

## JDFMHA 2026 Presidents Cup Tournament Rules – U21



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

**Sportsmanship** – JDF Minor Hockey Association, VIAHA and BCAHA stress good sportsmanship. Fighting, abusive language/behaviour, 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 game slots are 1 hour and 18 minutes. Medal games are 1 hour and 48 minutes long and will be the same format as below with an allowance for OT & a shootout:

- 2 - 15-minute periods and then a 20 minute period - all stop time
- 5-minute warm-up time
- 2-minute break between periods
- Round Robin Games - 3 minutes at end of game for handshake/awards - Heart n' Hustle & Player of the Game - Coach of own team selects own player

All games must be completed within the allocated time regardless of time remaining on the score clock in the third period. Round Robin games may end in a tie.

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

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

**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

**Time-outs** – One 30-second time-out per team – Medal games only

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

**Points** – 3 possible points awarded per game:

- 2 points will be awarded to the winning team (split points in the event of tie)
- 1 point for each team for sportsmanship as follows: 16 penalty minutes or less. 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 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

Gold & Bronze game tiebreaker: 5 minutes OT 3 on 3, then 5-man shoot-out. Then continue shoot-out using all players until a player can shoot again.

Sunday game times will be posted after the last round-robin games and then later emailed to teams.

In recognition of sportsmanship and VIAHA's concern regarding making a travesty of the game by running up the score it will result in an indefinite suspension, pending an investigation. As such there will be a mercy rule where games will be played for the remainder of the game with running time when there is a seven (7) goal differential.

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