

OFFICIAL PORCELAIN BOWL BLOWOUT TOURNAMENT RULES



1. The listed home team will defend the bench side goal first.
Teams will switch sides at halftime.
2. All players must wear hockey skates, helmets and shin pads.
3. No goalie equipment or goalie sticks permitted.
4. Games will be composed of two 10-minute halves with a 3-minute halftime.
5. Ties are allowed in qualifying play. There will be no overtime.
6. Championship matches may go into overtime. Format will be sudden death.
7. All games are running-time and substitutions can be made during play ("on-the-fly") or while a puck is being retrieved. There is no stoppage of play after a goal is scored, or after a penalty is awarded. It is up to each team to ensure that there are only three players on the ice.
8. Listed home team should wear dark. If both teams are wearing the same jersey color the away team will put on pinnies.
9. **YOUTH DIVISION:** There will be one off-ice official to monitor the play (scoring, time, puck reset, and arbiter of infractions).
 - a. **ADULT DIVISIONS:** Adults will be expected to keep their own game scores and self regulate play according to hockey sportsmanship.
 - b. **There is one rule: Don't be a jerk.**
10. Opening face-off will be comprised of one player from each team tapping stick blades above the puck. After the third tap play will begin.
11. Following the opening face-off teams will be required to give the opponent half ice after a goal is scored or a penalty infraction.
12. Referees will have the discretion to also award a "penalty shot" to the opposing team when a minor penalty is flagrant and/or a team is consistently playing in a reckless manner.
 - a. Penalty shot will be taken from center ice and must be attempted within 30 seconds of the penalty being called. Anyone on the opposing team can take the shot. The team that is awarded the penalty shot will also be given possession of the puck following the penalty shot attempt (regardless of the outcome of the shot).
13. Any major penalty, which includes any action that could possibly injure another player, will result in that player being ejected from the tournament.
14. Abuse of officials will be considered a major penalty. This includes yelling, swearing, or arguing about calls.
15. No checking is allowed. Such action will result in a minor penalty unless deemed serious enough to be a major (see off-ice pond official).
16. No slapshots allowed. Such action will result in a minor penalty.
17. Players cannot fall or lay on the ice in an effort to protect the goal area. Such action will result in a minor penalty.

18. **Goaltending is not allowed.** A player may not patrol, "camp out" or remain stationary in the crease area and act as a goaltender. A defender may deflect the puck in the crease area, but the defender must do so while continuing to move through the crease area. The crease area is defined as an imaginary box extending out four feet from the outside corners of the goal.
19. Contacting the puck with a stick above the waist will result in a loss of possession.
20. If a puck goes out of bounds, the last team to touch it loses possession. During restart, the defender must give his opponent 2-stick lengths of space.
21. There are no off-sides or icing calls.
22. Goals can be scored from any area of the rink.
23. Teams must give their opponents 1/2 ice after a goal is scored or an infraction takes place.
24. Players may only play on one team per division.
25. All teams must check in before their first game to ensure waivers are complete.
26. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure the correct game score has been logged on the score sheet. By signing the score sheet at the conclusion of the game, your team captain is acknowledging that they agree with the final score. Teams cannot contest scores/results after they have signed the scoresheet.
27. If three or more teams are eligible for the championship at the conclusion of pool play, the top two teams will be determined by most goals during the tournament, then by fewest goals allowed.
28. The ice will be resurfaced every three games. At the conclusion of the third game we would appreciate the players help in removing goals & padding to help with resurfacing prep. After the 1st & 2nd games of each set players shall assist with shoveling the ice to keep the surface clean.