

2021 BODYARMOR STATE GAMES
OFFICIAL WINTER YOUTH ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES

This is a sanctioned USA Hockey event. USA Hockey Rules will be in effect with the following additions:

1. **All protective equipment as required by USA Hockey must be worn. Please visit www.usahockey.com for requirements.**
2. **Division Details:** There will be two designations for this year's Youth divisions. Teams will either play in a House Division or a Travel Division. This should be based on the level in which your team competed in the 2020-2021 season. Divisions will be grouped and tiered accordingly depending on numbers. We will try to offer two different divisions for the Travel division based on skill level. Teams will be placed in their appropriate division after the deadline based on their skill level. A minimum of 6 teams (3 for each division) will be required to hold 2 separate travel divisions within a particular age group.
3. **Eligibility:** Youth players may not compete for more than one team in the same division. ***Youth players must play in the BODYARMOR State Games according to the age division that they are playing in the 2020-21 season or may play up one age division.***

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Age Category</u>	<u>Age Division</u>
2002	18 Years	18 & Under (Midget)
2003	17 Years	18 & Under (Midget)
2004	16 Years	16 & Under (Midget)
2005	15 Years	16 & Under (Midget)
2006	14 Years	14 & Under (Bantam)
2007	13 Years	14 & Under (Bantam)
2008	12 Years	12 & Under (Pee Wee)
2009	11 Years	12 & Under (Pee Wee)
2010	10 Years	10 & Under (Squirt)
2011	9 Years	10 & Under (Squirt)
2012	8 Years	8 & Under (Mite)

4. Rosters must be submitted online on or before March 3rd all age divisions. This can be done using the Team Member Log-in registration option on the Youth Winter Ice Hockey Tournament website. A maximum of 20 players may be on the roster plus 3 coaches for the bench, 1 team manager and 1 penalty box attendant. A maximum of 3 roster changes or additions will be allowed after the roster deadline. Absolutely no roster changes or additions will be allowed after 5:30p.m., three business days prior to your team's first scheduled game. If a player will be absent for part of the tournament, another player should be put on the roster prior to the roster deadline to fill his/her spot. All roster changes must be approved by and made directly with the BODYARMOR State Games office after the roster deadline. This is a USA Hockey sanctioned event so all players must be on your official roster issued by USA Hockey.
5. Your team roster will be checked against the rink's information as well as through USA Hockey. Players may have to submit score sheets to prove that they are in the proper division. Any team with players not registered in the appropriate division must remove the player(s) from the roster. No roster additions will be allowed for removed players after the maximum number of roster changes or additions have been made by a team.
7. Absolutely NO ONE will be allowed to participate in the BODYARMOR State Games without a properly signed Agreement to Participate on file. This will be done by each player when completing the Team Member Log-in registration option. Players that fail to complete the Team Member Log-in form prior to the portal closing will need to print and complete a BODYARMOR State Games Athlete Form and turn it in at the rink prior to the team's first game.
8. All teams must have matching color jerseys and each player must have a unique number on the back. It is highly recommended that each team have two differently colored jerseys. If two teams playing each other have similarly colored jerseys, the team listed as the Visitor will be required to wear a pullover jersey or a substitute jersey.
9. The coach/captain must ensure that score sheets are filled out properly and submitted to tournament officials prior to the warm-up. A minor penalty (delay of game) will be given to any team not submitting an accurate score sheet in a timely manner prior to warm-up.

10. A three-minute warm-up will be granted at the beginning of each game. The referees and/or the BODYARMOR State Games tournament staff may reduce warm-up times if necessary. **Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes before their scheduled start time!**
11. Time periods will be three, 15-minute running time periods.

Note: The clock will stop for excessive injury time, facility problems, or other excessive delays as determined by the referee(s).
12. The last 2 minutes of the third period in all games will be stop-time if the goal differential is, or becomes, 2 goals or less. The time will remain stop-time for the remainder of the game regardless of the score.
13. Penalty times: 2-minute minors, 5-minute majors and 10-minute misconducts.
*Penalty time will commence at puck drop
14. All game ejection penalties (i.e. game, misconducts or match penalties) will be subject to review by the Tournament Director and/or a BODYARMOR State Games official prior to that player's next game. All decisions are final.
15. Every attempt will be made to have medal games in all divisions. If medal games are played in a division, the format for advancement to the medal round is as follows:
 - a. Total points
 - b. Head to head competition (if only two teams that played each other are tied)
 - c. Goals against
 - d. Fewest penalty minutesIf medal games are not possible in a division, the point system (see #16) will be used to determine the medal winners.
16. The following points will be awarded in tournament competition:
 - 3 points for winning the game in regulation
 - 2 points for a shootout win
 - 1 point for a shootout loss
 - 0 points for a loss
17. Overtime Format:
 - a. If the score is tied at the end of regulation, a shoot-out period will be held. Five (5) players from each team will be chosen to take alternating shots (with visitors shooting first).
 - b. If the score remains tied, a second round of single shots will be taken. One player from each team will shoot until a team scores and the other does not. Players who are serving penalties at the end of regulation time are ineligible for the shoot-out. No player may shoot twice in the shoot-out period until all other teammates have shot.
18. Any complaints or protests must be made immediately to the referee. The decision of the referee shall be final.
19. A team must have a minimum of 6 skaters to start the game.
20. Forfeits will be scored 5-0. Any team that forfeits a game will not be eligible to receive medals.
21. Good sportsmanship is expected from all players, coaches, spectators, off-ice officials and parents at all times. If a spectator is removed from the arena for unsportsmanlike behavior, he/she will be banned from the remainder of the tournament.