



Inaugural Tonawanda Lightning Tom Diehl Memorial Hockey Tournament Rules

- 1) Each team is responsible for any damage that might occur by its members to any locker room. The tournament committee requests that coaches, managers and players cooperate in keeping the facilities neat, clean, locked and in good condition. Please see that all debris such as tape, bottles, cans and wrappers, etc. are placed in proper trash receptacles. A \$10.00 deposit is required to obtain a locker room key. That fee will be refunded after inspection of the room. The Tonawanda Lightning Hockey Association is not responsible for lost or stolen valuables!
- 2) Individual awards will be given to the players on the championship team and the runner-up in each division. Both the championship team and runner-up will receive team awards. An on-ice presentation will follow each championship game.
- 3) All teams in a four team division will play a round-robin within their division (each team playing the other three). The top two teams (by points) will advance directly to the championship game. If a division has more or less than four teams, contact the tournament director for the division structure and game schedule. All senior/adult divisions will be NO checking.
- 4) Tournament point structure: In all divisional games of the tournament, a team will earn 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and no points for a loss.
- 5) Tournament Tie-Breakers: If two or more teams have an equal number of points after round-robin play, their standing will be determined by:
 - a) Head to head (points acquired in the game played by tied teams)
 - b) Least total goals against
 - c) Most total goals for
 - d) First team to score in head to head game
 - e) Least amount of total penalty minutes (head to head game)
 - f) Coin flip
- 6) Period length: Squirt 10-10-12, PeeWee 10-12-12. All older levels (Bantam/Midget/H.S. JV) will play 12-12-12. Adult/Senior divisions (13-13-13 or TBD).



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- 7) Championship ties (including any scheduled Semi-Final games): If two teams are tied at the end of regulation play:
 - a) A five minute, “four-on-four,” sudden death overtime period will be played following the conclusion of the third period. The first team to score during this period will be deemed the winner and the contest ends.
 - b) If no team scores during the overtime session, a shootout will be used to break the tie. The format of the shootout will be the same as a penalty shot under USA Hockey rules. Initially, each Head Coach will designate 3 shooters and they will report to the scorebox area. The “home” team may elect to shoot first or second. The goal tally will be cumulative for the three shooters. The team with the higher goal total for the three shooters is deemed the winner and the contest ends.
 - c) If the score is still tied after the first three shooters, a single elimination shootout commences. New shooters are sent from their respective benches to the scorebox area (one at a time). If one team’s shooter scores, so must the opposing team and so on. No player may repeat as shooter until all skaters on his bench have participated. The contest is ended when one team fails to match the others tally.

- 8) Penalties:
 - a) Minor Penalties shall be 2:00 minutes (1:30 for all Squirt/10U Divisions)
 - b) Major Penalties shall be 5:00 minutes
 - c) Misconduct Penalties shall be 10:00 minutes

- 9) Each team is allowed one 30 second timeout per game/no additional in overtime.

- 10) There will be no curfews in any game of the tournament.

- 11) Mercy Rule: If at any time during the third period a team is winning by 5 goals or more, there will be a running clock for the remainder of the game. The clock will resume stoppage if the goal margin is within four goals.

- 12) The Tournament Director, with the advice of the Rules Committee, shall be the final authority in all matters pertaining to the conduct and governing of the Tonawanda Lightning Hockey Association’s Tournament. All decisions made by the Rules Committee are final.

- 13) All teams must be ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time.

- 14) Official team rosters (stamped by the appropriate district registrar) must be submitted prior to the opening of the tournament. Rosters shall be used to verify player eligibility. All team rosters are frozen once the tournament has begun and no additional players may be added.

- 15) A player must sign in and play in at least one round robin game to be eligible to participate in a Championship Game.

- 16) The official playing rules of USA Hockey shall be used for all tournament games. The only exception shall be in the case of “fisticuffs.” Any player awarded a major penalty for fighting (fisticuffs) and given a game misconduct, shall no longer be eligible to participate in the tournament. There will be no exceptions to this rule.