



West Hill Minor Hockey Association

Shamrock Select Tournament Rules

April 3 – 5, 2026

All Games at Canlan Ice Sports – Scarborough

Tournament office is on the second floor of Canlan Scarborough

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General Tournament Information

- All games will be played under Hockey Canada and OHF playing rules, except as noted below.
- All participants must be properly registered with their governing body (Hockey Canada, USA Hockey, or equivalent).
- Tournament officials reserve the right to make final decisions on all matters.
- ALL teams must register at least 1 hour prior to their first game.
- All game sheets should be filled out 20 minutes prior to the start of the game; game sheets are paper, so it is recommended you bring pre printed labels.
- Home team wears white.
- Any changes to the submitted roster should be updated at least 1 hour prior to playing your first game
- Only players, coaches, and team officials are allowed in the teams' dressing rooms.
- Only approved rostered coaches/trainers are permitted on the bench.
- Teams must be ready to start 15 minutes before scheduled game times.
- ON ICE OFFICIALS - On-Ice Officials rulings cannot be disputed or over-ruled by the Tournament Committee.
- Mercy rule is in place
 - In preliminary stage games, if the third period begins with, or at any time during the period, it reaches a five-goal lead by either team, that period will be played in running time, without stopping the clock.
 - Time will continue to run throughout the period, regardless of further scoring changes.
 - In the semi-finals or finals, if the spread in the score is five goals at the start of the third period, or at any time during the period, it reaches a five-goal lead, by either team, the game shall be running time.
 - If the goal spread in the score reverts to a three-goal difference, the game clock will return to stop time, unless the score becomes a five-goal spread again, in which case the running time will resume.
- Dressing rooms must be vacated by 20 minutes after games and left clean.
- Abuse of officials, staff, or volunteers will not be tolerated. Players, coaches, or spectators may be ejected from the facility without refund.

Tournament Format

Division of 3 Teams

Teams will participate in a “double round-robin” format. Each team will play the remaining two teams in the division twice.

- Each team plays 4 preliminary stage games in the double round-robin
- After preliminary stage:
 - 1st place team advances to the finals.
 - 2nd place and 3rd place will participate in a semifinal matchup. The winner will advance to the finals.

Division of 4 Teams

In the preliminary stage, teams will play each of the remaining teams once.

- Each team plays 3 preliminary stage games.
- After preliminary stage:
 - All teams advance to the semifinals (1st vs 4th & 2nd vs 3rd).
 - Winners of the semifinals will advance to participate in the finals

Division of 5 Teams

In the preliminary stage, teams will play each of the remaining teams once.

- Each team plays 4 preliminary stage games.
- After preliminary stage
 - 1st place and 2nd place will advance to participate in the finals.

Division of 6 Teams

- Each team plays 4 preliminary stage games.
- After preliminary stage:
 - 1st place team advances to the finals.
 - 2nd place and 3rd place will participate in a semifinal matchup. The winner will advance to the finals.

Division of 7 Teams

- Each team plays 4 preliminary stage games.
- After preliminary stage:

- Top 4 teams advance to the semifinals (1st vs 4th & 2nd vs 3rd)
- Winners of both semifinal matchups will advance to the finals.

Division of 8 Teams

Teams will be split into Pool A and Pool B (4 teams each).

- Each team plays 4 preliminary stage games vs the other pool.
- After preliminary stage:
 - Top 2 teams from each pool advance to the semi-finals (1A vs 2B & 1B vs 2A).
 - Winners of both semifinal matchups will advance to the finals.

Game Lengths

- 10–12–12 stop-time periods.
- Warm-up: 3 minutes
 - Prior to warm-ups the clock will be set to 13 minutes
 - a referee will blow the whistle at the 11 minute mark to signal that it's time to collect pucks and prepare for the game.
 - If teams aren't ready to faceoff at the 10 minute mark, the clock will continue to run until the first stoppage in play
- Ice floods will occur at the end of every game (or as required by arena staff).

Overtime / Time-Outs

- Preliminary stage Games:
 - No overtime.
 - No timeouts are permitted.
- Semi-Finals & Finals:
 - One (1) timeout per team is permitted.
 - If tied after regulation → 5-minute stop-time sudden death 3-on-3 OT.
 - If still tied → shootout (3 shooters, then sudden death).

Standings & Tiebreakers

Points system:

- Win = 2 points

- Tie = 1 point
- Loss = 0 points

Ties in the preliminary stage standings will be broken using the following rules in the stated order:

1. Two Team Tie
 - a. The winner of the game between the tied teams if applicable
 - b. The team with the most wins
 - c. Goal For Percentage - total goals for divided by the total goals for plus the total goals against.
 - d. Team with fewest goals against
 - e. Team with the fewest penalty minutes
 - f. Coin toss
2. Multi Team Tie
 - a. If three (3) or more teams are tied in the standings, the tie will be considered a multi-team tie. Head-to-head results will not be used, regardless of the number of teams advancing. All tied teams will be ranked using the multi-team tie-breaking criteria.
 - b. The team with the most wins
 - c. Goal For Percentage - total goals for divided by the total goals for plus the total goals against.
 - d. Team with fewest goals against
 - e. Team with the fewest penalty minutes
 - f. Coin toss

Penalties & Suspensions

- Any player or team official receiving a major penalty will be ejected for the remainder of that game, with possible further suspension.
- Match penalties will result in automatic removal from the tournament, pending review.
- Three minor penalties in one game = automatic ejection from the remainder of that game.
- Hockey Canada/OHF suspension guidelines apply and may carry over to league play.

Facility Rules (Canlan Scarborough)

- No outside food or beverages (except personal water bottles).
- Alcohol is not permitted in dressing rooms or spectator areas.
- Zero tolerance for harassment, abuse, or unsafe behaviour.

Tournament Officials

- Tournament Committee and referees will make final decisions on all disputes.
- The Committee reserves the right to adjust schedules or rules to ensure fair play and safety.