

Official Rules of the 2026 Kingston Police Hockey Classic

March 20–22, 2026 | The Lovell Ice Arena – Rockland, MA

1. Jersey Preference

The **HOME team** has jersey color preference.

2. Rosters

- Teams must submit a **roster to the scorekeepers before the start of each game.**
 - Each roster must list the **name and jersey number** of every player participating in that game.
 - Players must have **played in at least one game** during the tournament to be eligible for the **Championship Game.**
 - Teams using ineligible players will **forfeit the game.**
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3. Waivers & Liability

All individuals participating in this tournament agree to review and comply with all tournament rules and **relinquish any liability** against:

- The Lovell Ice Arena
- The Town of Kingston
- Kingston Police Department
- FOP Lodge #64
- The Tournament Director and associated staff

All players **must check in and sign a waiver** before their first game.

Teams with players who have not signed a waiver will **forfeit all games** in which the ineligible player participated.

4. Game Protocols

- **Game Length:** 3×16 -minute *run-time* periods.
 - **Stop Time:** Last **2 minutes** of the game are *stop time* if the score is within **2 goals**.
 - **Penalties:**
 - All minor penalties are **2 minutes run-time**.
 - Penalties expiring during a stoppage require the player to wait until the **next puck drop** before leaving the penalty box.
 - If a new penalty is called while another is active, the **game clock will stop** to issue the penalty and will restart at the next puck drop.
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5. Round Robin Format

The **IIHF point system** will be used:

- Regulation Win = 3 points
- Overtime Win = 2 points
- Overtime Loss = 1 point
- Regulation Loss = 0 points

Round Robin Overtime:

- 3-minute 3-on-3 period.
- If no goal is scored, the game ends in a **tie** (1 point per team).

Tiebreakers for Sunday Seeding:

1. Head-to-head
 2. Goals Against (lowest total)
 3. Goal Differential ($GF - GA = GD$)
 4. Coin Flip
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6. Sunday Playoffs Format

Semi-Finals Overtime Format:

1. 5-minute 3-on-3
2. If still tied \rightarrow 4-on-3, 1-minute Power Play Situation
 - The **Home Team (higher seed)** receives the first power play and selects the **offensive zone faceoff location**.
 - If no goal is scored after 1 minute, the **Away Team** receives the same opportunity.
 - **First goal wins.**

Championship Overtime Format:

- 5-minute 5-on-5
 - Followed by 5-minute 3-on-3 (continuous until a goal is scored)
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7. Timeouts

Each team is allowed **one timeout per game** (Round Robin through Finals).

8. Icing & Checking Rules

- **Icing:** Automatic whistle from behind the defending blue line.
 - **Slap shots:** Allowed.
 - **Checking:** Not permitted.
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9. Penalties & Discipline

Fighting:

- Strictly prohibited.
- 1st Offense: **5-minute major + Game Misconduct (1-game suspension)**.
- Reviewed by the **Tournament Director & Department of Player Safety (DOPS)**.
- Removal from the event is possible depending on severity.
- 2nd Offense: **Automatic removal from the event** (no refund).

Major Penalties:

- Result in a **Game Misconduct (1-game suspension)**.
- Subject to DOPS review for further discipline.

Game Ejection Rule:

- Any player receiving **3 penalties in a game** will be **ejected** and receive a **warning** from the Tournament Director.

Abuse of Officials Policy:

- The Kingston Police Hockey Classic enforces a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy toward **physical or verbal abuse** of officials and/or scorekeepers.

- Any player removed from a game for such conduct will be **suspended indefinitely** pending a **meeting with the Tournament Director and DOPS.**
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10. Team Captain Responsibilities

Team Captains are responsible for ensuring **all players understand and follow** the tournament rules.

Department of Player Safety (DOPS)

The **Department of Player Safety** will be overseen by the **Director of Officials, Jarred Mitrano**. All plays will be reviewed by the **Director of DOPS** and reported to the **Tournament Director**.

The **DOPS Committee**, overseen by **Scott Morgan, John Edmonston, and Jarred Mitrano**, will review all **fights, major penalties, and incidents involving abuse of officials** to determine whether **further discipline or rescinded suspensions** are warranted.