. Exceptions may be made for goaltenders in extenuating circumstances. **Only if cleared and approved by the tournament rules committee prior to play.**

To be eligible for the playoff games, the player's name must appear on the team roster and sign-in sheet. She must have participated in two or more of her team's games in the first round. This includes goalies.

Illegal players and teams: If the tournament director(s) determine that an illegal player has participated in the tournament: (1) the player(s) shall be immediately removed from the tournament. (2) The team using the ineligible player(s) will receive a 1-0 forfeit in each of the games played with the illegal player(s).

Any team that forfeits a game will not be eligible for final games in our April Showers tournament. Any team that has an illegal player will not be allowed to play in future April Showers Tournaments.

The April Showers committee reserves the right to move team(s) up or down in a division if it is deemed to be in the best interest of parity and of the tournament. Final Division placements are made in the interest of having parity and competitive games. While we consider team's division requests as our first line of evaluation, we reserve the right to place teams where we feel they best fit into our AS tournament structure

## TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE:

A minimum of four teams is required to run a division. Preliminary Play format will be determined by the overall number of teams entered in each division. Each game will consist of three 12-minute stop time periods with a three-minute warm-up that will start when the Zamboni doors close. The ice will be made before each game. · Each team is guaranteed three games. Two teams in each division will advance to a championship game on Sunday. Championship games will be played on Sunday. Games may be scheduled as late as 3:00pm. · All teams must be available to play starting at 3:00pm on Friday, April 5, 2024, all day Saturday, April 6, 2024 and Sunday, April 7, 2024 morning to complete first round play. 3 points will be awarded for a win in regulation, 2 points for a shootout win and 1 point for a shootout loss, 0 Points – loss in regulation. For final games only: If a final round game ends in a tie, a five-minute 4-on-4 sudden death overtime period will be played prior to the shootout format.