



Squirt Tier II Sectional

Veterans Memorial Skating Rink, Waltham, Massachusetts

March 11-13, 2016

Welcome to Massachusetts!!!

On behalf of the Massachusetts Hockey, I would like to welcome you to Waltham and also provide you information regarding the 2016 New England District Squirt Tier II Sectional Ice Hockey Championships. The tournament will be held on March 11, 12, & 13 at the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink on Totten Pond Road in Waltham. Please feel free to contact me, the tournament director, if you have any questions: Mark Hickey (617) 429-8745 or markhickey1@aol.com.

The Veterans Memorial Skating Rink is located in just off of Rt. 128 in Waltham at 359 Totten Pond Road. There are several hotels in the area that are all familiar with teams and their needs during a tournament. We have not blocked any rooms or placed any requirements on teams hotel plans, as we hope this provides the most flexibility for families traveling to the tournament.

Payment information: Team Fees: \$1,100.00 per team

***Please send checks to:
Waltham Youth Hockey
c/o Mark Hickey
46 Shirley Road
Waltham, MA 02154***

Fees must be received prior to your first game.

Rinks

Veterans Memorial Skating Rink
359 Totten Pond Road
Waltham, MA 02451

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

Credentials

For non-national tournament bound teams, 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 supply a current coaching credential at the level mandated by USA Hockey.

Non US Citizen eligibility forms including written transfer form signed by USA Hockey and documentation proving how this player(s) is in the country legally.

March 2016 Hotel Information- Waltham area

Teams are able to select from several hotels located close to the arena. There are no requirements for teams to use any specific hotels.

All hotels in the area are familiar with handling the needs of teams and tournaments.

Discipline Committee Information

Luke Stanton

Lisa Wise

John McGeough

(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

New this year, the mandatory coaches meeting will be conducted via conference call rather than the normal in-person meeting. We will be hosting a coaches meeting **on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM**. The conference call information will be sent to you via email. 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

Play will have 3 periods of 12 minutes.

Resurfacing Ice will be done at the start of each 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*

Overtime – Semifinal and Championship Games

1. Period time and resurfacing will remain as round robin play. Each team will receive one time out in the regulation periods and one within the overtime (s), not per OT. If tied at end of semi-final, the game shall be continued to determine a winner.
2. At the completion of the third period, there shall be a two (2) minute rest period before the start of the first overtime session.
3. All overtimes shall be ten (10) minutes in length and sudden death. Teams shall not switch ends throughout overtime periods, therefore teams will play in the same end from which they played during the third period until a winner is determined.

Directions to the Waltham Rink

FROM SOUTH:

Take Rt. 128 (I-95) take Exit 27 A-B. Follow Wyman Street to Totten Pond Road. Follow to your destination.

FROM NORTH:

Take Rt. 128 (I-95) to Exit 27A. Take Totten Pond Road to your destination.

Squirt Tier II Sectional Tournament Schedule	
American	National
Maine	New Hampshire
Rhode Island	Vermont
Massachusetts 2	Massachusetts 1
Connecticut 1	Connecticut 2
Each Division Team Plays the Teams Within the Division	

Date	Game	Start	Finish	Rink	Home Team	Away Team
Friday	1	3:00 PM		Waltham	Massachusetts 1	New Hampshire
	2	4:10 PM		Waltham	Vermont	Connecticut 2
	3	5:20 PM		Waltham	Maine	Massachusetts 2
	4	6:30 PM		Waltham	Rhode Island	Connecticut 1
Saturday	5	7:00 AM		Waltham	Connecticut 2	Massachusetts 1
	6	8:10 AM		Waltham	New Hampshire	Vermont
	7	9:20 AM		Waltham	Massachusetts 2	Rhode Island
	8	10:30 AM		Waltham	Connecticut 1	Maine
	9	5:00 PM		Waltham	Vermont	Massachusetts 1
	10	6:10 PM		Waltham	New Hampshire	Connecticut 2
	11	7:20 PM		Waltham	Rhode Island	Maine
	12	8:30 PM		Waltham	Massachusetts 2	Connecticut 1
Sunday	13	10:30 AM		Waltham	American 1	National 2
	14	11:40 AM		Waltham	National 1	American 2
	15	5:00 PM		Waltham	Championship Game	