

2026 Future STARS Cup - Tournament Rules

Teams are guaranteed four games.

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 will play **3 x 12 min.** stop time periods, 3-minute warmup. **2013** will play **3 x 15**

Warm-up pucks will **NOT** be provided. All teams must bring their own.

- ***If a player is hurt/injured and a coach or medical staff must enter the ice surface to attend to the player, this player must report to their dressing room for a minimum of 10 minutes (on the game clock) for further assessment. If deemed healthy by parents and or teams' medical staff, player may return to the game after the ten minutes of game clock time has expired.***
- Flood to begin each game. If schedule is running ahead of time teams must be ready to start warm-up 30 minutes prior to their regularly scheduled time. Warm-up will start on time and will not be held for team arriving late to the ice surface.
- Any penalty that carries a game misconduct will result in the player returning to the dressing room for the remainder of the game. With an additional one game suspension. Match and Gross misconducts will carry a 2-game minimum suspension. This suspension will be served in both round robin and playoff games. The team may not add an additional player to their roster.
- Home team is responsible to check on sweater colors prior to the game. If conflict, home team is light in colour. If either team has a second jersey it would be expected that they would change jerseys in good sportsmanship. Pinnies will be available at the tournament headquarters in the case of an emergency. It will be at the discretion of the officials and arena captain if the jersey colours are too close to play the game safely.
- A 5-goal margin is the maximum goal differential credited. Scores will only reflect the 5-goal differential.
- The game will be played "running time" in the **third period** of all games including semi and finals. If the goal spread becomes greater than four. i.e., 5-0, 6-1, 7-2, 8-3. etc.
- Game will remain running time until the goal differential becomes three or less. i.e., 6-3, 7-4, 8-5
- NO time-outs are allowed during regular scheduled games. One (1) thirty second time out is allowed in the Semis and Finals.
- A player may only be registered and play for (1) one team.
- Female players may play one division down. i.e., 2004 female player may play in the 2005 boys division etc.
- There will be no discussion on coaches' ejections from games.
- No equipment penalty will be awarded (ex. Curves, torn pants)

OT/GAME POINTS

- In case of a tie after regulation time (for all games) a 5-minute 3v3 sudden victory period will be played.
- In the **Quarters, Semis and Finals**. If the game remains a tie after 3v3, 3 player sudden victory shootout. A player cannot shoot a second time until the entire team roster (excluding goalies) has been used. Home team has the option of shooting 1st or 2nd to start the shootout.
- Each team will receive three points for a regulation win, two points for a 3V3 Win, one point for a 3v3 Loss and 1 point for a Round Robin 3v3 tie, no points for a loss in regulation time.

STANDINGS TIE BREAKER

- If two teams are tied in points:
- Result between the two teams
- Most Wins in Regulation time
- Best plus/minus differential for all round robin/regular scheduled games. Formula (Goals for / Goals against) $9 GF / 2GA = 4.5$ Largest number is best.
- Coin toss.
- If three teams or more are tied in points:
- Most wins in Regulation time.
- Best plus/minus differential for all regularly scheduled games using formula (Goals for / Goals against)
- Coin toss.
- When three team tiebreaker becomes two teams. The two teams will revert to the 2-team tie breaker and start at the beginning with the results between the two teams.
- Tournament committee has the final word on the interpretation of the rules.
- Teams will shake hands then line up on their respective blueline for player of the game awards after each game.
- Coaches and parents and spectators must respect referees and tournament officials at all.

There will be Zero tolerance with abuse of officials. The Tournament Organizing committee will have the final decision regarding any interpretation of the rules and regulations. We have a No Tolerance Rule with Disrespect to Game Officials. Always respect the referees. We do not have the power to change a referee's decision. However, we have advised our refereeing staff to treat coaches with respect and they will expect the same in return.

Registration will be complete with team roster, tournament payment and team certificate of insurance prior to the start of the event.