



YOUTH 12U TIER 3

WELCOME to Vermont!!!

On behalf of the Vermont State Hockey Association (VSAHA), Harwood Hockey, and the Ice Center, I would like to welcome and provide you information regarding the 2018 New England District Youth 12U Tier 3 Regional Ice Hockey Championships. The tournament will be held on March 16, 17 & 18 at the Ice Center in Waterbury, Vermont.

Waterbury, Vermont is in north central Vermont at Exit 10 off Interstate 89. With Stowe, Bolton Valley, and Sugarbush ski areas nearby, Waterbury is considered at the crossroads of the state. We have lodging at three establishments that have worked with hockey teams in the past and 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. Please pay particular attention to the credential requirements. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Tournament Director: Sam Drake- sam.drake@yahoo.com / 802.760.8331

Vermont State Tournament Director: Kim Gaines – tournaments@vthockey.org

Entry Fee

Fees for this tournament are **\$1,250** and must be received in the mail prior to your first game unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time.

Made Payable: H.V.H.P.

Mailed to: Harwood Hockey H.V.H.P., 112 Thatcher Meadow Lane, Waterbury Center VT, 05677

Rink: The Ice Center - 546 River Rd, Waterbury, VT 05676 - <http://www.icecenter.org/>
GPS Address: 1 River Road, Waterbury, VT 05676

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. Sanctioned game score sheet to verify compliance with the 10/20 (Youth) or 10/14 (Girls/Women) rules for each rostered player.
3. All coaches must show on the roster (#1 above) as being credentialed at the level mandated by USA Hockey.
4. Non US Citizen (Transfer) must be noted as "Complete" on the roster (#1 above).

Tournament Information

1. 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.
2. Each head coach is asked to designate 1 (ONE) Team Parent for the entire tournament. This is the only person who will be allowed in the locker room and bench area aside from rostered players and coaches for the teams playing. The designated Team Parent will not be allowed on the bench. No other parents, family members or spectators will be allowed in the locker rooms or player-designated areas. (In case of player emergency/injury, parents will have access to their player.)
3. The Harwood Hockey and Ice Center of Washington West have the following policies (these rules must be observed during the tournament):
 - a. No sticks in the locker room or snack bar. Teams and locker rooms are secured off from the public to prevent theft or loss. The Ice Center of Washington West, nor Harwood Hockey can be held responsible for any missing, lost, or stolen items.
 - b. No pets allowed in the rink during tournaments. Please leave them at home.
 - 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, insults, obscene or intimidating acts or hitting the glass 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. The Ice Center has a well-stocked concession area. Beverages and food will be available throughout the tournament. Please, no outside food.
4. 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 sam.drake@yahoo.com by March 12th.
5. Home teams (see schedule) are expected to wear light colored jerseys and away teams are expected to wear dark color jerseys. If you only have one colored jersey, please let the Tournament Director know.
6. There is no cost for admission.
7. Games can start up to 15 minutes early.

Hotel Information

The Waterbury area has two hotels that may be available to provide accommodations.

- Best Western at Blush Hill: 45 Blush Hill Rd, Waterbury, VT 05676 / (802) 244-7822
- Marriott Fairfield Inn: 1017 Waterbury Stowe Rd, Waterbury, VT 05676 / (802) 241-1600

Other accommodations may be found in nearby Stowe, Vermont, or a slight distance away in Berlin and Williston, Vermont.

Discipline Committee Information

The VSAHA Discipline Committee is made up of Ray St. Pierre, Craig Weston & Brian Collamore and will be available as needed.

- (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 **Tuesday March 13, 2018** at 6pm 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. **Please RSVP for this call to the Tournament Director, a conference line will be shared that week.** 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, plus 3 extra = 18 labels) at least one hour prior to your first tournament game.

Tournament Rules of Play

Round Robin

Play will have 3 periods of 15 minutes. Resurfacing Ice will be done at the end 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*

Directions to the Rink

GPS- **DO NOT put 546 River Road in your GPS as it will take you to the backside of the river in Duxbury and not the rink!** For GPS, use the address for Depot Beverage, 1 River Road, Waterbury, VT 05676 and then continue down River Road to the rink.

Exit 10 off of I-89 in VT. Head towards downtown Waterbury. At the rotary, take the 3rd right off the rotary- Rt 100 South/ Route 2 (Main St). Go straight through two lights and before you cross the bridge over the river turn LEFT onto River Road. It is diagonally across from Subway sandwich shop. Follow this road to the end and you will be at The Ice Center. If you see Snowfire Auto on your right you have gone too far.

New England District			
Youth 12U Tier 3 Tournament Schedule			
American		National	
1	Connecticut 1	2	Connecticut 2
4	Massachusetts 2	3	Massachusetts 1
5	Maine	6	New Hampshire
8	Vermont	7	Rhode Island
Each Division Team Plays the Teams Within the Division			
American Winner vs National Runner Up / National Winner vs American Runner Up			

All Games played at The Ice Center					
Date	Game	Start	Finish	Home Team	Away Team
Friday, Mar 16	1	3:00 PM	4:15 PM	Vermont	Massachusetts 2
	2	4:25 PM	5:40 PM	Connecticut 1	Maine
	3	5:50 PM	7:05 PM	New Hampshire	Rhode Island
	4	7:15 PM	8:30 PM	Massachusetts 1	Connecticut 2
Saturday, Mar 17	5	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	Massachusetts 2	Connecticut 1
	6	10:55 AM	12:10 PM	Vermont	Maine
	7	12:20 PM	1:35 PM	Rhode Island	Massachusetts 1
	8	1:45 PM	3:00 PM	New Hampshire	Connecticut 2
	9	4:00 PM	5:15 PM	Connecticut 1	Vermont
	10	5:25 PM	6:40 PM	Maine	Massachusetts 2
	11	6:50 PM	8:05 PM	Massachusetts 1	New Hampshire
	12	8:15 PM	9:30 PM	Connecticut 2	Rhode Island
Sunday, Mar 18	13	10:15 AM	11:40 AM	#1 Seed	#4 Seed
	14	11:50 AM	1:15 PM	#2 Seed	#3 Seed
	15	4:45 PM	6:10 PM	Championship Game	