

SAN JOSE JR. SHARKS HOCKEY CLUB
2012 MLK GIRLS/WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
USA HOCKEY SANCTION (later)
Tournament Rules & Format

- The tournament is governed by the current USA Hockey Rules and Regulations unless noted.
- All players and coaches must be registered and rostered with USA Hockey or Hockey Canada. All players, coaches and managers are required to sign and submit the "Sharks Ice at San Jose" waiver prior to their first game. Each team/player must be prepared to show proof of their USA Hockey membership and/or a certified team roster prior to their first tournament game. The above will apply for Canadian teams as appropriate. USA Hockey official rules will apply except for those that have been modified in the tournament format.
- Teams may dress a maximum of 20 players. A maximum of 4 properly registered coaches and/or trainers are allowed on the bench.
- Each coach should have the team arrive forty-five (45) minutes prior to scheduled games and dressed in uniform colors, as indicated by the Schedule, ready to take the ice five (5) minutes prior to game time. Schedule changes will be made at the Tournament Scheduler's discretion only.
- The Head Coach is to check at the Scorekeeper's bench prior to all the team's games to verify accuracy of the score sheet with players, coaches and trainers names.
- **NOTE WELL, ALL COACHES:** Each score sheet contains an area requiring signed verification of the score. After each game, a coach from each team must verify the score by signing the score sheet. Only the signed score sheet will be used for calculation of points earned. If a coach fails to sign a score sheet, the score as verified by the referees, whether correct or incorrect, will be used for tournament calculations.
- **All players must have legal equipment. USA players require chin straps and mouthguards at all levels 19 & under. Canadian players require chin straps and neckguards, but no mouthguards. Women Senior players are not required to wear shoulder pads or mouthguards, although it is highly recommended.**
- All games will consist of three (3) periods. Each period will be 15 minutes stop time. If by chance the game is delayed substantially due to injury or other unforeseen circumstances, and the third period begins with fewer than 25 minutes remaining in the allotted ice slot, then at the discretion of the on-ice officials, the period may be reduced to one-half of the minutes remaining in the 75 minute game ice slot. Championship games on Monday have 90 minute game time ice slots. A three (3) minute warm-up will be posted on the clock. There will be two (1) minute rest periods between the first and second and second and third periods. One thirty (30) second time-out will be allowed for each team. **There is NO Overtime. For all quarter, semi and final games, if tied at end of regulation, a shoot-out will determine the winner.**
- The shoot-out will be conducted by five players from each team and the goalies who finished the game in regulation. Each team will have all their five players shoot alternately on the opposing goalie, the team with the larger number of goals scored wins. The visiting team shoots first. If tied after all five players from each team have taken their shots, then the same five players will shoot alternately in a sudden death format.

The team that scores will be declared the winner if the other team fails to score in the same turn.

- If at any time during the game the goal differential between the teams reaches 8, the game clock will immediately go to running time and will only stop for one of the following. 1) If goal differential drops below 8 goals; 2) when a goal is scored; 3) when a penalty is assessed or 4) at the discretion of the on-ice officials. Penalty times will remain the same duration as per the USA Hockey Rule Book.
- Locker room keys will be available at the Arena's Front Counter. You will be required to leave a drivers license with the registration desk. Locker rooms will be checked before and after each game. Rink management will assess a fine if deemed necessary. **If you find any damage to the locker room upon entering, please report it immediately or your team could be liable for damages.** Teams need to vacate their assigned locker room within 30 minutes following the game. Each team is responsible for the storage of its own equipment between games.
- **Teams need to provide one individual to serve as their own penalty box attendant for each game.** This individual is required to abide by the USA Hockey guidelines for serving as an off-ice official.
- Any protest must be presented in writing by the coach within 1 hour of completion of the game, along with a \$50.00 non-refundable protest fee given to a Tournament Chair. **Any dispute of an on-ice official's call (such as a penalty) is not grounds for protest and will not be heard, unless the penalty issued is not in accordance with USA Hockey rules.**
- This tournament has a zero tolerance policy for both on-ice and off-ice abusive behavioral conduct. Verbal and physical abuse will not be tolerated. We ask that all spectators be mindful of others and keep comments on a positive note. Unruly spectators will be asked to leave the premises.

Off-sides (exception to the USA Hockey Rules)

- **Canadian teams playing one another:** Officials to call delayed off-sides in Girls' games when games are played between two teams from Canada. All Women's Senior games already have delayed off-sides written into the USA Hockey Playing Rules.

Penalties

- **Fighting:** Can be subject to ejection for the duration of the tournament, as determined by the Tournament Director or an ad hoc Competition, Discipline & Dispute Resolution Committee.
- **Major Penalties:** Any player, coach or manager receiving 2 major penalties of any type can be subject to ejection for the duration of the tournament, as determined by the Tournament Director or an ad hoc Competition, Discipline & Dispute Resolution Committee.
- **Travesty:** Any player, coach, manager, parent or observer found to be making a travesty of the game may be expelled for duration of tournament play.
- **Abuse:** Any player, coach, manager, parent or observer found to be abusive towards any tournament official may be expelled from further tournament participation and observation.
- **Game Misconduct:** The Tournament Director or an ad hoc Competition, Discipline & Dispute Resolution Committee may review Game Misconduct penalties prior to next game, with the possibility of ejection from the tournament.

Championship Determination (Tournament Fee is \$1,150 Unless Noted)

2 Teams Divisions - (Girls . . .) \$1,000 Tournament Fee

- 3 games with Awards at end of third game.

3 Team Divisions – (Girls . . .)

- Double round-robin: wins = 2 pts. ties = 1 pt. losses = 0 pts.
- Top 2 teams in points advance to Championship game on Monday.

4 Team Divisions – (Girls . . .)

- Three game round-robin: wins = 2 pts. ties = 1 pt. losses = 0 pts.
- Championship Series**
- Semi-finals – Seed #1 vs. Seed #4 and Seed #2 vs. Seed #3
 - Winner's of Semi-finals play in Championship game on Monday.

4 Team Divisions – (Girls . . .)

- Three game round-robin: wins = 2 pts. ties = 1 pt. losses = 0 pts.
- Championship Series**
- Semi-finals – 17u Seed #2 vs. 17u Seed #3
 - 20u Championship - 17u Seed #1 vs. Jr. Sharks 19's
 - 17u Seed #1 vs. Winner of 17u Semi-final play in Championship game on Monday.

4 Team Divisions – (Women's Sr. C, Women's Sr. D) \$1,000 Tournament Fee

- Three game round-robin: wins = 2 pts. ties = 1 pt. losses = 0 pts.
- Championship Series**
- Seed #3 vs. Seed #4 play in Consolation game on Sunday.
 - Seed #1 vs. Seed #2 play in Championship game on Sunday.

5 Team Divisions – (Girls . . .)

- Four game round-robin: wins = 2 pts. ties = 1 pt. losses = 0 pts.
- Championship Series**
- Seed #1 vs. Seed #2 play in Championship game on Monday.

6 Team Divisions – (Girls . . .)

- Three game cross-over: wins = 2 pts. ties = 1 pt. losses = 0 pts.
- Championship Series**
- Seed #5 vs. Seed #6 play in Consolation game on Sunday.
 - Semi-finals – Seed #1 vs. Seed #4 and Seed #2 vs. Seed #3
 - Winner's of Semi-finals play in Championship game on Monday.

8 Team Divisions – (Girls . . .)

- Teams placed into two 4 team Groups "A" & "B"
- Three game round-robin for each group.
wins = 2 pts. ties = 1 pt. losses = 0 pts.

Championship Series

- Semi-finals – Seed A1 vs. Seed B2 and Seed B1 vs. Seed A2.
- Winner's of Semi-finals play in Championship game on Monday.

Silver Championship Series

- Semi-finals – Seed A3 vs. Seed B4 and Seed B3 vs. Seed A4.
- Winner's of Semi-finals play in Championship game on Monday.

12 Team Divisions – (Girls . . .)

- Two Six team Groups A & B each play a three game cross-over:
wins = 2 pts. ties = 1 pt. losses = 0 pts.

Championship Series

- Seed #A3 vs. Seed #B3 play in Consolation game on Sunday.
- Seed #A4 vs. Seed #B4 play in Consolation game on Sunday.
- Seed #A5 vs. Seed #B5 play in Consolation game on Sunday.
- Seed #A6 vs. Seed #B6 play in Consolation game on Sunday.
- Semi-finals –Seed #A1 vs. Seed #B2 and Seed #B1 vs. Seed #A2
- Winner's of Semi-finals play in Championship game on Monday.

Tie-breakers for ALL Divisions:

Two teams tied in points:

First tie-breaker will be based on head to head competition.

(if teams played to a tie against one another)

- a) Highest total GF-GA
- b) Highest GF/(GF-GA)
- c) Least penalty minutes

Three or more teams tied in points:

Tie-breaker will NOT be based on head to head competition.

- a) Highest total GF-GA
- b) Highest GF/(GF-GA)
- c) Least penalty minutes

Goal Differences

Maximum goal difference in all tie-breakers is 6 goals per game.

Sportsmanship

All Players, Coaches and Parents will abide by the USA Hockey Core Values of Sportsmanship, respect for the individual, integrity, and pursuit of excellence, enjoyment, loyalty and teamwork.

Please observe that the maximum goal differential is six (6) in the event of a tie- breakers. Please keep this in mind if the competition becomes one sided. Demonstrating respect to ones' opponents is an admirable quality.

I, _____, Head Coach of a participating 2012 MLK Girls/Women's Invitational Tournament team, acknowledge that I have read and accept the above stated rules for the tournament and will make the players and parents of our team aware of them before the tournament starts.

(Participating Tournament Head Coach Signature)

Date

(Team Name & Division)

(Association)