

2021 New England Rush – September 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Massachusetts – Sanction 2021-2022#51

## Rules and Divisional Setup

1. All USA Hockey rules apply unless otherwise noted in this document.
2. Team representatives must check in at the registration desk one (1) hour prior to their first game. Team representatives must have all required paperwork on-hand with them at the event. These include: Travel permits (if required by your governing body) and your official team roster.
3. Any changes to your roster must first be approved by your governing body.
4. All teams must have at least one coach or manager sign in before each game. Coaches/managers must bring roster stickers for each game or fill out the roster by hand.
5. **Game Sheets:** Physical copies of game sheets will not be available for teams to take. Please have someone from your team take a photo of the game sheet for your team's reference. Rush Hockey will hold on to the game sheets until March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
6. **Teams must be available to play up to fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game time.**
7. **Warm Up:** All games begin with a 3-minute warm up. Teams must bring their own pucks for the warmup. Rush Hockey will provide pucks for game-play only.
8. **Game times:** All games begin with a 3-minute warm up. All games will consist of three fifteen (15) minute periods. The last ten minutes of the third period will be running time when there is a goal difference of five (5) or more. Timing will revert to stop time if the difference is reduced to less than five goals. There will be no timeouts in round robin games. In Playoff/Elimination games, teams are allowed 1 time out each.
9. **Flooding Schedules:** Flooding will take place after every 2<sup>nd</sup> period, roughly once each hour. Please be aware of the flood schedule. For half of the games the floods will take place prior to the start of the game and after the second period. For the other half of the games a flood will take place after the first period and at the end of the game. The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust the flood schedule if games start to run more than 15 minutes behind schedule.
10. **Overtime:** There will be no overtime in the round robin games. Ties in the round robin will be recorded as such in the standings. In the event of a tie in the play-off games there will be overtime to decide the winner. Overtime will be sudden death of three minutes off three on three skaters plus a goalie. If after overtime the game remains tied, the tie will be broken via a shootout.  
  
In the case of penalties during overtime, no team shall go down to less than 3 skaters and the non-penalized team will add a player if required (3 on 3 becomes 4 on 3) until the first stoppage in play after the penalty has been served.
11. **Shootouts:** Shootouts to break a tie in the playoffs start with a 3 player shootout. One player from each team will start at centre ice and skate in on the opposing goalie. Shootout on each goalie will take place simultaneously. If the game remains tied after three shooters, the shootout becomes sudden death.

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Shooters cannot repeat until all skaters of a team have taken a shootout attempt. Any player serving a penalty that has not expired by the end of overtime play may not participate in the shootout.

12. Minor penalties will be two (2) minutes. Penalties that are being served at the end of the third period will continue until completion during overtime if applicable.
13. The center redline will only be in effect for icing infractions. (No center red line for 2 line passes). There is no body-checking in any division.
14. **Discipline:** USA Hockey minimum suspensions as per USA hockey rules **will be enforced**. Each team is responsible to report any suspensions incurred during the tournament to their own hockey governing body. Any major penalties or game ejections will be reviewed by the tournament disciplinary director for further disciplinary action.
15. **Player Eligibility Rules:** Players must be fully rostered on the team as per their governing body rules. Call-up players and suspended players must be indicated on a game sheet. You cannot replace a suspended player with a call-up. Exemptions can only be granted via your governing body approval to the tournament committee. A player CANNOT play for more than one team in the tournament.
16. **General Playoff Rules:** The play-off brackets for all divisions will be seeded based on rankings after the round robin. The brackets are set up such that the top two seeded teams or the top seeds from the same pool will not meet until the final. **There is NO re-seeding after each round.** The bracket is set once the play-offs start. The higher seeded team will be the designated home team in all play-off games.
17. **Divisional Setup/Playoffs:**
  - 12U: The 12U division will consist of 4 teams. Teams will play a 3-game round robin. All 4 teams will advance to the playoffs.
  - 14U: The 14U division will consist of 6 teams. Teams will play a 3-game round robin. The top 4 teams will advance to the playoffs. The bottom 2 teams will play a 4<sup>th</sup> game consolation.
  - 19U: The 19U division will consist of 8 teams. Teams will play a 3-game round robin. The top 4 teams will advance to the playoffs. The bottom 4 teams will play a 4<sup>th</sup> game consolation.
18. Two (2) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie.  
**There will be no overtime during round robin games.**
19. Teams can only get credit up to a maximum of a five (5) goal differential for the purposes of tiebreakers. Goals scored by the losing team will determine the score being used for the standings. For example, an 8-2 game result will be recorded as a 7-2 score in the standings.

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1) **Tie Breaker Rules:**

The following criteria will be used to break any ties between teams upon the completion of the round robin:

- A) Number of wins
- B) Best Record against other teams in the tie (points only)\*\*\*
- C) Goals for minus goals against (Plus / Minus)
- D) Goals for divided by goals for and goals against  $(GF) / (GF+GA)$
- E) Least goals against
- F) Least penalty minutes
- G) Coin Toss

\*\*\* In case of a multi-team tie in points (more than 2 teams),

Tie-breaker rule B only applies if ALL teams in the tie have faced each other. \*\*\*

\*\*\* Tie-breakers continue in succession as teams are eliminated in a multiple tie scenario.