

**CANLAN CLASSIC TOURNAMENTS RULES 2026**  
**(Boys ON & BC)**

**Registration**

- Tournament staff will request a copy of the roster in a specific format including names, jersey number and date of birth 7 days prior to the tournament. It is the team's coach & managers responsibility to provide this on time, in the correct format and correct information.
- A representative from each team must register at the tournament office prior to their games. The roster for each game must be reviewed and approved for accuracy. The representative will sign the gamesheet. **Suspension games served must be documented on gamesheet by team representatives.** Starting goalies must also be identified on gamesheet.
- Players are required to have government-issued ID, showing the player's name and date of birth, at all times during the tournament. A team challenging another player's age must provide proof of birth for every player on their own team first. Once the "challenging team's" roster is approved, the accused team must provide ID to tournament staff.
- Alternately, the Team Coach or Manager can submit photocopies of all their players' IDs ahead of time.

**Coaching Staffs**

- It is our objective to host a fair and competitive tournament for all teams. Therefore, it is extremely important that everyone play by the same rules. It is the coaching staff's responsibility to make their players and their parents fully aware of the tournament rules.

**Rosters / Eligibility**

- All players and non-playing personnel **MUST** sign the official team roster sheet prior to that participant's first game of the tournament to be eligible. This is the responsibility of the coaches and manager to self-govern.
- All non-playing personnel on the players' bench must print and sign their names on the game sheet in the appropriate spot. This must be done prior to the start of every game.
- The coaching staff is responsible for ensuring that every player that participates is eligible.
- Teams may carry up to 20 players, goalies included, per roster.
- A player must participate in at least one round robin game to be eligible for the playoffs (quarterfinal, semifinal or final).
- Coaches must add subs with the on-site coordinator *if* these subs are not indicated on their original roster. Failure to do so may result in the team forfeiting, or the sub being deemed ineligible for play.
- A player can only play for one team per age group per tournament.
- Players cannot play in a younger birth year than they are born.
- A coaching staff that plays a player who is not eligible may have their team immediately disqualified from the tournament under the discretion of tournament staff (including current suspensions, carry over suspensions from prior events, age, false identity, etc.) The coaching staff and players involved may be banned from all future participation.

- A player is ineligible if they have played in any CHL game.
- All age groups (exception of U8 & U18) are single birth year age groups
- Mixed birth year teams are common. These teams must register for the oldest birth year on their roster

#### **Payment – ([payment LINK](#))**

- The team's registration fee must be paid in full prior to the start of the first game. For more information, please review registration policy – thank you. Your team can be locked out of your dressing room due to delinquent payment.

#### **Game**

- 5 on 5.
- **Ontario:** 3 x 12-minute stop periods
- **BC:** 3 x 13-minute stop periods
- Overtime during playoffs will be one 5-minute, 3 on 3 sudden death period, followed by a shootout if required.
- All divisions are full-ice.

#### **Warm-up**

- Pre-game warm-ups will be two minutes. Teams must be prepared to start games 15 minutes early.

#### **Handshake**

- Teams will shake hands at center ice before the game only.

#### **Time-Outs**

- Each team is permitted one 30 second time-out per game, including overtime.

#### **Body Checking**

- This tournament allows body checking for 2013 born divisions and older (boys).
- Frequently, exceptions are made for specific divisions that have been specifically designated as non-contact (NC).
- **It is solely the responsibility of the team to communicate to CCT if they must participate in a non-contact division at the time of registering if the team is 2013 born or older.**

#### **Equipment**

- All players must wear a full face-mask or cage and a neck guard in order to play. Mouth guards are strongly recommended.

#### **Tournament Points**

- Two points for a win
- One point for a tie
- Zero points for a loss

### **Standings – After Preliminary Round Play**

If 2 Teams are tied in the standings, the following tiebreaker steps will be taken in this order:

1. Most Wins
2. Head to Head Record
3. Goals For % (GF%) - Goals for divided by total Goals (GF + GA). The higher percentage will advance.
4. Least goals against
5. Most goals for
6. Least penalty minutes
7. Coin toss between tied teams

If 3 or more teams are tied in the standings, the following tiebreaker steps will be taken in this order:

1. Goals For % (GF%) - Goals for divided by total Goals (GF + GA). The higher percentage will advance.
  2. Least goals against
  3. Most goals for
  4. Least penalty minutes
  5. Coin toss between tied teams
- In the case of a tie between three or more teams, seeding will be determined for all teams using the 3 or more teams tiebreaker steps (it will not revert to the 2 team tiebreaker steps).
  - The maximum goal differential that will be recorded in a game and used for tiebreaker calculations is 5.
  - In the interest of safety, fair play and the tournaments competitiveness: Tournament staff have final say on playoff seeding.

### **Overtime – Available for Playoffs (Quarter Finals, Semi Finals or Championships)**

- There will be a 5 minute, 3 on 3 sudden death overtime period to determine the winner.
- If no winner is decided at the end of overtime, a 3-player shootout will decide the game.
- If teams are still tied after the first 3 shooters, there will be a sudden death shootout.
- Each team must use every player on the bench before allowing the first shooter to go again.
- Players will shoot simultaneously at each end, unless a championship game.
- Players serving penalties at the end of overtime are permitted to participate in the shootout.

### **Goal Spread**

If a difference of 5 goals or more exists at any time during the third period, running time will commence.

- The time will not stop again until the difference is reduced to 4 goals or less.

If a difference of ten goals or more exists at any time during the game, running time will commence.

- The time will not stop again until the difference is reduced to 9 goals or less.

The officials have the authority to stop the clock until the next puck drop if it is deemed that a team is intentionally delaying or if by their discretion an injury timeout is warranted.

### **Participation in Games**

- A team that does not present itself for a game will forfeit that game and will be subject to expulsion from the tournament (at the discretion of the tournament staff). No refunds will be given.

### **Forfeits**

- All forfeit games (for any reason) will be recorded as 5-0 scores.

### **Sweater Conflicts**

- If a jersey colour conflict arises, the visiting team will be asked to wear their alternate jerseys. If they do not have alternates, the home team will be asked to wear their alternates.
- Pinnies may be available if required.

### **Tournament Playing Rules**

CCT Tournaments follow the current Hockey Canada playing rules (exceptions are the following):

### **Match Penalties**

- Any team official or player who receives a match penalty before, during, or after a game will automatically be expelled from the tournament.

Minimum suspension for a match penalty is 5 games.

- Match penalties are subject to carry-over suspensions, including lifetime ban.

### **Gross Misconducts** (Maltreatment)

- Any team official or player who receives a gross misconduct penalty before, during, or after a game will automatically be ejected from the tournament.
- If an official hears a player or coach using any discriminatory slurs they will assess a tournament ejection. The individual assessed this penalty is suspended indefinitely.
- Any incidents involving Hockey Canada Maltreatment rules that have been reported to the referee but not overheard shall be reported to the Tournament Coordinator. A full report on the back of the game sheet shall be required. A warning to both teams' coaches will be issued.
- Any accusations not heard by on-ice officials / tournament staff will be investigated with an opportunity for all involved parties to provide witness statements.

### **Game Misconducts & Major Penalties**

- Every major penalty is accompanied with a Game Misconduct
- Please refer to the 2026 CCT Youth Tournaments Minimum Suspension List below for references to specific infractions.

### **Fighting**

- Any player assessed a fighting major will automatically be ejected from the tournament. Repeat offenders will be suspended indefinitely pending review.
- All players assessed a fighting major must serve a 5-game suspension including carry-over to their next tournament participation.

### **Checking From Behind**

- A player assessed a checking from behind penalty will be immediately assessed a game misconduct.
- If the penalty is a 2-minute minor and a game misconduct that player will also be assessed a 1-game suspension.
- If the penalty is a 5-minute major and a game misconduct, that player will be assessed a 2-game suspension.

### Head Contact

A player must be removed from the ice if the referee suspects a possible head injury. The team trainer must evaluate the player's condition before they can return to the playing surface (min. next whistle).

- Incidental head contact – if the initial point of contact was not to the head or shoulder area but incidental contact ends up in the shoulder or head – 2 minute minor
- Initial point of contact is to the head, but degree of impact is minor – a double minor (2+2) assessed.
- Deliberate head contact with force with or without injury – Major and a game misconduct assessed. 2 game suspension assessed.
- Intentional contact to the head and shoulder area resulting in injury will result in a Match Penalty and a tournament ejection.

### Penalty Frequency

- Any player receiving 3 minor penalties will receive an automatic game ejection penalty unless the 3rd minor is a coincidental penalty. In this case, a 4th minor penalty will result in a game misconduct penalty (regardless of the 4th being a coincidental). Double minors count as 2 penalties towards their 3 strikes. Players that are assessed a game ejection will not receive an additional game suspension.

### Suspensions

- Suspension can be carried over to a following tournament by staff.
- Reminder: A coaching staff that plays a player who is not eligible may have their team immediately disqualified from the tournament under the discretion of tournament staff (including current suspensions, carry over suspensions from prior events, age, false identity, etc.) The coaching staff and players involved may be banned from all future participation.
- The team is responsible for knowing if players were assessed a suspension.
- The Head Coach will be suspended from their next game if their team receives 20 minutes in penalties in a single game.
- After a team exceeds 20 minutes in penalty minutes in a single game for a second time within a tournament, the team is eligible to be removed from the tournament at any time going forward, at the discretion of the tournament staff.

### Appeal Process

- A team representative on behalf of a player, may appeal a suspension of two (2) or more games by filling a submission with tournament organizers at the tournament office and paying a two-hundred-dollar (\$200) appeal fee. **The appeal fee is donated to Canadian Tire Jumpstart.** The team representative appealing must have signed in on the official roster sheet provided at the beginning of the tournament.
- The fee must be paid before the commencement of the review. Payment can be made on the team's DaySmart account. If the suspension is overturned in any capacity, the fee will be refunded in whole. If the suspension is upheld, the team fee will be donated to the selected registered charity of choice.
- Fee cost is per suspension (ex. If appealing a 2-game suspension and a 3-game suspension of two different players, \$400 must be submitted. If appealing a single 2+ game suspension, \$200 must be submitted).
- An appeal must be submitted on the day of the infraction. Any appeals submitted an hour before the team's next game will not be applied to the upcoming game.

- Upon receipt of the fee and appeal details, the appeal will be directed to the CCT National Referee-in-Chief (RIC) and the Tournament Manager for formal review.
- Please review the 2026 CCT Youth Tournaments Minimum Suspension List below before submitting an appeal.

**The following will be considered relevant to any review:**

- Official Game Report – Written by Referee
- Convenor Report(s) and/or Complex Management Report(s).
- Timekeeper Report.
- Player Suspension history in CCT events will be considered.
- Video Footage (if available from the facility).
- We will NOT accept external video footage.

**Spectators**

- Any spectator deemed by either the referee or the Tournament Coordinator to be acting in a manner detrimental to the maintaining a fun and safe environment will be subject to ejection from the rink area and/or premises. This includes but is not limited to swearing and profane language, verbal attacks directed towards players, game officials, tournament staff, or other spectators, and fighting or threatening to fight. Failure to comply with an ejection may result in a delay of game penalty being assessed to the spectator's team at the referee's discretion.
- Please note that in extreme circumstances games can be stopped and/or forfeited by tournament staff

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| <b>2026 CCT Youth Tournaments Minimum Suspension List</b> |
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The following are minimum suspensions that shall be imposed for infractions, which occur in all CCT Youth Tournaments. Note that these suspensions may also carry over to future tournaments.

**Notice re: Clarifications**

- These are minimum suspensions. Additional suspensions will be imposed wherever conditions and circumstance warrant.
- It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure their players sit out their appropriate suspensions. If in doubt, please contact the CCT Tournament Manager for clarification. These suspensions are in addition to game incurred.

- **All Fights and Match Penalties will be assessed a minimum-5 game suspension. Carry-over games will be applied to the next tournament the player is rostered.**
- Match Penalty reports will be reviewed further, and additional discipline may be applied.

M = Misconduct    GM = Game Misconduct    GE = Game Ejection    MP = Match Penalty    GRM = Gross Misconduct    AS = Accumulation Sanction

**Playing rules and interpretations are from the current Hockey Canada Rule Book**

| <b>Misconducts</b>  | <b>Rule/Code</b>   |                          |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Failure to go to the Player's Bench or Neutral Area   | 7.10 (d)           |                          |
| Throwing Stick Over Boards  | 10.5 (d)           |                          |
| Illegal Equipment   | 10.6 (d)           |                          |
| Unsportsmanlike Conduct   | 11.1 (d) i         |                          |
| Interference/Distraction During Penalty Shot  | 11.1 (d) ii        |                          |
| Intentionally Knocks or Shoots Puck Out of Reach of an Official   | 11.1 (d) iii       |                          |
| Failure to go directly to Penalty Bench   | 11.1 (d) iv        |                          |
| Entering Referee's Crease   | 11.1 (d) v         |                          |
| Disrespectful and Abusive Behaviour (includes Inciting)   | 11.2 (d)           |                          |
| <b>Game Misconducts</b>   | <b>Rule / Code</b> | <b>Suspension</b>        |
| Second Misconduct – Same Game   | 4.7 (c)            | 1 Game                   |
| Game Ejections  | 4.8 (b)            | 0 Games                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fight, Same stoppage of play (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , etc.)   | 7.10 (e) iii       | Tournament (+carry-over) |
| Player(s) 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Player into Fight   | 7.10 (e) ii        | Tournament (+carry-over) |
| Checking from Behind (Minor + Game Misconduct)  | 7.5 (a)            | 1 Game                   |
| Roughing (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 7.9 (b)            | 2 Game                   |
| Holding Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 8.1 (b)            | 2 Game                   |
| Hooking Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 8.2 (b)            | 2 Game                   |
| Interference (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 8.3 (b)            | 2 Game                   |
| Interference from the Bench (Bench Minor + Game Misconduct, if identifiable)  | 8.4 (a)            | 1 Game                   |
| Interference from the Bench (Major + Game Misconduct)   | 8.4 (b)            | 1 Game                   |
| Interference with the Goaltender (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 8.5 (b)            | 2 Game                   |
| Tripping Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)   | 8.6 (b)            | 2 Game                   |
| Bench Official on the Ice Without Permission of Official  | 10.4 (a)           | 1 Game                   |
| Leaving the Players bench or Penalty Box  | 10.4 (e) i         | Tournament (+carry-over) |
| Leaving the Players bench or Penalty Box and incurring subsequent penalty   | 10.4 (e) ii        | Tournament (+carry-over) |
| Leaving the Bench without Clearance from the Referee (Assessed to coach if altercation results in penalties at end of any period) | 10.4 (e)           | 2 Games                  |
| <sup>1</sup> Coach whose player is penalized under 10.4 (e)   | 10.4 (e)           | 4 Games                  |

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|---|-------------|--------------------------|
| Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object with Injury  | 10.5 (b)    | Tournament (+carry-over) |
| Refusing to Start Play (Coach – Major + Game Misconduct)  | 10.8 (b) i  | Indefinite*              |
| Refusing to Leave the Players Bench (Major + Game Misconduct)   | 10.8 (b) ii | 1 Game                   |
| <sup>1</sup> 10.4 (e) – Coaches' penalty will be noted on the front and back of the game sheet of the Officials' copy only. Penalty to coach is automatic as a result of player receiving 10.4 (e), coach not to be ejected as a result of this penalty being assessed.<br>*All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to review from Tournament Manager. |             |                          |

**Player Accumulation Sanctions**

Accumulation Sanctions apply for any collective

|   |         | <b>Offense Count</b>            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
|---|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   |         | <b>1<sup>st</sup><br/>MAJOR</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup><br/>MAJOR</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup><br/>MAJOR</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup><br/>MAJOR</b> |
| <b>Rule/Code</b>  |         |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| accumulation of the below <b>MAJORS</b> in the same season  |         |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury<br><i>Note: Grabbing - hair, facial protector, chin strap, or throat protector</i> | 7.1 (b) | 2 Games                         | 4 Games                         | Indefinite                      | Indefinite*                     |
| Boarding (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 7.2 (b) |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Body Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)   | 7.3 (b) |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Charging (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 7.4 (b) |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Checking from Behind (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 7.5 (b) |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Head Contact (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 7.6 (b) |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Kneeing (Major + Game Misconduct)   | 7.8 (b) |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Clipping (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 8.7 (b) |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Cross Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 9.2 (b) |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Slashing (Major + Game Misconduct)  | 9.3 (b) |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |

\*All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to review from Tournament Manager.

| <b>Coaches Accumulation Sanctions</b>  | <b>Suspension</b> |
|--|-------------------|
| Any team receiving a combination equaling 3 x 5 minute penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infractions                      | 1 Game            |
| For a 2nd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 x 5 minute penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infractions | 3 Games           |
| For a 3rd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 x 5 minute penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infractions | Indefinite*       |

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| <b>Match Penalties</b>  | <b>Rule / Code</b> | <b>Offense Count</b>            |                                 |                                 |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   |                    | <b>1<sup>st</sup><br/>MATCH</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup><br/>MATCH</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup><br/>MATCH</b> |
| Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury<br><i>Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask, and kicking</i> | 7.1 (c)            | Tournament                      | Indefinite±                     | Indefinite±                     |
| Boarding  | 7.2 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Body Checking   | 7.3 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Charging  | 7.4 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Kneeing   | 7.8 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Roughing  | 7.9 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Fighting – Ring or Tape on Hand(s)  | 7.10 (c)           |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Clipping  | 8.7 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Slew Footing  | 8.8 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Butt Ending   | 9.1 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Cross-Checking  | 9.2 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Slashing  | 9.3 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Spearing  | 9.4 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object  | 10.5 (c)           | Tournament                      | Indefinite±                     |                                 |
| Checking from Behind  | 7.5 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| Head Contact  | 7.6 (c)            |                                 |                                 |                                 |

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| <b>Gross Misconducts</b>   | <b>Rule / Code</b> | <b>Suspension</b> |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Head-butting (minimal degree of violence)                        | 7.1 (f)            | Indefinite**      |
| Fighting with Team Official                                      | 7.10 (f)           | Indefinite**      |
| Interference from bench (Team Official)                          | 8.4 (f)            | Indefinite**      |
| Disrupts game after having been removed                          | 10.4 (f)           | Indefinite**      |
| Illegal Equipment  | 10.6 (f) i         | Indefinite**      |
| Refusing to remove helmet or facial protector for identification | 10.6 (f) ii        | Indefinite**      |
| Removing Helmet and/or Chinstrap                                 | 10.6 (f) iii / iv  | Indefinite**      |

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| <b>Pre or Post Game Altercations</b>                              | <b>Suspension</b> |
|---|-------------------|
| Any player involved where Major and Game Misconducts are assessed | 2 Games           |
| Coach of team whose players are so penalized                      | Indefinite*       |
| Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl                     | Indefinite*       |

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| <b>Fighting</b>  |            | <b>H.C. Rule</b> | <b>Offense Count</b>  |                       |                       |                       |
|--|------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  |            |                  | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> |
| Fighting   | 7.10 (b)   | Tournament       | Indefinite            | Indefinite            | Indefinite            | Indefinite*           |
| *All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to review from Tournament Manager.   |            |                  |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| <b>Instigator / Aggressor</b>  |            | <b>H.C. Rule</b> | <b>Offense Count</b>  |                       |                       |                       |
|  |            |                  | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> |                       |
| Instigator / Aggressor of a fight  | 7.11 (a)   | 1 Game           | Indefinite            | Indefinite            | Indefinite*           |                       |
| *All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to review from Tournament Manager. Additional game(s) suspensions will be added to further tournaments   |            |                  |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| <b>Rule 11 – Maltreatment</b>  |            | <b>Type</b>      | <b>Rule / Code</b>    | <b>Offense Count</b>  |                       |                       |
|  |            |                  |                       | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> |
| Unsportsmanlike Conduct  | Game       | 11.1 (e)         | 2 Games               | Indefinite            | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          |
| Disrespectful and Abusive Behaviour  | Misconduct | 11.2 (e)         | 2 Games               |                       |                       |                       |
| Disrespectful and Abusive Behaviour  | GRM        | 11.2 (f)         | Tournament            | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          |
| Spitting   | Match      | 11.3 (c)         | Indefinite            | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          |
| Discrimination   | GRM        | 11.4             | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          |
| Physical Harassment of an Official   | Match      | 11.5 (c)         | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          | Indefinite**          |
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