

2024 Toronto Aeros Tournament – January 5th to January 7th 2024

Toronto - Ontario

Rules and Divisional Setup



- 1) The tournament convener is Deb Kennedy, President of The Toronto Aeros Girls Hockey Association. Deb and her staff (both internal and external) will govern and operate the event.
- 2) The tournament will run during the following times:

Friday: 8am-11pm
Saturday: 8am-11pm
Sunday: 8am-4pm
- 3) All Hockey Canada and OWHA rules apply unless otherwise noted in this document.
- 4) Team representatives must check in at the registration desk at least one (1) hour prior to their first game. OWHA teams may be requested to present a copy of their OWHA registration at any time for the duration of the tournament. Non-Ontario based teams **MUST HAND IN** a copy of their travel permit/sanction permit from their home hockey governing body prior to the start of the tournament. These requirements will be strictly enforced, as this is an OWHA sanctioned tournament.
- 5) **Teams must be available to play up to fifteen (15) minutes prior to regular scheduled game times.**
- 6) **Game time:** All round robin games will consist of three 15 minute stop time periods. The last ten minutes of the third period will be running time when there is a five goal difference or more. Timing will revert to stop time if the difference is reduced to less than five goals. **There will be one 30 second time-out per team in all games.**
- 7) **Flooding Schedule:** Flooding will take place prior to each game and after the second period. The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust the flood schedule if games start to run more than 15 minutes behind schedule.
- 8) **Overtime:** There will be no overtime in the round robin games. Ties in the round robin will be recorded as such in the standings. In the event of a tie in the play-off games there will be overtime to decide the winner. Overtime will be sudden death **five minutes** 3 on 3 skaters plus a goalie. If after overtime the game remains tied, the tie will be broken via a shootout.

In the case of penalties during overtime, no team shall go down to less than 3 skaters and the non-penalized team will add a player if required (3 on 3 becomes 4 on 3) until the first stoppage in play after the penalty has been served.
- 9) **Shootouts:** Shootouts to break a tie in the final start with a 3 player shootout. One player from each team will start at centre ice and skate in on the opposing goalie. Shootout on each goalie will take place simultaneously. If the game remains tied after three shooters, the shootout becomes sudden death. Shooters cannot repeat until all skaters of a team have taken a shootout attempt. Any player serving a penalty that has not expired by the end of overtime play may not participate in the shootout.

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- 10) Minor penalties will be two (2) minutes. Penalties that are being served at the end of the third period will continue until completion during overtime if applicable.
- 11) OWHA minimum suspensions **will be enforced**. Each team is responsible to report any suspensions incurred during the tournament to their OWHA Rep or hockey governing body. Clearance from both the OWHA and tournament discipline official is required before any suspended player can return to action. Any player serving a suspension must be clearly marked on the game sheet.
- 12) No body-checking in any division.
- 13) The center redline will only be in effect for icing infractions. (No center red line for 2 line passes).
- 14) **Divisional Format – U15AA:** The U15AA division will consist of 4 teams. Teams will play a 3-game round robin. All teams will advance to the semi-finals Saturday night.
- 15) **Divisional Format – U18AA:** The U18AA division will consist of 5 teams. Teams will play a 4-game round robin. The top 2 teams will advance to the final on Sunday.
- 16) Two (2) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie.
There will be no overtime during round robin games or consolation games.
- 17) Teams can only get credit up to a maximum of a five (5) goal differential for the purposes of tiebreakers. Goals scored by the losing team will determine the score being used for the standings. For example for an 8-2 game result, a score of 7-2 will be recorded in the standings.
- 18) **Tie Breaker Rules:**
The following criteria will be used to break any ties between teams upon the completion of the round robin:
 - A) Number of wins
 - B) Best Record against other teams in the tie (points only)
 - C) Goals for minus goals against (Plus / Minus)
 - D) Goals for divided by goals for and goals against (GF) / (GF+GA)
 - E) Least goals against
 - F) Least penalty minutes
 - G) Coin Toss

*** We will continue to follow the tie-breakers downwards when teams are eliminated.