

# Super Rink Winter Classic Junior Gold Rules and Protocols



## Tournament Features

- 3-game guarantee – chance of 4 games
- An official digital program will be available.
- Updated daily scores will be available on the official tournament website.

## Player Eligibility

- The tournament is USA Hockey Sanctioned.
- Players must be age eligible.
- USA Hockey Age Classifications are implemented.
- Organizers reserve the right to disqualify any team, player, and/or coach because of false representation; improper use of alcohol or drugs; destruction of property; or unsportsmanlike conduct or disorderly behavior.

## Tournament Services

- Medical Staff – qualified medical staff will be assigned throughout the competition and will be available to evaluate injuries and administer emergency first aid.
- Merchandise – Tournament T-shirts and other merchandise will be available for purchase.
- Pucks – Practice and game pucks will be supplied for each team.
- Home vs. Away – HOME = light jerseys; AWAY = dark jerseys.

## Tournament Credentials

- Players and coaches will receive an official tournament credential to be used for free admission to all tournament competitions and special events to include all Super Rink Winter Classic High School Varsity and JV Games.
- Credentials are non-transferable. Improper use of a credential by any individual other than the player or coach will result in forfeiture and possible disqualification from the tournament.

## Tournament Format

- No OT in pool Play.
- Tie-Breaking Procedures to enter bracket play:
  - Points
  - Wins
  - Head-to-Head
  - Goals Against
  - Goals For
  - Coin Toss
- BRACKET OR ADVANCEMENT GAMES ONLY, overtime procedure:
  - 5-minute running time period. 4 on 4 play.
  - If still tied, 3 player shootout.
  - If still tied, Sudden death shootout.

## Tournament Rules

- USA Hockey registered referee's will be used.
- Medical attendants will be provided for each game.
- USA Hockey rules as modified by MN Hockey for the classification involved must be adopted.
- Canadian teams must wear protective equipment as designated by CAHA.
- Metro League Rules for Jr. Gold classification must be adopted.

## **Tournament Rule Modifications**

- Team/Player Conduct
  - Players and spectators should be advised that the Super Rink Winter Classic has established a “ZERO TOLERANCE” policy regarding abusive language and unsportsmanlike behavior towards opposing team players, coaches and fans, as well as referees, volunteers and tournament officials. Players or spectators violating this policy will be immediately escorted from the tournament.
  - USA Hockey 3 penalty rule will be in place. 3 penalties = game ejection but not additional ramifications. If there are additional penalties beyond 3, Game Misconduct will be enforced.
- Four Coaches per team will be allowed on the players bench during tournament play.
- One timeout per team per game will be allowed.
- No goal judges will be used.
- Game Protocol:
  - Jr. Gold Divisions
    - Three 15 min, stop-time periods.
    - Ice resurfaces between the second and third period, and at the conclusion of the game.
    - Five-minute warm-up.
    - A five-goal lead during the third period will dictate running time until the lead is less than five goals.
    - One 5-minute running-time overtime period (excluding pool play games).
    - Shoot-out will be used in all finals when games remain tied after the overtime period.
    - Three player shootout, visiting team shoots first. If after three players from both teams have completed this procedure and the tie remains, teams will alternate shooters until an advantage is held. No player may shoot twice until every eligible player has gone once. Players in the penalty box at the end of OT will not be eligible for the shootout.
- The red line will be used for icing only.
- Games may start up to 15 minutes early.
- The tag-up rule will apply.
- Any player and/or coach using remarks that are considered a racial slur in nature, and which are heard by a game official, will be automatically disqualified. The tournament advisory committee reserves the right to review any racially motivated incident for further disciplinary action.

## **Protests**

No protests will be allowed regarding rules interpretations or judgement calls made by game officials. Only protests related to game rules that can be addressed within the USA Hockey rulebook or regarding player eligibility will be heard by tournament officials. If it is determined that a player has violated an eligibility rule, both the player and the head coach will be disqualified from the tournament. Disqualifications will begin from the point where the player is determined ineligible and will not affect prior results or change a team’s record. However, all goals will be subtracted from a team’s total of goals for record in which the ineligible player was part of the scoring play (either goal or assist).