

EMPIRE/SNOWBELT THRUWAY SERIES Rules and Information

Updated: August 21, 2018

(NOTE: Rules and Information subject to change until Thruway Series play commences)

Championship Sunday

SQUIRT RED (@ TBD)

PEEWEE RED (@ Bill Gray's IcePlex)

Semi-Finals Sun., 2/17/19 (AM)

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Competition Weekends (Blackout Dates from Empire/Snowbelt League Play)

October 27-28, 2018

December 8-9, 2018

January 5-6, 2019

February 2-3, 2019

All Thruway Series games to be scheduled by September 25, 2018 (i.e. in advance of Empire scheduling meeting).
Thruway Series play to conclude on or before Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Participating Teams/Divisions

	Empire Division	Snowbelt Division
Squirt	Rochester Americans - Mackenzie Perinton Blades - Shufelt Monroe County Eagles - TBD Webster Cyclones - Quick Livingston Blues - Bennett	TBD
Peewee	Rochester Americans - Pouthier Perinton Blades - Toscano Monroe County Eagles - Herring Livingston Blues - Demming	TBD

Game/Penalty Timing and Points Structure

	Periods	Minors	Majors	Misconduct	Fair Play Limit	Points
Squirt	12/12/12*	1:30	5:00	10:00	5:00/game	2/win; 1/tie
Peewee	12/12/15**	2:00	5:00	10:00	9:00/game	2/win; 1/tie

* minimum 75 minute ice slots for Squirt

** minimum 80 minute ice slots for Peewee

Miscellaneous Rules and Information

- Fair Play Point = 1 point/game
- USA Hockey Rules govern suspensions/hearings/penalties
 - Any required hearings held by home Conference or applicable governing body.
 - If a player is suspended by home Conference, they are suspended for the next game and the missed game counts as the suspension game, regardless of whether the next game is regular Conference play or Thruway Series play
 - No penalty-minute limits/thresholds in Thruway Series play
- All participating players must be on the participating Red team's official USA Hockey roster (including ALL alternates)
 - Exception:
 - Empire goalie substitution rules govern Empire goalie substitutions
 - Snowbelt goalie substitution rules govern Snowbelt goalie substitutions
- Warmup Period/Curfew Clock: at discretion of Home Team/rink
 - Curfew clock is rare in Snowbelt, but common practice in Empire
- Teams in Empire Division play teams in Snowbelt Division; all play is cross-divisional play
 - 8-10 Thruway Series games = Regular Season
 - Scheduling Matrix will be provided once all Snowbelt teams are confirmed
 - May not be equal home-and-home if one League has more teams
 - Standings will be kept and posted by Thruway Series Webmaster (and Snowbelt Scheduler) Scott Jesmore
 - Game Score Reporting
 - Scoresheets will be submitted to Thruway Series Webmaster not more than one (1) week after completion of game (email/fax/scan is acceptable)
- AND**
- Game results will be submitted online by Home Team within forty-eight (48) hours of game completion, using online form provided by Webmaster
- Thruway Series standings will be based purely on Thruway Series play
 - no Empire or Snowbelt league standings will count
 - no individual player or goaltender statistics will be kept
- Mercy Rule
 - Running clock after 7 goal advantage in 3rd period
 - Return to stop clock if gap narrows to less than 7 goals
- Top two (2) teams in each Division after Thruway Series Regular Season play qualify for Championship Sunday
 - 2 game guarantee on Championship Sunday
 - Requires additional expense if team qualifies (estimated: \$250/team/game)
 - SEMI-FINALS
 - Empire Division 1 vs. Empire Division 2
 - Snowbelt Division 1 vs. Snowbelt Division 2
 - CONSOLATION
 - Empire Semi-Final Loser vs. Snowbelt Semi-Final Loser
 - FINAL
 - Empire Semi-Final Winner vs. Snowbelt Semi-Final Winner