

Northstars Winter Classic XVI

Tournament Rules

- 3 Game minimum (up to 5 games possible)
- Game results and Division standings will be posted at each rink and on our website (<http://www.adirondacknorthstars.com/id1.html>)
- Game lengths:
 - 12U/14U divisions – 12 Minute periods
 - 16U/19U divisions – 15 Minute periods
 - Note: All semifinal games will be 10 Minute periods
- Penalties shall be assessed as follows:
 - Minor 1.5 minutes
 - Major 5 minutes
 - Misconduct 10 minutes
 - Game Misconduct Ejection plus 1 game
 - 2nd Game Misconduct Ejection from tournament
- Players are only allowed on one roster, **NO** double-rostering will be allowed
- Mouth guards are mandatory as per USA Hockey rules (Canadian teams should follow Hockey Canada rules regarding mouthguards/neckguards)
- Home team will wear White jerseys, Visiting team will wear Dark jerseys
- Each team is required to supply one penalty box attendant for each of their games
- Following each game, one player from each team will be selected by their coaches to receive the **Northstar Award** for *“Outstanding Sportsmanship and Spirit”*.
- For all semi-finals and finals, the higher seeded team will be the home team
- Round-Robin/Playoff format:
 - 12U Rec Division – Teams play all 3 divisional opponents in round-robin format
 - Top 2 teams advance to the championship
 - 12U A Division – Teams play all 3 divisional opponents in round-robin format
 - 3 division winners plus next best overall record advance to the semifinals
 - 14U A Division – Teams play all 3 divisional opponents in round-robin format
 - 3 division winners plus next best overall record advance to the semifinals
 - 16U A Division – Teams play 2 divisional opponents and one crossover game
 - 2 division winners plus next 2 best overall records advance to the semifinals
 - 19U A Division – Teams play all 3 divisional opponents in round-robin format
 - 2 division winners plus next 2 best overall records advance to the semifinals
- The following tie-breakers will be used to determine playoff seedings:
 - Game points (2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie)
 - Head to head (not applicable if 3 or more teams are tied)
 - Period points (1 point for a period won, 1/2 point for a period tied)
 - Goals against (least total goals allowed)
 - Goal differential (“goals for” minus “goals against”)
 - Goal differential #2 (“goals for” divided by “goals against”)
 - Least penalty minutes
 - Coin flip (home team will be “Heads”)
- Ties during semi-finals or finals will be determined in the following order:
 - 5 minute sudden-death overtime, consisting of 4 players from each team
 - shootout in a “best of three” format, coaches designate 3 players to start

- alternate shooters until a winner is determined (no skater is allowed to reenter until all skaters on a roster have gone)
- There will be no overtime for round-robin games tied in regulation
- Any round-robin game that reaches a six goal differential during the 3rd period will go to running time for the duration of the game (regardless of subsequent scores)
- Teams should be ready 15 minutes prior to game time, and prepared to go on the ice **early** if the schedule permits.
- One 30-second timeout per team is allowed, unless the game has gone to running time
- A 3-person Rules committee will be formed prior to the tournament and will handle all questions/complaints during the tournament. The committee's decisions are final.
- Ice resurfacing will occur prior to all games at each rink.
- This is a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament and USA Hockey rules apply unless otherwise noted.