

RICHMOND HILL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - TOURNAMENT RULES and REGULATIONS
RICHMOND HILL JAGUARS SELECT TOURNAMENT - JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 1, 2026

1 GOVERNING BODY

OMHA Sanctioned Tournament.

Body checking not permitted for any division

OMHA Rules Apply to Divisions with only OMHA Teams.

OHF Rules Apply to Divisions that include Teams outside of the OMHA.

2 ROSTERS & TRAVEL PERMITS

PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT:

Approved Roster & Travel Permit must be EMAILED to rhha.tournaments@gmail.com

Teams will not be allowed to play if RHHA has not received both of the above documents.

3 MATCH PENALTY / GROSS MISCONDUCT

Any player, coach, or coaching staff receiving a match penalty or a gross misconduct penalty will not be allowed to participate in any further tournament games.

4 SUSPENSIONS

Served in next tournament game(s) - if any remaining.

A record of all suspensions will be submitted to the OMHA.

Any remaining games suspension will be carried forward to league games.

5 GAME START TIMES

Teams **MUST** be prepared to start **15 MINUTES** PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME.

Tournament Staff will decide if game is to start prior to scheduled time.

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6 DECISION to FORFEIT / CANCEL GAME

Teams are required to play all scheduled games. A team may not decide unilaterally to forfeit / cancel a game. IF a team identifies a reason they are unable to play a game they **MUST** contact the Tournament Director as soon as possible prior to the game .

Team must abide by decisions of the Tournament Director.

A game may **ONLY** be formally cancelled **by the Tournament Director**.

A Game Forfeit in the round robin will result in a 3-0 win for the opposing team.

7 PRE-GAME

If the Tournament is running **behind schedule*** - Clock is set at 12 minutes and starts running upon Zamboni doors close. At 10 minute mark Referee blows whistle to signal start the game. Clock will continue until first stoppage in play.

**As determined by the Tournament Director or designated representative*

8 GAME LENGTH

		OT*			
Round Robin Games	U10 to U13	10	10	15	n/a
Round Robin Games	U14 to U18	10	15	15	n/a
Playoffs / Finals	U10 to U13	10	10	15	5 max
Playoffs / Finals	U14 to U18	10	15	15	5 max

***OT only if tied at end of 3rd period**

Shoot-out if still tied after OT

(see OVERTIME Rule # 15 below)

9 TIME-OUT

Round Robin	NO		
Playoffs / Finals	YES	1	30 seconds per team

Can be used in OT period if not used in first 3 periods

10 MERCY RULE

Applies to ALL GAMES. At any time in the **3RD PERIOD, 5 GOAL SPREAD** clock will run. Score must return to 3 goal spread for clock to stop again.

PENALTIES: Running time during mercy rule.

ON-ICE INJURY: Clock is stopped during mercy rule.

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11 POINTS

Win: 2 points

Tie: 1 point

Loss: 0 points

12 GOAL DIFFERENTIAL

Determined by subtracting the Goals Against (GA) from the Goals For (GF)

13 TIE BREAKERS - PLAYOFF RANKING

Review in numerical sequence; no reverting back:

Only review when top teams are tied in points

1) THREE or more teams: Skip to 2 below

TWO teams ONLY: Winner of Head to Head

If top TWO Teams are tied in points but did not play against each other:

Skip to 2 below

2) Highest Goal For Percentage (GF%)

= GOALS FOR divided by: GOALS FOR + GOALS AGAINST)

Example:

- DIVIDED BY -

GOALS FOR (GF)	12
GOALS AGAINST (GA)	4
GF	12
GF + GA	12 + 4 = 16
	0.75

3) Most Wins (W)

4) Fewest Goals Against (GA)

5) Most Goals For (GF)

6) Least penalty minutes during the tournament (PIM)

**7) Fastest goal at the beginning of your first game in the preliminary round
(determined by game sheet of team's first game)**

8) Flip of a coin by the Tournament Director

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14 PLAY-OFF ROUNDS

ALL DIVISIONS WITH ONLY 1 POOL			
TOP FOUR TEAMS IN DIVISION AUTOMATICALLY ADVANCE TO THE SEMI-FINALS WINNERS OF THE RESPECTIVE SEMI-FINALS ADVANCE TO FINALS			
SEMI-FINAL 1	2nd	vs.	3rd
SEMI-FINAL 2	1st	vs.	4th
FINAL	WINNER OF SF 1	VS.	WINNER OF SF 2

ALL DIVISIONS WITH 2 POOLS			
TOP 2 TEAMS IN EACH POOL ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS AND PLAY IN A CROSSOVER GAME AGAINST A TEAM IN THE OTHER POOL - POOL WINNERS VS 2ND PLACE FINISHERS FROM THE OTHER GROUPS			
SEMI-FINAL 1	1st POOL A	vs.	2nd POOL B
SEMI-FINAL 2	1st POOL B	vs.	2nd POOL A
FINAL	WINNER OF SF 1	VS.	WINNER OF SF 2

ALL DIVISIONS WITH 3 POOLS			
TOP TEAM IN EACH POOL ADVANCES TO SEMI-FINALS AND PLAYS IN A CROSSOVER GAME AGAINST A TEAM FROM ANOTHER POOL - HIGHEST RANKED POOL WINNER VS BEST 2ND PLACE FINISHER			
SEMI-FINAL 1	1st POOL TBD	VS.	BEST 2ND PLACE
SEMI-FINAL 2	2ND POOL TBD	VS.	3RD POOL TBD
FINAL	WINNER OF SF 1	VS.	WINNER OF SF 2

ALL DIVISIONS WITH 4 POOLS			
TOP TEAM IN EACH POOL ADVANCES TO SEMI-FINALS AND PLAYS IN A CROSSOVER GAME AGAINST A TEAM FROM ANOTHER POOL			
SEMI-FINAL 1	1st POOL TBD	VS.	4TH POOL TBD
SEMI-FINAL 2	2ND POOL TBD	VS.	3RD POOL TBD
FINAL	WINNER OF SF 1	VS.	WINNER OF SF 2

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ALL DIVISIONS WITH 5 POOLS			
TOP TEAM IN EACH POOL ADVANCES TO SEMI-FINALS AND PLAYS IN A CROSSOVER GAME AGAINST A TEAM FROM ANOTHER POOL EXCEPT FOR 4TH AND 5TH RANKED POOL WINNER WHO WILL PLAY A QUARTER FINAL GAME FOR THE RIGHT TO PLAY THE 1ST RANKED POOL WINNER			
QUARTER FINAL	4TH POOL TBD	VS.	5TH POOL TBD
SEMI-FINAL 1	1st POOL TBD	VS.	WINNER OF QF
SEMI-FINAL 2	2ND POOL TBD	VS.	3RD POOL TBD
FINAL	WINNER OF SF 1	VS.	WINNER OF SF 2

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OVERTIME

ROUND ROBIN NO

PLAYOFFS YES

- UNTIL -

1 PERIOD	5 MINUTES	SUDDEN VICTORY
EACH TEAM		3 on 3 + GOALIE
PENALTY		4 on 3 + GOALIE
PENALTY ENDS		4 on 4 + GOALIE
NEXT STOPPAGE		3 on 3 + GOALIE

TIED AFTER 5 MINUTE OVERTIME
EACH TEAM 3 PLAYER SHOOTOUT

Do not have to identify shooters prior to game.

TIED AFTER 3 PLAYER SHOOTOUT
EACH TEAM SUDDEN VICTORY
4th shooter onward sudden victory

(see SHOOTOUT rules # 16 below)

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SHOOTOUT

- The GOALIE cannot be changed out unless injured
- TIMEOUTS cannot be used
- No repeat shooters
- OFFICIALS responsible for tracking players that have shot

SHOOTOUT PROCESS:

- The HOME team chooses which team shoots first
- The COACH chooses players to take the shot
- GOALIES
position
themselves
in goal
cage
closest to
their
team's
bench
- TEAMS alternate shots on opposing team's goalie
- PLAYERS will start at centre ice similar to a penalty shot

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JERSEY COLOURS

18 If teams have same or similar colour jerseys than Home will wear white / light coloured jerseys

DISPUTES

The decision of the referee and all other game officials is **final**.

All other disputes are decided by the **Tournament Director** whose **decision is final**.