

# *BLIZZARD CUP RULES*

## 8U Tournament

**January 17-18, 2026**

Hosted by Ice Time Sports Complex  
21 Lakeside Rd Newburgh NY

## Tournament Rules:

### **Format:**

There is a 4-game guarantee.

### **Game Play:**

4 v 4 + Goalie - Half Ice Games with 2x16 minute halves + 2 minute warmup on Saturday and Sunday

Play is started with a face off at beginning of each half

Running Clock - No Timeouts - No injury time during Round Robin or Consolation Games.

2 Min shifts – buzzer will sound for line changes

- Players must leave the puck exactly where it is on the rink when the buzzer sounds. Should a puck be shot into offensive zone after the buzzer by a player leaving the ice, referee will assess fair play and reset behind non-offending team net if necessary
- All players must come to the bench at a shift change, regardless of odd number of players to shift

Penalty - player will be removed and immediately be replaced – Ref will stop play and possession will be given to non-offending team behind their net. The offending team will be reset to the center ice area. No penalty shots or power plays. When play is stopped due to a goal or the goalie controlling the puck, a whistle will signal the attacking players to retreat to center ice. The puck will be reset behind the net and play resumes immediately.

### **Point Structure:**

1. Points will be awarded on basis of the following:
  - 2 points for each Win
  - 1 points for each Tie
  - 0 points for each Loss
2. If two or more teams are tied in a division with an equal number of points, their position in the standings will be determined by the following order:
  1. Points
  2. Goal Differential (Max 6)

3. Goals Against
4. Goals For
5. First goal of head-to-head regular tournament game

A scoresheet will be kept for all games. Scoring will include the number of goals. Coaches need to verify their team score with the scorekeeper/refs before leaving the ice to ensure accuracy. **Coaches MUST sign the score sheet after the game. Under no circumstances will scores be changed or games reviewed, The Refs call on ice is final.**

All Playoff & Championship Games – tie breaker will be determined by 5-minute sudden death. If no team scores, immediately move to a shoot-out:

1. 3 player shoot out until the winner is declared (best of three). The winner of a coin toss is awarded the choice to shoot first or second.
2. If a winner is not determined, then a best of one format will continue (each team shoots once, if one team scores and the other does not, then the scoring team wins). The winner of the coin toss is awarded the choice to shoot first or second but shooting sequence alternates after each round.
3. A shootout shooter cannot shoot for a 2nd time until all **players** have shot.

**Check In: Coaches/Managers** Please check your team in at the front registration table upon arrival each day.

**Locker rooms / designated areas:** Assignments have been made and will also be posted upon arrival. There are only 9 locker rooms in total and 27 teams crossing over in the building at any given time. Teams should expect to have access to their assigned locker room no more than 25 minutes prior to their scheduled game time. If there are delays, please be patient with other teams and leverage benches and extra seating available in the rink to help with delays and/or crowding. After your first game, please place player hockey bags in your cars, bags are not allowed in the hallways or main lobby.

Rink Placement: Schedule indicates which side of the ice teams play on. **RINK 1 LEFT = Scoreboard side. RINK 2 LEFT = Non Scoreboard side.** Home team will play from the left side of the bench.

**Jerseys: HOME = LIGHT color / AWAY =DARK color.** In the event you do not have two colored jerseys please consult the opposing team to coordinate what colors will be worn before a game begins.

**Coaches and Managers:** Please be aware of your players, parents, and spectators. Players and siblings are to be supervised. Please note there is zero tolerance regarding vulgar language or harmful infractions displayed on and off ice toward referees, coaches, tournament/rink staff, players or any hockey family. Serious matters may result in immediate disqualification. Team management is responsible for any damages caused by their teams to ice rink facilities. Please note, tournament staff will use different scheduling methods if necessary. In order to keep on schedule, please ensure your teams are punctual getting on and off the ice.