

Orion Cup Rules 2025

Game Rules

- Games will be played under modified USA and Canada Hockey Rules.
- Rosters: Teams may roster up to 20 players.
- Teams must be ready to play 10 minutes before published game time.
- Icing: Regular icing rules. No icing will be called when a team is shorthanded.
- Offsides: Touch up offsides is permitted at all levels.
- Crease: Players are permitted to be in the goal crease if they are not impeding on the goalie's ability to move freely within the crease.
- Four minute warm-up.
- Three 14-minute stop time periods with ice resurfacing occurring after each game.
- Running time occurs once there is a five-goal differential at any time. If the differential falls below five, the game will return to stop time.
- Penalties: 2 Minute (Minor), 5 Minute (Major) and 10 Minute (Misconduct)
- Fighting: Fighting, racial slurs or homophobic slurs will result in Tournament Disqualification.

Pool Play

- Scoring: Regulation Win=3pts. OT/Shootout Win= 2pts. OT/Shootout Loss= 1pt. Regulation Loss= 0pts.
- Overtime: If tied after regulation, there will be a one-minute rest. Then teams will play 3v3 with a 3:00 stop-time period. If still tied after the first OT, there will be a one-minute rest and then there will be a one-player sudden death shootout. Teams must exhaust all eligible players on their roster before repeating any shooter.
- There will be 1 (one) minute timeout per team, per game.

Playoff Formats

2011- Teams seeded 1-6. 1-4 play semis. Seeds 5&6 play each other.

2012- Pool A&B first and second seeds play semis. Seeds 3&4 play crossover games.

2013- Teams seeded 1-6. 1-4 play semis. Seeds 5&6 play each other.

2014- Teams seeded 1-5. Seed 1 & 2 play for the Championship.

Tiebreakers

Teams will be ranked based on points earned during pool play. If two teams are tied after the preliminary round, tie breakers will be as follows (in case of a three-way tie, tiebreakers start with Goals Allowed):

- Head-to-head competition
- Goals allowed
- Goal differential (5 goal max per win)
- Goals scored
- Least penalty minutes
- Coin toss (Done by tournament director with both coaches present)

Championship Overtime

1:00 Rest Period. Goalies will defend the same end as the 3rd period.

- First overtime is played 5-on-5 with a 5:00 run time period.
- If no winner after OT 1, 1:00 rest period.
- Second Overtime is played 4-on-4 with a 4:00 run time period.
- If no winner after OT 2, 1:00 rest period.
- Third Overtime is played 3-on-3 with a 3:00 run time period.
- If there is no winner after 3OT, there will be a one-player sudden death shootout. Teams must exhaust all eligible players on their roster before repeating any shooter.