

17th Annual Debbie Cooper Memorial Tournament Rules - 2026

General – BCAHA and VIAHA guidelines/rules apply unless noted otherwise.

Sportsmanship – JDF Minor Hockey Association, VIAHA and BCAHA stress good sportsmanship. Fighting, abusive language/behavior, or unsportsmanlike conduct exhibited by players, coaches or parents will not be tolerated on or off the ice. Such conduct will be grounds for disqualification of individuals and/or teams from the tournament. Referees have on ice control and have the authority to direct the removal of any person acting in an objectionable manner. Referees have the authority to end any game deemed to endanger players. The Tournament Directors support all referees' decisions. In conjunction, the tournament directors or controller present may authorize any member of the host association to remove any parent, player, or coach that is acting in an unsportsmanlike manner. It will be the decision of the tournament directors to allow re-entry to the tournament.

TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LEAVING THEIR CHANGE ROOMS CLEAN AND IN GOOD CONDITION AFTER USING THEM. FACILITY STAFF AND TOURNAMENT STAFF WILL CHECK THE ROOMS AFTER EACH TEAM. IF ANY TEAM HAS LEFT THE ROOM IN UNSATISFACTORY CONDITION, THAT TEAM WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$100 FINE. IN THE EVENT THE ROOMS ARE DAMAGED BEYOND THE \$100.00, AN ADDITIONAL FINE WILL BE CHARGED TO THE TEAM RESPONSIBLE.

Length of games - Round Robin/Consolation Game slots are 1 hour and 20 minutes. **U11 & U13** - Semis & Gold medal games are 1 hour and 50 minutes long (no ice clean) and will be the same format as below with an allowance for OT in a 2 hour game slot:

- **U11/U13:** 2-15 minute periods and the third period of 20 minutes - all stop time
- 3-minute warm up time
- 2-minute break between periods
- U11 & U13 - Round Robin Games - 3 minutes at end of game for handshake/awards (Heart n' Hustle & POG Player of the Game - Coach of own team selects own player) all except Consolations/finals.

All games must be completed within the allocated time regardless of time remaining on the score clock in the third period. Round Robin games starting on the hour (EG: 9:00AM game would end at 10:17AM) or RR games starting at half past the hour (930AM would end at 10:47AM)

Procedure after games - QUICKLY - Shake hands and line up for awards. We must adhere to the wall clock for scheduling purposes. Games may end in a tie.

No time-outs

Number of Coaches on the Bench – No more than 4 people, other than dressed players are permitted on each team bench. All coaches, individuals on the bench must be registered/rostered to that team.

Jerseys – The home team will wear light color jerseys and the visiting team will wear dark color jerseys. If a team has only one (1) set of jerseys and it is similar in color or same as the opponent, then the other team can wear its alternate color.

Equipment – All players must adhere to BCAHA Hockey rules and regulations. Players will be removed if they are not properly dressed for games.

Protest – No protests

Forfeiture – Any team forfeiting a game will be automatically eliminated from further game play.

Points – 3.5 points possible awarded per game:

- 2 points will be awarded to the winning team (split points in the event of tie)
- 0.5 (half a point) will be awarded for a **shutout**.
- 1 point for each team for sportsmanship as follows: 8 minutes or less (U11) 10 minutes or less (U13) in penalties awards one point. Misconducts result in automatic loss of the team sportsmanship point. In the event that two or more teams have an equal number of points following the initial tiering Round, the following formula will be used to determine a winner:
 1. Most wins in Division Round Robin
 2. Head to Head (Does not apply to ties of more than two teams)
 3. Lowest number of goals against in all games.
 4. Least amount of total penalty minutes in all games.
 5. Coin toss

Final game Tiebreaker: 5 minutes OT, then 5 man shoot-out.

Final game times will be posted after the last game in your division

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<https://www.jdfminorhockey.com/division/3269/29226>

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