

North St. Paul Polar Midwest Regional Holiday Squirt A&B Tournament
Rules and Regulations
2011-2012

- 1-All games will be played at Polar.
- 2-Team credentials must be presented to and reviewed by the Tournament Director 1 hour prior to each team's initial tournament game (NO EXCEPTIONS). The team credentials include: USA Hockey Player Roster form, proof of insurance (Red Card), and a copy of each player's birth certificate. **NSPAHA will not be liable for injuries.
- 3-Up to 4 certified coaches are allowed in the player's bench while the game is in progress.
- 4 – A certified Emergency medical Technician (EMT) will be in attendance at all games.
- 5-All games will be played under USA Hockey rules as modified by MN Hockey and the North St Paul Tournament Committee.
- 6-There will be NO team timeouts in the game.
- 7-All three periods will be 12 minute stop time periods. There will be a 5 minute warm up before the first period and 1 minute break between periods. In the 3rd period if 1 team is ahead by 5 or more goals running time will be used until the margin is lower than 5 goals. If the EMT is called onto the ice by the officials for an injury during running time the clock will be stopped until the next face off.
- 8-All MN Hockey/USA Hockey required safety equipment must be worn.
- 9-Only USA Hockey registered referees will be used for this tournament. All decisions of the referees are final. There will be NO PROTESTS ALLOWED.
- 10- In the event of a TIE GAME at the end of regulation POOL play there will be a 1 minute rest then a 4 on 4, 5 minute running time overtime. If nobody scores the game is considered a tie.
In the event of a TIE GAME at the end of regulation BRACKET play there will be a 1 minute rest then a 4 on 4, 5 minute running time overtime. If the score is still tied then best of 3 shootout. The guest team will shoot first. Each team will select 3 players for the shootout, with each team alternating shots on the goalie.
- 11-Penalties:
 - Minor: 2 minutes
 - Major: 5 minutes and game misconduct
 - Misconduct: 10 minutes
 - Fighting: 5 minutes and player is disqualified from remainder of the tournament
- 12-Any abusive language or conduct directed at game officials or tourney volunteers by any player, coach, manager and spectators will not be tolerated.

13- Pool Play rules

- a.) Two (2) points for a win, One (1) point for a tie
- b.) Tie breakers for brackets:
 1. Winner of the game between the two teams
 2. Most wins
 3. Team with least amount of goals scored against them.
 4. Add goals for and goals against, divide that total into the goals team scored to determine highest percentage
 5. Most goals scored among tied teams
 6. Fastest goal scored in pool play

14 - There must always be an adult (Coach or Manager) in the locker room when any team members are in the locker rooms. The locker rooms will be locked during all games. The NMYHA tournament staff will control keys.

15- Anyone having any questions or concerns regarding the tournament may speak to any Tournament official.

16-All teams shall be ready to take the ice fifteen (15) minutes before their scheduled start time. If the ice is ready we will start early.

17-Each team is responsible for the conduct of its spectators. Coaches should advise their parents of the conduct rules.

18-Any damage to the arena by your player (s) or team(s). Your player (s) and team(s) will be responsible for cleaning up the damage or pay for the damage to the arena and may be asked to leave the tournament and arena.