

2024 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SILVER STICK® TOURNAMENT

November 26 – December 1, 2024 Westminster, Colorado

A & B - Tournament Rules

- 1. Tournament Applications will be accepted until Thursday, September 26th**, or until the division has been filled. No refunds will be given once a team has been notified of acceptance and paid the registration fee.
- 2. By entering this tournament your team agrees to attend the International Silver Stick® Finals in Michigan or Ontario, Canada if you are the regional champion.** Runner-up teams may be offered an opportunity to attend finals and are encouraged to accept these bids.
- 3. A team representative must submit the following credentials to the tournament directors by Thursday, September 26th.**
 - USA Hockey 1-T certified roster
 - Approved Travel Permit for any non-US teams. Incomplete credentials could result in the forfeit of the pending game.
 - No team will be allowed on the ice without paying for the tournament.
- 4. One player** A player may only play for one team during the Rocky Mountain Silver Stick® Regional Tournaments. If a player is rostered on more than one USA Hockey Roster **and** on multiple rosters for this tournament, this player must play on the highest level team they are rostered.
- 5. Recreational USA Hockey Sanctioned** This Tournament is a Recreational USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournament and is open to properly registered USA Hockey teams.
 - If a roster is an A-level roster with USA hockey they cannot play down in the B division for the tournament regardless of circumstances (lack of players, illness, etc.)
 - Teams can play up a division for a tournament so that the same A-level team can play at the AA level for the tournament if they so choose.
 - Do remember the AA tournament is October 3 - 6 not in this tournament. Besides the 10 AA division that does compete in this November tournament.
 - New Sandbagging Policy: To ensure a fair and competitive environment for all participants, we have implemented a new policy regarding team placement. Any organization found to intentionally place a team in a lower skill division than their usual level will result in a three-year ban from our regional tournament, for their entire organization. For instance, if your team competes at the A level and you enter them in the B division of our tournament, no teams from your organization will be allowed to register for the B division at our regional tournament for the next three seasons.
- 6. Players should be at the arena** 1 hour prior to game time and be ready to go on the ice up to 15 minutes before the scheduled game time for the 3-minute warm-up. After the game, all players must leave the ice immediately after the handshake line. **Period lengths for each division are listed on the next page rule #8.**
- 7. Warm-Up Pucks** It is highly recommended that you bring your own warm-up pucks. Although, warm-up pucks will be available on a deposit basis for \$50. If the pucks are not returned by the end of the tournament you will not be getting your deposit back.

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8. Division Information

Division	Reg. Cost	Period Length	Minor Penalty Length	Major Penalty Length	Final Locations	Final Dates (2025)
10U Squirt AA	\$1,800	3, 12 minute periods	1:00	5:00	Sarnia, ON	Jan 16 - Jan 19
10U Squirt A	\$1,800	3, 12 minute periods	1:00	5:00	Sarnia, ON	Jan 16 - Jan 19
10U Squirt B	\$1,800	3, 12 minute periods	1:00	5:00	Pelham, ON	Jan 9 - Jan 12
12U PeeWee A	\$1,800	3, 12 minute periods	1:00	5:00	Port Huron, MI	Jan 30 - Feb 2
12U PeeWee B	\$1,800	3, 12 minute periods	1:00	5:00	Pelham, ON	Jan 9 - Jan 12
14U Bantam A	\$1,800	3, 14 minute periods	2:00	5:00	Port Huron, MI	Jan 23 - Jan 26
14U Bantam B	\$1,800	3, 14 minute periods	2:00	5:00	Pelham, ON	Jan 9 - Jan 12

- All games will have a 3-minute warm-up.
- **All teams are guaranteed four games.**
- A minimum of four teams will be accepted per division.
- A maximum of twelve teams will be accepted per division.
- Tournament directors reserve the right to change division limits based on interest and ice availability.

9. Spectators No admission fee for spectators.

10. Schedule Games will be scheduled beginning Tuesday afternoon (Nov 26th) through Sunday evening (Dec 1st). Semi-Finals played both on Saturday (Nov 30th) and Sunday (Dec 1st). With finals played on Sunday (Dec 1st). Championship games should conclude around 5:30pm on that Sunday.

11. Out-of-State Teams must inform tournament directors of when their team is traveling for scheduling purposes. If your team is not traveling together and driving separately, then please give us the time you will be available to play your first game. Teams must arrive no later than Thursday (Nov 28th) morning. If you do, then you may have less than the four-hour minimum time we try to have between round-robin games.

12. USA Hockey (USAH) and Colorado Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) Rules will apply to all play **except as noted herein**. All games will be officiated by USA Hockey officials.

13. A tournament suspension will be issued in the following cases:

- Any player is issued a fighting penalty
- Any player or coach receiving a match penalty
- Per USAH rules any player who receives four penalties in the same game will be removed from the remainder of that game.
- Also, per USAH rules any team who receives 12 or more penalties in a game. Their Head Coach is suspended for the next game.

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- The Tournament Directors reserve the right to impose supplementary discipline for any game misconduct penalties, which may include suspension for the remainder of the Tournament.

14. Per USA Hockey Rules Mouthguards and Neck-Guards are required for all players at all levels.

15. Injured Player If a player is injured and play stopped, the injured player must leave the ice until the completion of the ensuing face-off.

16. Articles thrown on ice Any articles (except hats for hat tricks) thrown on the ice, or any abusive conduct by spectators will result in immediate ejection from the arena and the tournament. Failure to comply will result in the offending team forfeiting the game. No powered noise devices are allowed. This includes but is not limited to, air horns and powered sirens.

17. No Protests The referees and tournament directors' decisions are final. No protests are allowed.

18. Game Sheets & MBSports (Silver Stick website) scoring systems will be used. Regardless, games will be uploaded to the Silver Stick and Game Sheet websites within 24 hours of the game ending.

19. Jersey Numbers/Rosters Teams must provide the tournament directors with jersey numbers of all players and designated goalies as well as a web link to your USA Hockey Roster no later than **Thursday, September 26th, 2023. Rosters will be frozen at this time and no additions will be allowed.** If your USA Hockey Roster doesn't have jersey numbers on it. Please provide them to the tournament director before your first game.

20. Points for each game will be awarded as follows:

- Win = 2 points Tie = 1 point Loss = 0 points

21. Goal Differential If there is a four-goal or more differential in the third period, the clock will become run time. There will be no run time in the semi-finals or championship games.

22. Time Out There will be no time-outs allowed except in the semi-final and championship games. In those semi-final and championship games, each team will receive a single 30-second timeout.

23. Tie-breaking procedure:

- The four teams with the highest point total in round-robin/pool play in each division will advance to the semi-finals.
- If there are multiple divisions in a specific age group, either the top two in each division (if 2 divisions) or the top team in each division. For a three-team division, the entire division will be reseeded by record for example seeds 1 through 15. With the top 8 teams qualifying for the quarterfinals. Seed 1 versus Seed 8, Seed 2 versus 7 etc.
- Forfeits are counted as a 1-0 win for the non-offending team.

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→ If two or more teams are tied in round-robin/pool play the tie is broken using the following tiebreakers. Once a team is eliminated using these tiebreakers, the remaining teams continue down the list until the tie is broken:

- ◆ Head-to-head points are acquired if all tied teams have played each other
- ◆ Highest Total Goal Differential in Round Robin/Pool Play Games. This will be determined by subtracting goals allowed from goals scored in each game. The maximum goal differential in any one game for purposes of this tiebreaker will be 5 goals.
- ◆ Fewest Total Goals Allowed during Round Robin/Pool Play Games.
- ◆ The fastest goal scored in the first game of the tournament.
- ◆ The least amount of penalty minutes, including misconducts, accrued by a team.
- ◆ The flip of a coin between two teams. The tournament director will assign heads or tails. If more than two teams are tied, numbers will be drawn in alphabetical order by association name.

24. Jersey's All teams must have a home (white) and away (dark) set of jerseys. Please bring both jerseys to all games in case of changes.

25. Curfew All games are on curfew. The Tournament Director, referees, or ice rink management shall have the ability to implement running time in any game, to meet scheduled game times.

26. Overtime There is no overtime except in semifinals and championship games. If teams have not used their timeout through regulation time it carries over to OT. There is no additional timeout provided in OT.

27. Shootouts After one overtime there will be a shootout.

28. Overtime Period is Sudden Death The overtime period will be a 5-minute stop clock. A shootout will occur if the teams are still tied after the 1st overtime. Shootouts will consist of 5 players and a goaltender from each team. The coach will present a list to the referee with the order of the five shooters. The home team will shoot first. The team with the most goals after 5 shooters will be declared the winner. If the teams are still tied, the shootout will continue using one additional skater from each team until a winner is determined. If all players on one team have shot, then shooters will continue in the same order as they shot previously.

29. Penalty Box Attendant All teams must appoint their own penalty box attendant (the attendant must be 18 years of age or older). Scoring and clock operators will be provided by the tournament. Penalty Box Attendants must act with good sportsmanship and not abuse officials or scorekeepers. Abuse of officials and or scorekeepers by a penalty box attendant will result in ejection from the game and arena.

30. Locker Rooms The head coach or assistant coach (if the head coach is not present) is responsible for the locker room. This responsibility **cannot** be delegated to a parent or team volunteer. A parent may check out the key, but ultimately the head coach is responsible for the locker room conditions and activities within the locker room. Teams must vacate the locker room 30 minutes after the conclusion of their game. Teams that leave their locker rooms unclean will

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face possible disciplinary action from the tournament directors. Including but not limited to team fines and player suspension. If you are to enter a severely unclean locker room before your game please notify the tournament directors.

31. Willful damage Should any player or team willfully damage any property at any ice facility, all costs for repairs or replacement shall be paid by the team concerned. Arrangements for restitution shall be made immediately with the rink management. Notice of such damage will be given to the tournament directors to determine if the removal of the player and/or team from the tournament is appropriate. Any profanity or abusive behavior towards rink personnel or tournament officials will result in immediate ejection from the rinks and tournament.

32. On Time Any team (CAHA registered or otherwise) that enters this tournament and fails to appear on time for a scheduled game, forfeits a game, or fails to provide a valid roster signed and sealed by their USA Hockey Registrar to the tournament director before the team's first game will be subject to:

- Forfeit of scheduled games as determined by the tournament director
- Pay for all expenses, including but not limited to referee fees and ice costs for all forfeited games.
- **Denied entry** in any other Colorado tournaments for the remainder of the season and any approved travel permits for CAHA-registered teams will be rescinded
- **Failure to Appear** Tournament director is required to notify the CAHA VP of any team who fails to appear for a scheduled game within 24 hours of the infraction.

33. Rink or Game Changes The tournament staff has the right to change a game time or rink assignment if circumstances beyond their control occur (weather, loss of the availability of the rink, loss of power, etc.).

34. Awards All first-place teams will receive a team trophy, championship banner, champion pins, and the invitation to the International Silver Stick® Finals.

- The second-place teams will receive a finalist banner.
- All players and coaches will receive a participation pin.
- One Sportsmanship pin will also be given to each team. In line with the spirit of the tournament, each head coach is responsible for awarding that sportsmanship pin to a member of their team or one of your opposing teams throughout the weekend.

35. The USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournament Safe Sport Program Protocol will be adhered to at all times.

36. Protests The referee's and tournament director's decisions are final. No protests are allowed.

37. We are a "stay to play" tournament. Meaning out-of-state (Non-Colorado Teams) have to stay at one of our partner hotels. However, we would encourage in-state teams that are traveling more than a few hours to check out our hotel links as we do get great group rates.

Thank you to our hotel booking partner Sports Stays for securing us the lowest rates around! For hotel questions please contact them: Sports Stays Customer Assistance

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