



Dorchester Minor Hockey 47th Annual Dave Clarke Memorial Novice Tournament October 28-30th, 2016

Tournament Rules

1. All O.M.H.A. rules and regulations shall apply. It should be noted that other OHF Minor Member team's (ALLIANCE, GTHL, NOHA) players will not be required to wear mouth guards in OMHA Tournaments or Exhibition
2. Approved roster sheets must be received no later than October 25, 2015. Please have your roster with you at all times.
 - i. Only teams with approved Hockey Canada (HC) or Hockey USA rosters/cards will be permitted to play. A maximum of nineteen (19) players may participate in any one game. However, a total of twenty-one (21) players may be registered (three (3) of which may be goalies) and substituted from game to game. There shall be a maximum of five (5) team officials registered to any team.
 - ii. All teams must present a travel permit with their registration to tournament office.
 - iii. Affiliated players may participate only if listed on an approved Affiliated Players List that is filed with the Tournament Committee prior to the first game being played.
3. Each team is guaranteed 3 games. There will be two (2) Divisions (Novice I) consisting of eight (8) teams, (Novice II) consisting of six (6) teams and (Novice III) consisting of six (6) teams; each team will play three (3) round robin games. For the Semi Final Games; the first place team from each division Pool "A" will play the second place team from division Pool "B" and the first place team from division Pool "B" will play second place team from division Pool "A". The winners from the semi-final games will play each other in the finals. The tournament committee reserves the right to change format if less than eight teams registered per division.
4. Teams must be dressed and ready to play at least fifteen (15) minutes in advance of their scheduled game time in the event that games are ahead of schedule.
5. The home team will be responsible for wearing white/light jerseys as the Home team. If there are conflicting sweater colours, the HOME team will be expected to wear sweaters of contrasting colour. If a reasonable solution cannot be worked out and the failure of the Home team changing sweaters could result in a forfeit of the game. Please bring two (2) sets of sweaters of contrasting colours.
6. There will be a three minute warm-up before each game, beginning when the first team steps on the ice.
7. Round robin games will be ten (10) – ten (10) – ten (10) stop time periods with no time outs. Semi-Final games will be ten (10) – ten (10) – fifteen (15) and Championship games will be ten (10) – ten (10) – fifteen (15) stop time periods. In championship only each team is allowed one thirty second time out.
8. Mercy rule for all preliminary round-robin games: if a team is ahead by five (5) or more goals in the third period, straight time will begin until the difference is reduced to four (4) goals, in which case the clock will revert back to stop time. Clock will only be stopped if an on-ice injury should occur. NO Mercy rule in Semi-final and Championship games.
9. Preliminary round robin games will be played on a points-per-game basis. Each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
10. Tie-breaking and the determination of the round robin standings will be based in order on;
 - 1) Total points.
 - 2) The best ratio of "Goals For/(Goals For + Goals Against)" in all round robin games.
 - 3) The team with the fewest goals against
 - 4) The team with the most goals for
 - 5) The team with the fewest penalty minutes (including misconducts)
 - 6) Most shutouts
 - 7) Coin toss
11. Overtime for semi-finals and championship game:
 - i) Sudden victory, 5 minutes run time to be played 4-on-4 with goalie and on the fly substitutions. (Penalties assessed during regulation time carry-over into overtime period).
 - ii) If still tied, each team will have the first 3 pre-selected players identified on the game sheet prior to the Semi -Final or Final game for a shoot-out. All 6 players will shoot once on a rotation basis. The team scoring the most goals will be declared the winner. If still tied the shootout procedure will repeat until the first team to score in an equal amount of shots with determined the winner. (NO shooter may repeat until all players, excluding goalies, have shot once). A complete list of your team's shooters in preferred order will be required before the start of the Semi-Final and Final game.

12. The home team in Championship Final game is determined by the most points in the round robin play. If tied it will be determined by best ratio of "Goals For / (Goals For + Goals Against) in round robin play.

General Rules

13. Teams will play a minimum of three (3) games. Please check your schedule to ensure it is accurate. In the event of a conflict, please notify the Registrar as soon as possible.
14. No one, other than players, coaches and trainers are allowed in the dressing rooms or the hallway leading to the dressing rooms before and after games.
15. Any player/coach receiving a second major penalty MAY be immediately suspended from further play in the tournament.
16. Due to variations in League rules, any player or coach under suspension entering the tournament is ineligible to participate in the tournament unless first cleared by the Tournament Committee. Either of the above violations will cause the offending team to forfeit the game(s) in which the above were used. The game will be shown as a 1-0 score for the non-offending team.
17. A Tournament Committee will hear protests from team/OMHA rostered staff only. **No protest will be heard regarding a referee's decision.** A protest may only be heard if it is brought to the attention of the tournament chairperson or the arena convenor within thirty (30) minutes of completion of the game in question. A formal written submission can follow the initial notification. A hearing and ruling will be completed prior to the team's next scheduled game. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final.
18. Abusive behaviour by any player, team official or fan will not be tolerated and will result in the guilty person/persons being expelled from the tournament.

Release from Liability

Acceptance of a team's entry releases the tournament committee and officials, the arena management and everyone connected with the tournament from all liability for injury or accident which may be incurred by a player, team official or spectator while attending or participating in the tournament.

Thank you for participating in the 47th annual Dave Clarke Memorial Novice Tournament.