

Hockey for Hope
Nov 10-12, 2017
Rules for Play and Conduct

*USA Hockey Guidelines, with these exceptions. This is NOT a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament.

1) **Show up ready to have a blast playing hockey with some folks you normally wouldn't be playing with in a tourney.** Let's keep it light and fun -- better players give lesser players some space, etc. We want to play to "C" level, and keep it fun for all.

2) **Be ready to drop some cash...and raise some cash, in the name of cancer research and support for those families battling the disease.** The money we raise supports patients and families in our own areas thru the American Cancer Society. We have lots of info if you want more -- where the money goes, and how it helps those in our immediate areas. Our goal for this event is \$20,000, and that is attainable. Please get your team registered on the website shown on the info sheet. The referees are volunteering for this tournament!!!! They have instructed the rink to donate their fee to the cause!! That is \$1120! As well, MIEC will match \$75 for every team that is registered on the fundraising website, and raises at least \$75. That's \$1720 before we get started!!

3) **As well as registering on the site, think about raffle basket items.** We had a great raffle table last year that raised over \$1500!! Tammy put in a ton of work in the café. Some great items came from visiting teams! Brandi Egnatz will be working hard on raffle baskets and sponsorships. Feel free to jump on board with her!!!

4) **Game details:** 17-minute run-time periods. 3-minute warm-up, 1-minute period breaks. No time outs. Ties end with a 3-player shoot out, and middle shooter must be "novice shooter", or the goalie. All teams guaranteed 4 games. Any ejection will constitute an ejection from the tournament. Although the referees are volunteering, their word is final, as always. Sometimes there can be a fine line between goofy fun and something that goes the wrong direction. Please take everything in a good-hearted way. That being said, we had some great games last year that turned into darn good hockey. The game moves along well with some of the better players keeping the game flowing.

5) **If whistled for a penalty, a player has two immediate choices:** (1) **Skate with the short stick for 2 minutes.** The stick MUST remain on the ice, or the penalty may be extended at the referees' discretion. The 2 minutes goes up on the board, and the player takes the short stick back to the bench when penalty is up. Each bench has a "rightie", a "lefty" and a "goalie" short-stick. (2) **The second option is to shove a crisp 5- spot thru the scorer's window and act like nothing happened.** You **can not** "buy your way out" of a major. Majors would include any penalty constituting "dangerous play or actions of misconduct", and typically end up in an ejection anyway. We hope to raise a couple hundred bucks or so thru the penalty box (we raised \$230 last year!). Captains, remember to take a few fivers to the bench pre-game. The bench of

the **winning team** of each game **MUST pay** the scorekeeper \$5 -- that's \$5 total (not \$5 per player). A winning team without \$5 for the scorer at game's end must pay an extra \$5 for the trip to the LR for dough, of café for change.

6) **The Reid Rule** - The Reid Rule states that a goalie CAN come across center ice. If he/she chooses to do so, the goalie **MUST POSSESS** the puck across center ice at some point in that possession or be penalized. Usual deal at that point...short goalie stick for 2 excruciating minutes...or pay the scorekeeper.

7) **You may buy one goal in-lieu of a timeout!** A team can use their timeout to buy a goal in the last 5 minutes of a game, if they are behind. When the team calls a timeout, they donate to the scorekeeper. Goals cost \$10, and the cash gets stashed in the "penalty fee" fishbowl.

8) **We will be doing the luminaria ceremony as we did last year --** Saturday night. This is very moving, and another way to raise some cash. Each luminaria is sponsored, and decorated by the person donating in the name of a loved one or friend.