



## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Have Fun!
2. All games will follow the Hockey Alberta [Intro to Hockey](#) U9 gameplay rules.
3. Games will be played on half ice. Referees will be provided. Please ensure that your players are prepared to go on the ice at their scheduled time. Games are 60 minutes in length with 2x24 minute halves with a 1 minute break between halves.
4. Game Format: 3 minute warm-up followed by 1.5 minute shifts (indicated by buzzer) followed by an awards announcement. Teams are able to forego warm-up should both coaches agree in advance. Ensure that you notify the timekeeper. Should a game start late, the Timekeeper will be notified to end the game with 5 minutes remaining in the scheduled ice time.
5. If two teams are wearing the same colors, pinnies will be provided by SPMHA.
6. Tournament will use 4-ounce (blue) pucks.
7. No score will be kept. Game sheets are required and will be provided by the tournament committee. Each team is required to sign off on their game roster prior to each game. Please remember, this is a FUN tournament. We are not keeping track of winners and there are no playoffs.
8. We require all players to clear the ice and “tag up” at each shift change buzzer. Again this is a FUN tournament where good sportsmanship is practiced. Maintaining puck possession on a shift change due to lack of “tagging up” will be corrected by Tournament Chairpersons.
9. Face-offs will only occur at the start of the game and to start the second half of the game. If a goal is scored, the scoring team backs off and the goalie pulls the puck out of his net and gives it to teammate to resume play.
10. Pucks out of play: Refs to drop new puck to non-offending team. If goalie freezes puck, offending team backs off and goalie gives puck to a teammate to resume play
11. Following each game, our sponsored MVP and Heart & Hustle Awards will be provided to coaches who will present the awards to the players of their choice in the dressing room. There is 1 award **per team, per game** for both the MVP Award and the Heart & Hustle Award.
12. There will be no medal presentation as the participant medals are included in each player's swag bag.
13. Abusive behaviour towards any volunteer will not be tolerated. Individuals will be asked to leave the facility by the Timekeeper, Rink Manager or Tournament Director immediately.

