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**GENERAL**

The Flyers Cup Committee, with the assistance of its member organizations and the cooperation of affiliate groups, will coordinate the Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Playoffs (The Flyers Cup Scholastic Championships) to determine champions in the AAA, AA, A, NJ/DE and Girls Divisions.

**FORMAT**

The playoff format will consist of four Divisions. The schedule and rink locations are detailed in the DIVISION BRACKETS and SCHEDULE and are updated annually for each year's tournament.

In the AAA Division, up to eight teams will compete in a single elimination format. The teams will compete for the Flyers Cup AAA Championship. The highest finishing Pennsylvania team will automatically advance to the Pennsylvania State Championship Finals on **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at RMU Island Sports Center and face the Western Pennsylvania Champion in the same division.

In the AA Division, up to sixteen teams will compete in a single elimination format. The teams will compete for the Flyers Cup AA Championship. The highest finishing Pennsylvania team will automatically advance to the Pennsylvania State Championship Finals on **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at RMU Island Sports Center and face the Western Pennsylvania Champion in the same division.

In the A Division, up to sixteen teams will compete in a single elimination format. The teams will compete for the Flyers Cup A Championship. The Pennsylvania team that wins the A Flyers Cup will automatically advance to the Pennsylvania State Championship Finals **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at RMU Island Sports Center and face the Western Pennsylvania Champion in the same division.

In the Girls Division, up to eight teams will compete in a single elimination format. The teams will compete for the Flyers Cup Girls Division Championship. The Girls Division will be comprised of teams from the ICSHL Girls Division that meet all the eligibility requirements of the Flyers Cup.

**PLAYING RULES**

The playing rules for all playoff games in the Eastern Regional shall be as specified in the *2021-25 USA Hockey Official Playing Rules*, as expanded by these *Flyers Cup Tournament Rules*.

**TEAM CERTIFICATION**

1. The high school must participate in designated leagues located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Delaware, or New Jersey: **SHSHL, ICSHL, CPIHL, APAC, SJHSIHL**.
2. Each team must be certified in good standing by the USA Hockey Atlantic District registrar or other identifying official.
3. A list of eligible teams will be published by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the tournament.
4. Each team must have played **one-half of** its regular season league schedule against other Flyers Cup eligible teams within its member league.
5. All coaches on the bench in Flyers Cup games must meet the Coach Education Program (CEP) requirements of USA Hockey and the Affiliate (AAHA).

6. All players must be identified as members of the team by using the USA Hockey roster registration form (Form 1-T). Roster forms must be available for inspection at every game.
7. A birth certificate or passport (to identify individual players and verify age), or verification of date of birth on a signed USA Hockey 1-T form must be received and approved by the Tournament Director or his designated assistant prior to each team's first Flyers Cup game.
8. Teams that are in co-op agreements with open enrollment schools will participate in the AAA Division regardless of their school size designation.
9. A letter of certification from the high school Principal or Athletic Director is also required to verify that each player is eligible according to that school's eligibility requirements and does in fact attend the high school his team represents or is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader enrolled in a Junior High School that is a feeder school to the high school.

**NOTE:** Information requested in #2 through #6 above must also be forwarded to the Tournament Committee prior to the first-round games.

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. A player may not be 19 years of age or older before July 1 prior to the current season (PA); dates are June 15 for Delaware schools and September 1<sup>st</sup> for New Jersey schools.
2. A player in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or lower is not eligible, except for the Girls Division, where 8<sup>th</sup> grade players who attend a feeder middle school to the high school are eligible.
3. A player is eligible for a period of 8 regular semesters after the commencement of 9th grade OR upon completion of the course work of the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades inclusive, whichever is the less.
4. A player must have played in a total of regular season and league playoff games (Varsity, JV, or a combination) equal to one-half the team's regular season league schedule plus one and must be a "student in good standing" at the school at the time of the Flyers Cup playoff series. Consideration for a player who may have been ill or injured for a portion of the season, thus not meeting the game requirement, will be given if a written request is submitted to the Flyers Cup Committee prior to the first game. Determination of special eligibility will be the responsibility of the Flyers Cup Committee.
5. Players' game counts are taken from league-maintained official websites.
6. A player must meet the eligibility requirements of the Flyers Cup Tournament adopted in The Flyers Cup Rules and Procedures.

### **PLAYER CERTIFICATION**

Each invited team shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary documentation to ensure that all players are eligible for the playoffs and supplying the required materials to the Flyers Cup Committee. A copy of this documentation must be collected prior to the team's first game. Teams whose regular season player rosters and league schedules do not meet the requirements of the Flyers Cup will not be eligible to participate in the Flyers Cup Tournament.

## **SUSPENSIONS & DISCIPLINE**

1. Player, coach and spectator suspensions will carry over from the regular season into the Flyers Cup Playoff series, subject to review by the Flyers Cup Committee. Suspensions will carry over from one playoff round to succeeding rounds.
2. The Flyers Cup Committee has the authority to review the conduct of players, coaches and other team officials and to impose discipline, including suspension for the balance of the playoffs **and/or future tournaments**, for serious offenses such as fisticuffs, malicious intent to injure an opponent, abuse of officials, or misconduct before, during or after any playoff game. **This discipline may be imposed upon individuals or teams.**

## **OFFICIALS**

The Flyers Cup **Referee-Assignor** will assign on-ice officials with input from each of the member leagues. A four-man system will be used for all boys' games. All girls game will use a two-man system Each host rink or league will be responsible for assigning scorekeepers, timekeepers and other minor officials for all rounds at their expense. All minor officials are subject to review by the Flyers Cup Committee.

The Flyers Cup **Referee-in-Chief** will be responsible for reviewing and ruling on issues arising during the tournament with respect to all rules and regulations, including the Flyers Cup Playing Rules.

## **GAME FORMAT**

### **I. PRE-GAME:**

1. Teams shall report to the rink no sooner than one hour prior to game time. No team will be allowed in the locker rooms without a coach or team representative present. Locker rooms will be assigned upon the team's arrival.
2. A Flyers Cup lineup card must be submitted by the coach of each team before each game. This card should be printed on card stock. The format and content of the Flyers Cup Lineup Card will be approved by the Flyers Cup Committee.
3. The Flyers Cup Lineup Card requires players and coaches to be entered separately in their own section. Players must be listed by jersey# and name and be listed in ascending numeric order. Any players listed on the lineup card but not playing in the game must be "scratched out" on the card.
4. Players not wearing their regular jersey numbers should be noted on the back of the lineup card prior to submission. Suspended players and/or coaches should be noted and sign on the back of the lineup card.
5. All coaches on the bench must have their CEP#'s on the lineup card before the game starts.
6. A maximum of 20 players, of which not more than 18 are skaters, shall be permitted to play in the game. A team found in violation of the maximum skater rule shall be assessed with a bench minor penalty.
7. A Bench Minor penalty will be assessed if the lineup card is not properly filled out when the game starts.
8. The Head Coach must be the 1<sup>st</sup> CEP number on the lineup card and must sign the iPad at the end of the game. A 1-game suspension may be assessed for failure to sign following the game.
9. If the Head Coach is ejected from the game, any Assistant Coach may sign the iPad.

10. Only Head Coaches listed on the official Flyers Cup Roster submission can be listed as “Head Coach” on the lineup card, unless absent from the game.
11. The home team has been pre-determined by the Flyers Cup Committee. Both teams are required to bring home and away sets of jerseys (if a team possesses both), and matching socks. A representative from the Flyers Cup Committee will determine which colors the teams will wear prior to the game. The presumption is that home teams wear “white” jerseys.
12. There shall be a five-minute warmup for both teams.
13. Starting lineups will be announced in semi-final games. All players shall be introduced individually during finals.
14. The National Anthem shall be played prior to the start of all games.

## II. GAME:

1. Three periods of stop time shall be played.
  - a. Boys’ games: 17-minute periods
    - Minor penalties will be 2:00.
  - b. Girls’ Games: 16-minute periods
    - Minor penalties will be 1:30.
  - c. An intermission and ice cut will be made between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period of every **Boys** game. Double header games slots will be 2 hours apart to reflect this intermission.
2. At any time after the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period if a 10-goal differential in the score occurs, the game will be ended immediately— “**10 goal rule**”. If at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period the goal differential is 8 goals or more, there will not be an ice cut.
3. Awards ceremonies will be held on ice after the championship games in all five Divisions.

## III. OVERTIME:

1. If a game is tied at the completion of three periods of play, additional overtime periods of the same length as the first three periods of the game (16 or 17 minutes) will be played.
2. The first team to score a goal will be the winner. A 1-minute intermission will be provided at the end of every odd numbered period.
3. Teams will change ends of the ice at the beginning of each period, including overtimes:
  - Periods 1, 3, 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> OT period), 7 (4<sup>th</sup> OT period) will skate in the same direction (“short change”).
  - Periods 2, 4 (1<sup>st</sup> OT period), 6 (3<sup>rd</sup> OT period) will skate in the same direction (“long change”).
4. **Ice cuts:** will be made after every two periods of play in boys’ games: after periods 2, 4 (1<sup>st</sup> OT period), 6 (3<sup>rd</sup> OT period). A 15-minute intermission will allow teams to retire to their respective locker rooms during the ice cut. Girls’ games will have an ice cut after every three periods. An ice cut will not take place in Boys games where the goal differential is eight goals or more after two periods..
5. **Ice Slots:** will be 105 minutes to allow for the additional ice cut between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods; double-header games will start 120 minutes (2 hours) apart.

## PROTESTS

No protests shall be permitted on the playing rules. In the event of a dispute unresolved by the Flyers Cup Committee, the Tournament Commissioner shall act as the final arbitrator.

### **ADMISSIONS & TICKET PRICES**

Admission prices for all tournament games will be **\$10.00**. Children aged 11 and under are admitted free to all tournament games.

Season tickets or passes designated by the leagues will **not** be honored during Flyers Cup playoff games. All tickets will be sold online. The host rinks will be accountable for scanning all tickets at games. Payments to the rinks per the Flyers Cup rink agreement will be made after the conclusion of the tournament.

### **TEAM ADMISSION**

Up to **25 TEAM MEMBERS (20 players + 5 team officials)** may enter the game sites free of admission. All others must purchase a ticket at the door.

Each team will receive **up to 5** coaches passes for the entire Flyers Cup Tournament. The passes are to be used for admission to any Flyers Cup tournament game. Coaches must present these passes at the door of their own games to gain admittance. The passes only allow coaches entrance into the game sites and are not to be used for admittance into VIP areas. Any coach that misuses a team pass by allowing unauthorized individuals to utilize the pass will be subject to suspension from the tournament.

### **SECURITY**

Necessary security forces shall be employed at all games. This is the responsibility of the host rink. Any charges incurred for extra police security must be pre-approved by the Flyers Cup Committee and are to be paid by the host rink and then billed to the Flyers Cup Committee.

### **TROPHIES & AWARDS**

Flyers Cup Champions will receive a permanent replica trophy. The Flyers Cup "AAA", Flyers Cup "AA", Flyers Cup "A", Flyers Cup "NJ/DE" and Flyers Cup "Girls" will remain with the Flyers Cup Committee. Champion teams in each division will also receive a Flyers Cup banner.

Individual awards will be given to members of the champions in each of the five divisions. A special awards committee, comprised of members of the Flyers Cup Committee and the Tournament Commissioner, will be used to select the individual award winners.

An all-tournament team will be selected at the AAA, AA, A, NJ/DE and Girls Divisions. The leading scorer and MVP will also be selected in each of the five Divisions.

Any damage done to the permanent Flyers Cup awards will be assessed to the team responsible for the damage. Failure to pay for the repairs will result in disqualification from Flyers Cup play for that team in ensuing years until the payment is made.

All awards will be distributed at the on-ice ceremony after each Division's final game. The awards will be taken back, with the exception of the individual champion and runner-up awards and re-awarded at the Flyers Cup Luncheon.

In addition, the Joe Scott Award will be presented at the Flyers Cup Luncheon.

### **FLYERS CUP LUNCHEON**

THE FLYERS CUP LUNCHEON will be held at a venue and date to be determined. The champions of the Flyers Cup "AAA", "AA", "A", NJ/DE and "Girls" are invited to the luncheon along with any individual award winners not on the championship teams. Due to the restricted number of seats available, only players, coaches, managers, the school Athletic Director, and School Principal are invited. This is a jacket and tie event. All teams must confirm their luncheon guest list.