

## **2025-2026 White Bear Lake Moose Goheen & Jeffrey Hayne Memorial Tournament Rules & Regulations**

The following rules and regulations will govern the play for the 2025-2026 Moose Goheen & Jeffrey Hayne Memorial Hockey Tournaments. All games will be played under USA Hockey Rules as modified by MN Hockey and District 2. Any situations not covered here or in the USA Hockey rule book will be determined by the Tournament Committee, which consists of the White Bear Lake Tournament Director(s) and the Lead Referee.

**It is your responsibility to read, understand and adhere to the rules.**

### **General:**

1. All games will be played under USA Hockey rules as modified by MN Hockey and District 2.
2. All players must abide by the USA Hockey Neck Guard Requirement. Players will be removed from the ice until they have one equipped.
3. All games will be officiated by USA Hockey certified officials.
4. An EMT (emergency medical technician) or a Physician Certified Trainer will be present at each game.
5. In the event of a player injury, coaches will not be permitted on the ice unless summoned by an official. Medic has final say as to whether injured players are approved to return to the game.
6. Rostered players not dressed for the game but on the bench must wear their jersey or team apparel, helmet with face mask and mouth guard.
7. The White Bear Lake Area Hockey Association and any of its affiliates assume no liability for personal injury to any participants during the tournament.

### **Conduct:**

1. All coaches, players and fans will treat each other with respect. We are all working together to provide the best possible experience for everyone at the rink. Zero tolerance for abuse of officials, coaches and players. Tournament Director(s) or Referee can remove any individual that does not comply.
2. This event is being run and supported by volunteers. Please keep in mind that for some, this is their first time volunteering at a hockey tournament. We ask that you (coaches, players & fans) handle yourself with grace throughout the event when interacting with our volunteers.

### **Tournament Format & Gameplay:**

1. Tournament format may vary between levels. Please check individual brackets for specifics. Generally, tournaments will consist of round-robin/pool play, followed by a seeded bracket and/or championship place game.

2. Home/Away Jerseys: Home Team is the bottom team on the Game Sheets Widget and will wear light colored jerseys/socks whenever possible. Visitors are the top team and will wear dark colors. We encourage coaches of each team to connect before the game to confirm colors to avoid conflicts to begin a game.
3. Tournament scoring:
  - a. three (3) points being awarded for a WIN
  - b. one (1) point for a TIE
  - c. zero (0) points awarded for a LOSS.
    - i. There will be no overtime during pool play.
4. Game Timelines by level:

Junior Gold, Bantams: 4-minute warm-up. Three **15**-minute stop-time periods. 2-minute minor penalties. 90 minutes of ice slotted per game with a resurface after the second period & conclusion of the game.

12U, Pee Wee: 4-minute warm-up. Three **15**-minute stop time periods. 1:30 minute minor penalties. 75 minutes of ice slotted for 12U with resurface after each game. 90 minutes of ice slotted for Pee Wee games with a resurface after the second period & conclusion of the game.

10U: 4-minute warm-up. Three **12**-minute stop-time periods. 1:00 minute minor penalties. 60 minutes of ice slotted per 10U game with a resurface after each game.
5. Running time will take effect when: A team holds a five (5) goal lead during the third (3rd) period. Running time will end once the lead is less than five (5) goals.
6. Each team will be allowed a 1-minute time out in each game.
7. Overtime Rules for Bracket or Championship/Place Games Only:
  - a. In the event of a tie score at the end of regulation play, the following procedure will determine the winner:
    - i. A one (1) minute rest period will be taken after regulation play and prior to the start of the first overtime period. Teams will switch ends for overtime.
    - ii. The first overtime will be **“Sudden Death”** Played **4 on 4**, for 5 minutes running time.
    - iii. If a penalty is called during 4 on 4 play, the penalized team will lose a player making it 4 vs 3. If a team is entitled to have a two-player advantage, then they will play 5 vs 3.
    - iv. If the score remains tied after the 4 on 4, a one-minute rest period will be taken. A second 5-minute running-time period will be played 3 vs 3.

- v. If the score remains tied a 5-player shootout will proceed, followed by single shooters until a winner is determined. No skater can shoot a second time until all skaters have been used in the shootout.
  - vi. Penalties will carry over from regulation to overtime and from the first overtime (4 on 4) period to the second overtime (3 on 3) period. If a player is serving a penalty at the end of the second overtime (3 on 3) period, they are not permitted to take part in the shootout.
  - vii. The ice will NOT be resurfaced during overtime unless specified at the Tournament Director(s) discretion.
8. **JUNIOR GOLD:** A Game Ejection (Disqualification) shall be automatically assessed when a player receives three (3) penalties during a single game. Enforcing this penalty is the joint responsibility of the referees, the scorekeeper, the coach and the player. If it is determined that during a game a team allowed a player to continue to participate after receiving their third penalty, the game will be immediately forfeited to the other team. A player receiving a game ejection (disqualification) for three (3) penalties is eligible to play in the next tournament game.

**\*\*Teams must be dressed and ready to play a minimum of 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time in the event the previous game concludes early\*\***

\*Note: In the event the tournament falls behind schedule, the tournament director(s) reserve the right to alter the time of periods and the ice resurfacing schedule to catch up\*

**Tie Breakers:**

**Pool winners and wild card winners will be determined in the order of the following criteria:**

1. Total Points (Win = 3, Loss = 0, Tie = 1)
  2. Head-to-Head competition (if applicable)
  3. Goal Differential (difference between goals scored and goals against, to a maximum of 6 goals per game)
  4. Fewest Goals Against
  5. Most Goals For
  6. Fewest Penalty Minutes Served
  7. Coin Flip
- In a case where a tie involves more than two teams, head-to-head tiebreaker will not be used. The tie breaking procedure, beginning with most wins, shall be used in succession, without reverting to the beginning until the position for each team has been determined.
  - All tournament director decisions are final. Protests will not be allowed.

**Inclement Weather Information**

In the event of a severe weather forecast, first and foremost we want each team to decide what is best for them. Safety and wellbeing are paramount. However, due to many factors, including little or no extra ice time available, WBLAHA will not delay or cancel tournaments in all or in part. We urge families to drive safely and to prepare for longer than usual drive times. We recommend carpooling to limit the number of cars on the road and to stay locally in between games if travel conditions are difficult. In the event a team decides not to participate, such is the standard to consider their missed game a forfeit. If deemed necessary, there may be a change to points and or tie breakers to ensure fair and competitive play for any affected teams.

**Tournament Directors Note:**

Thank you for participating in the 2025-2026 Moose Goheen & Jeffrey Hayne Memorial Tournaments! We are proud to host you in our rinks and city. We have made every effort to ensure this year's tournaments go as smoothly as possible. While we've planned and prepared for these events, inevitably, situations do occur that may require our attention. The Tournament Director(s) will be available during the weekend if you need to reach us urgently. Additionally, we will be visiting the various locations each day of tournament activity to ensure things are on time and running smoothly. Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. We hope you enjoy the tournament!

Sincerely,

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