



John Russo Northern Shootout Bantam A Tournament Rules November 15 & 16, 2025 Spooner Civic Center

General Information:

- Home/Visitor: Left Team is Home = Light Jersey // Right Team is Visitor = Dark Jersey.
 - Example Game 1: Hawks are Home, Mustangs are Visitor. Except that Spooner will always be designated the “home” team.
- Three - 15 minute periods with ice resurfacing after every 2 periods. You will have games that start on dirty ice. The championship game will start with clean ice.
- Teams may be required and must be prepared to start games up to fifteen (15) minutes ahead of the game start times printed on the tournament schedule (no grace period).
- 1.5 minute (90 second) break between periods when ice resurfacing is not taking place.
- 3 minute warm-ups prior to scheduled game time. When the buzzer sounds to end warm-ups, clock resets for the 15 minute period and puck drops.
- If there is a 6 or more point spread there will be a running clock that only stops for penalties, timeouts or injuries. If the point spread goes back to 5, the clock will return to stop time.
- Each team has One - 1 minute time out per game.
- Each team might have to cover the penalty box during their games. If needed, this will be announced a few minutes prior to the game.
- Penalties: Minor (1.5 minutes), Major (4.0 minutes), Misconduct (8.0 minutes).
 - If a player receives 4 minor penalties in a game, it's a Game Misconduct.
 - If a player receives 2 major penalties in a game, it's a Game Misconduct.
 - If a player receives 2 misconduct penalties in a game, it's a Game Misconduct.
 - Any head coach whose team receives twelve (12) or more penalties during one game shall be suspended for the next scheduled game.

- For any team official or player serving a suspension for a prior game misconduct violation or disciplinary suspension, the suspension will commence 45 minutes prior to the start of each game and conclude 30 minutes following the conclusion of each game.
- The team official or player serving the suspension shall be prohibited from:
 - Having any interaction, involvement or communication “in person”, electronically or otherwise with the team.
 - Being present in the locker room.
 - Being on or near the bench of their team.
 - Being on the upper walkway.
- Player or Coach with a Game Misconduct is automatically out for the remainder of the game and can not play/coach in the next game.
- The decision of on-ice officials is final. We adhere to the USA Hockey Rules and Zero Tolerance Policy.
- The Tournament Director shall be in charge of all matters pertaining to conducting games, including, but not limited to, the conduct of spectators and shall act as the final arbitrator for all disputes or protests.
- Everyone (Players/Parents/Guests/Spectators) will use the Gym Entrance doors. North side of the building - easterly entrance.
- The lower level gym is off limits for everyone.
- Please treat the facility with respect.
- Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- Team Reps/Managers are responsible to ensure tournament rules have been reviewed with team coaches.

Pool Play:

Games 1 thru 6: Point System: 2 pts for Win, 1 pt for Tie, 0 pts for Loss.

Game 7 thru the Championship game will not end in a tie. In the event of a tie after regulation, the following procedure will be used:

- 1.5 minute (90 second) rest period, followed by a 5 minute sudden death overtime period 4 v 4.
- Teams will not switch ends. First to score wins.

- If there is still no declared winner, there will then be a shootout until there is a declared winner.

The shootout format will be as follows:

- A. There will be a 3 person shootout.
- B. Visitors begin the shootout.
- C. Best of 3 shots wins - if a tie remains after the 3 shots from each team, the shootout continues using players on the bench in a sudden death format until one team scores and the other does not.
- D. No player can shoot a second time until all players (excluding goalies) on the team with the fewest number of skaters suited for the game and those eligible for the shootout have taken a shot.
- E. Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the 5 minute overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).

Tie Breakers:

1. Goal differential.
2. Goals against.
3. Fewest penalty minutes.
4. Coin toss.