2021 Honky Tonk Showdown

Tournament Rulebook

Article 1
General Rules

1.1 Playing Rules. USAH requires that our tournament be registered and that all participating teams, players and coaches be USA Hockey registered. Tournament Sanction Number SETN-20-21-19. USA Hockey rules and penalties shall apply to all tournament games.

1.2 Tournament Rules. Referee’s will enforce tag-up offsides and red line no touch icing in each contest. Slapshots are allowed in every level of play. No body checking will be tolerated at any level.

1.3 Length of Games & Penalties. All games in all levels will be twelve (12) minute stop time periods. Warm-ups for all levels shall be three (3) minutes. No player shall step foot on the ice until Zamboni doors close. Penalties will consist of 2:00 Minor Penalties, 5:00 Major Penalties, and 10:00 Misconducts.

1.4 Running Clock: If a 5 goal or greater spread exists at the start of the 3rd period or at any time during the 3rd period, run time will commence. If the spread is reduced to less than 5 goals, stop time will be reinstated.

1.5 Home Teams/Jerseys/Start Times. For all games, the away team listed shall wear its white (light), away jerseys and the home team listed shall wear its colored (dark) home jerseys. Teams are asked to be at the rink 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.

1.6 Equipment. All games are operated under USAH Rules and Regulations. All USAH players are required to wear helmet, gloves, shin guards, hockey pants, skates, and elbow pads. Shoulder pads and mouthguards are not required but suggested.

1.7 Officials. All levels shall be officiated by two on ice referees. The Tournament shall also provide scorekeepers.

1.8 Tournament Directors. The tournament directors for the 2021 Honky Tonk Showdown will be Nick Szymula (nszymula@nashvillepredators.com) and Chris Halley (challey@nashvillepredators.com).
questions and controversies shall be referred to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director’s decision in any such matters shall be final.

1.9 **Score sheets.** All scoresheets will be posted online to our TimeToScore database and can be accessed immediately following the game. No physical scoresheet will be presented.

1.10 **Timeouts.** For all games at all levels, each team will be given one (1) timeout (30 seconds) per game to be used at the captain’s discretion.

**ARTICLE 2**
Division Formats and Tiebreakers

2.1 **Pool Play Games.** In the pool play portion of the tournament two (2) points will be awarded for a regulation win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. There will be no overtime in pool play.

**C Level** will comprise of one (1) division of 4 teams. Each team will 3 games within their division. Teams will then be seeded 1-4. The #1 seed will play the #4 seed, and the #2 seed will play the #3 seed in the semifinals. The two semifinal winners will play in the championship game.

**D Level** will comprise of two (2) divisions of 5 teams each. Each team will play four (4) games in their division. At the conclusion of pool play, all teams will be ranked one through five within their division and top team from each division will play in the championship.

2.2 **Tiebreakers for All Levels of Pool Play.** In all tiebreaker situations, the Tournament Director’s decisions shall be final. If two or more teams are tied in points after Pool Play, the following tiebreakers in the following order shall be used to determine which team finishes higher for final seeding:

1. If two teams are tied, **Head to Head Competition**;
2. If two teams remain tied, **Most Wins** during Pool Play;
3. If two teams remain tied, **Goal Differential** (as defined below) shall be applied first counting only Games against common opponents, and if no winner emerges then counting all Pool Play Games;
4. If teams still tied, **Fewest Penalty Minutes**

2.3 **Game Format for Championship.** In result of a tie game at the end of regulation in a championship game, a five (5) minute 3v3 sudden death overtime will take place. If a team ended regulation with a 5 on 4 advantage the advantage will continue as 4 on 3. If no winner is determined from overtime, a 3-person shootout will take place. Teams must select a different player for each round of the shootout. If tied after three rounds, then a sudden death shootout will take place.

**ARTICLE 3**
Protests
3.1 A game, including its outcome, may not be protested based on the judgments or “calls” made by an on-ice official. A game, including its outcome, may be protested based on the opponent’s use of an ineligible player, or on a gross violation of rules or of protocol that clearly has an impact on the game and that is significantly detrimental to the tournament games.

3.2 Any such protest must be filed by the protesting team as soon as is reasonably possible, preferably immediately following the disputed game to the Tournament Director for his consideration.

3.3 If the Tournament Director determines that the circumstances warrant it, he may uphold the protest and assess the appropriate penalties against the offending team. The Tournament Director’s decision in any such matters shall be final.

ARTICLE 4
Suspension and Expulsion
of Players, Fans, and Other Team Personnel

4.1 Players. Any player who receives a major penalty for fighting, or a game misconduct of any kind, in a game, shall automatically be suspended from the balance of that game and the remainder of the tournament. USA Hockey Official Playing Rules shall govern the assessment of penalties.

ARTICLE 5
Sanctioning, Credentials and Forfeitures
of Players, Coaches, Other Team Personnel

5.1 All teams will check in and register at least 60 minutes prior to their first scheduled game on Friday, June 18th, 2021.

5.2 All participating players shall have submitted their personal USA Hockey number and information to the Tournament Director at minimum one week before the start of the tournament.

5.3 No player is allowed to participate on more than one team.

5.4 Any team using an ineligible player (s) shall forfeit any and all games in which the individual player (s) has participated and the player (s) will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.

5.5 Any player(s) that participated at any time during the current season (after September 1st) at any elite professional level (NHL, AHL, Europe) or on an NCAA Division I or III team are NOT eligible for this tournament.

5.6 Any player(s) who participated in any other professional leagues (ECHL, CHL, IHL, UHL, SPHL, and AAHA) after December 31st of the current season are NOT eligible to play for this tournament.