



2016 New England District U12 Tier 2 Sectional Ice Hockey Championship

Welcome!

On behalf of the Vermont State Hockey Association, Stowe Youth Hockey, Harwood Youth Hockey and our communities, we would like to welcome and provide you information regarding the 2016 New England District U12 and U14 Tier II Sectional Ice Hockey Championship. The tournament will be held on March 18, 19, & 29 at the Ice Center of Washington West in Waterbury, Vermont and the Stowe Arena in Stowe, Vermont. Our two Youth Hockey organizations have come together to provide you with a great experience.

WEBSITES

Stowe Youth Hockey Association: <http://www.stoweyouthhockey.com>

Harwood Youth Hockey Association: <http://www.harwoodhockey.org>

Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association: <http://www.vermonthockey.org>

The Stowe Arena: <http://www.stowerec.org/stowe-arena/about>

The Ice Center of Washington West: <http://www.icecenter.org>

Stowe and Waterbury, Vermont are located in north central Vermont (Exit 10 off Interstate 89). Right on Route 100 N to Stowe. Left on Route 100 to downtown Waterbury. Ben & Jerry's, Green Mountain Coffee, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Stowe Mountain Resort, Bolton Valley Ski Area, and Sugarbush Resort are all nearby. We have lodging in both towns that provided exceptional accommodations for teams, players, and fans.

Enclosed you will find information pertinent to this tournament including schedules, credential procedures, hotel information and rules covering the tournament. Please pay particular attention to the credential requirements.

Our goal is to have a fun tournament that focuses on the kids having a good time, playing some great hockey. If you have any questions, please let us know.

In closing, should you have any questions pertaining to this tournament, please feel free to contact us at vtregionals@gmail.com or at the numbers below.

Ice Center Tournament Director-**Angela Wells**, Harwood Youth Hockey Association, Waterbury, VT
Primary division: U12 & Waterbury site
Cell: (802) 578-3006

Tournament Director- **Patrick Rahilly**, Stowe Youth Hockey Association, Stowe, VT
Primary Division: U14 & Stowe site
Cell: (860) 262-2880

Vermont State Tournament Director: Brian Evans-Mongeon

Please send the following information no later than Tuesday, March 9th to

vtregionals@gmail.com -Team photo, team logo (JPEGs desired), team roster with jersey numbers, team home colors and coaching name and contact information. Subject line: Division, Team name and State. Example- Subject Line: U12, Raiders, Vermont.

Tournament Information:

1. Each team shall pay a tournament fee as listed below. Checks are to be made payable to Harwood Youth Hockey and mailed to Harwood Youth Hockey, P.O. Box 92, Waterbury, Vermont 05676. **Unless otherwise agreed to, your check must be received in the mail prior to the tournament.**
2. Each team will be required to provide a \$250 security deposit by check at the Managers Meeting. The check will not be cashed and returned at the end of the tournament provided there has been no damage to the locker rooms used by the team. Locker rooms are checked following each game and any damage incurred during a game will be reported to the coach as soon as practical. Teams will be responsible for the cost of replacing any broken facilities at the rink.
3. Each team is required to bring at least 6 sets of game stickers (24 stickers total).
4. Each head coach is asked to designate 1 (ONE) Team Parent for the entire tournament. No other parents, family members or spectators will be allowed in the locker rooms, bench area or player-designated area.
5. Stowe Arena and the Ice Center of Washington West have the following policies (these rules must be observed during the tournament):
 - a. No sticks in the locker room. Ice Center: Sticks are prohibited in the snack bar. Teams and locker rooms are secured off from the public to prevent theft or loss. However, neither Stowe Arena, Ice Center of Washington West, nor Stowe Youth Hockey or Harwood Youth Hockey can be held responsible for any missing, lost, or stolen items.
 - b. No pets allowed in either rink.

- c. Hockey is played on the ice. No floor hockey allowed.
 - d. Noisemakers, such as cowbells, airhorns, megaphones, etc. are not permitted inside the rink.
 - e. Profane language will not be tolerated and will be subject to ejection from the tournament.
 - f. Observe the signs regarding entrance to certain areas. Families, fans, and other guests must not enter areas set aside for the teams and rink personnel.
 - g. Both Stowe Arena and the Ice Center have a well-stocked concession area. Beverages and food will be available throughout the tournament. Please, no outside food. In addition, Stowe and Waterbury have many fine eating establishments that can accommodate most tastes.
6. Each participating team is also required to submit a typed list of the player's name, a team photo, and jersey numbers. Please email the roster and numbers to vtregionals@gmail.com
 7. Home teams (see schedule) are expected to wear light colored jerseys and away teams are expected to wear dark color jerseys.
 8. There is no cost for admission.

Game sheets will be ready from the Tournament Director for the teams one (1) hour prior to game time. You are required to bring 4 labels for each played game. The game sheet is a four part carbon-free form. Teams will receive a game sheet following each game by the scorer.

Games can start up to 15 minutes early.

We will have the National Anthem first game every morning after warm ups. For safety reasons it is recommended the younger children keep their helmets on.

Payment information: Team Fees: *\$1250.00 per U12 team, \$1350 per U14 team*

Please make team registration checks out to :

**Harwood Youth Hockey
P.O. Box 92
Waterbury, VT 05672**

Team registration fees must be received prior to your first game.

Rink Locations

Directions can be found on their websites.

**Stowe Area Arena
350 Park Street
Stowe, VT 05672**

**Ice Center of Washington West
546 River Road
Waterbury, VT 05676**

When using GPS or Google, confirm the location before relying on your devices. In some instances, these programs will not take you to the Waterbury rink. The Ice Center is located at the end of Main Street in Waterbury, Vermont.

All coaches and team managers should read this packet carefully to become familiar with all requirements and tournament rules.

Credentials

As a non-national tournament bound tournament, your Credentials book must be complete and you should carry your book to the tournament. Upon your qualification for the Regional/Sectional tournament, your State Registrar will email the State Tournament Director that your team is approved to participate in the tournament. Your Credentials book should contain the following:

1. A certified Roster Registration Form (1-T) signed by your state registrar.
2. USA Hockey Code of Conduct Form for each rostered player AND coach.
3. USA Hockey Consent to Treat form for each rostered player AND coach.
4. Sanctioned game score sheet to verify compliance with the 10/20 (Youth) or 10/14 (Girls/Women) rules for each rostered player.
5. All coaches must show on the roster (#1 above) as being credentialed at the level mandated by USA Hockey.
6. Non US Citizen eligibility must be noted as "Complete" on the roster (#1 above).

Hotel Information

Parents will need to call and secure their own individual rooms.

*The Stowe Area Association is happy to handle all lodging reservations in Stowe and Waterbury for the **New England District Tier 2 Sectional U12 & U14 Girls Hockey Tournament, March 18-20th**. **Please do not call the hotels directly**, as we have rooms blocked and ready for teams to book. Special request options are also available to fit every family's needs. Many properties are offering discounted rates for team blocks AND we offer a best rate guarantee.*

Instructions for COACHES/Team Coordinators: To set up room blocks, please contact Susan Rousselle at Susanr@gostowe.com or call 1-888-247-8693 ext. 208. We will work with each team to find a lodging property that fits their team's preferences and price point. Once we find a property that is a good fit, we will set up a block of rooms for that team that will be held until a TBD deadline. This will allow teams to all stay together at one location. Once the room block has been set up, we will provide you with a booking link to pass along to the parents.

Instructions for PARENTS: Please check with your coach/team coordinator to see if there has been a block set up for your team. If you would prefer lodging outside of your team's block, we are happy to help! Email Susanr@gostowe.com or call 1-888-247-8693 ext.208.

Discipline Committee Information

Brian Evans-Mongeon Facilitator, 802-793-6566
Ray St. Pierre
Craig Weston
Mike Smith

(1) The Discipline Committee shall be composed of three (3) people and be appointed prior to the first game by the tournament director. Its members shall not come from the same community. The referee-in chief, or his/her appointee, shall not be eligible to serve on this committee.

(2) The committee shall be responsible for deciding any action, suspensions or otherwise, to be taken against a player or team official receiving a game misconduct or match penalty. The committee shall have full power to waive or increase the one-or two-game suspension imposed in Rule 404 (c), Game Misconduct.

(3) The committee shall have authority to initiate action involving supplementary discipline against a player or team official whether or not it involves the playing rules; provided, however, that no suspension shall occur without first giving notice of the intended action and providing the opportunity for a hearing.

(4) No player or team official shall be suspended from participating in the remaining games unless he/she has been provided the opportunity to appear before the committee to relate his/her version of the incident.

Note 1: No hearing for game misconduct will be permitted for any player who incurs five penalties in the same game. Players shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

Note 2: No hearing for game misconduct will be permitted for any head coach whose team incurs fifteen or more penalties during one game. The head coach shall be suspended for the next one game of that team.

Coaches Meeting Information

This year, the mandatory coaches meeting will be conducted via conference call rather than the in-person meeting. **We will be hosting a coaches meeting on Wednesday, March, 16 at 7:00 PM. The conference call information is Number: 802-241-1400, option 7, 0126796# for the all teams.** The meeting will address

the rules and make sure all information needed has been provided. This is a **mandatory** call and each team is required to have a coach and/or manager on the call. The Head Coach will be suspended for the first game if a representative is not present on the call. Each team is required to provide the tournament host with you Credential book and roster labels (3 labels per game, max of 5 games = 15 labels) at least one hour prior to your first tournament game.

Tournament Rules

Round Robin

U12: Play will have 3 periods of 15 minutes.

Resurfacing of the ice will be done at the beginning of the game.

Round Robin play will not have Overtimes or Time Outs. Unless otherwise agreed to by the teams and the Tournament Director, the Home Team shall wear light/white jerseys and the Visiting Team shall wear dark/colored jerseys in all games. The maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers, shall not exceed eighteen (18). It is highly recommended that all teams arrive with two goalkeepers. Any team that cannot satisfy this requirement must notify the Tournament Director prior to the start of the tournament. Zero Tolerance will be enforced by all on and off Ice Officials. After round robin play, the four teams with the highest standing will advance to the semi-final round.

Tie-Break Procedures in Round Robin play.

If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tiebreaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tiebreaking process over again at step 1. *(If all tied teams have not played each other, then proceed to step 2. Note: a team may go into the tiebreaking process having defeated another of the tied teams and still not advance).*

The tie-breaker formulas are as follows:

1. The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:
 - a. Standings — Most points.
 - b. Most total wins.
 - c. Differential — Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
 - d. Quotient — Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of “goals for.”

2. If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, c or d the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order.
 - a. Most total wins.
 - b. Differential — Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
 - c. Quotient — Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of “goals for.”

d. Most periods won — In the games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total.

e. Quickest first goal — The team that scored the quickest goal in their preliminary round games shall be ranked highest.

3. If the above procedure does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shootout procedure as previously described.

Note: *Forfeits - If a team forfeits any of its games, and becomes involved in any tie-breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games in the round robin play and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories*

New England District			
T2 Sectional U12 Tournament Schedule			
American		National	
	Vermont 1		Connecticut 2
	Maine		Vermont 2
	Connecticut 1		New Hampshire
Each Division Team Plays the Teams in the other Division			

Date	Game	Start	Finish	Rink	Home Team	Away Team
Fri March 18						
		5:30 PM		WATERBURY	Vermont 1	Vermont 2
		7:00 PM		WATERBURY	Maine	Connecticut 2
		8:30 PM		WATERBURY	Connecticut 1	New Hampshire
Sat March 19		8:00 AM		STOWE	Vermont 2	Maine
		9:30		STOWE	Connecticut 2	Connecticut 1
		11:00		STOWE	New Hampshire	Vermont 1
		3:00		WATERBURY	Maine	New Hampshire
		4:30		WATERBURY	Connecticut 1	Vermont 2
		6:00		WATERBURY	Vermont 1	Connecticut 2
Sun March 20		8:00 AM		STOWE	#1	#4
		9:30 AM		STOWE	#2	#3
		3:00 PM		WATERBURY	Championship Game	