



## ***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - NORTHERN ILLINOIS WINTER CLASSIC***

### ***(12/11-12/13)***

#### **Q When does my team have to be ready to play and when can we expect to depart?**

Every team should arrange to be in on Thursday Night, December 10th as games could begin as early as 7:00am on Friday, December 11th. On Sunday, December 13th all championship games will conclude by 5:00pm. As the tournament gets closer, we will have a more accurate Sunday schedule for championship games.

#### **Q How do I register for this tournament?**

You can do so by clicking on the register tab on our website [home page](#). To be considered for an entry spot both the application and deposit fee of \$200 must be submitted. Once you submit your online application, our tournament committee will review the application and approve it. At the time of approval an email is then sent out to the email address indicated on the application (please be sure your email address is correct to ensure that our confirmation email is sent to the correct address). This email acknowledges receipt of your application as well as provides you with further information.

#### **Q How many games are guaranteed and what are the length of game times?**

All teams will be guaranteed 4 games. Length of game times will be as follows: Mite ½ Ice Divisions will play two (2) x twenty (20) minute running time periods. Squirt & Pee wee Divisions will play three (3) x twelve (12) minute stop time periods. Bantam & Midget Divisions will play three (3) x thirteen (13) minute stop time periods.

#### **Q What rules do we follow?**

Teams must be affiliated with one of the following National Governing Bodies: USA Hockey, Canada Amateur Hockey Association, or IIHF. All games are operated under USAH Rules and Regulations. Neck guards are only required and mandatory if your US state/affiliate requires them. All USAH registered players, including goalkeepers in the Pee wee (09, 08) through Midget (15U & 16U) age classifications are required to wear a colored (non-clear) internal mouthpiece that covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. Canadian teams will abide by the equipment requirements of their governing organization. For the first violation of this rule, the team shall be issued a warning. A misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player or

goalkeeper of that team for a subsequent violation during that game. For Squirts and Pee wee's - USAH replaced the delayed offside rule with an automatic whistle. Consequently, if a player is off-side, the whistle will be blown immediately. If the offside is accidental then the face-off will occur just outside the offensive zone blue-line. An intentional offside will be whistled down with the face-off occurring in the violating team's defensive zone. Checking is permitted at the Bantam and older age classifications.

### **Q What size nets & pucks do we use for our Mite ½ Ice Divisions?**

We will be using USA Hockey Heavy Duty 52in. Hockey Nets & Blue Pucks.

### **Q What do we need to provide as part of tournament sanctioning?**

We need to receive a copy of your **Travel Permit** (if required by your state/affiliate) and **Certified Roster** by **November 27th**. These permits and rosters must be approved and signed by your governing body/affiliate. If you have an electronic version of these documents please email them to: [admin@tcshockey.com](mailto:admin@tcshockey.com) - please be sure to bring your approved roster sheet and travel permit as back up to the tournament as well. **Travel Permits & Certified Rosters** can be mailed to: TCS Hockey Inc. | 663 Pemberton Dr. | Lebanon, TN 37087

### **Q What is the roster limit?**

USAH permits 20 players to be included on your team roster.

### **Q When is the final payment due for this tournament?**

Final balances will be due by **November 13th**. Your team will not be scheduled until full payment is received.

### **Q How can final payments be arranged?**

Checks or Money Orders can be mailed to: TCS Hockey Inc. | 663 Pemberton Dr. | Lebanon, TN 37087 - In the memo of payment, please put your team name and tournament date so we know who to apply it to when received. We also accept credit cards over the phone as a method of payment for balance of tournament fee, but there is a convenience fee of an additional 2% that will apply to each transaction. This can be done by calling our office at: (779) 221-1872

### **Q Does my team have to stay at designated hotels?**

Yes, all TCS events have a "stay to play" hotel policy. This policy means that all attendees/groups in need of hotels are required to book them through Team Travel Source (TTS) in order to participate in the event. This policy helps to ensure sufficient availability at quality hotels and the best available rates. Rooms will book up quickly so please book well in advance. All this information can be found by [Clicking Here](#).

## **Q** When is the tournament schedule released?

Tournament schedule will be released 10-14 days prior to the tournament start date and will be posted on our website. Schedules will also be sent via email to all managers so please be sure we have your correct email address (coach & manager) on file in order to receive these important updates. We make every attempt not to make changes to the schedule after the release dates, but sometimes things happen that are out of our control and changes are made. It is important to monitor our website at [www.tcshockey.com](http://www.tcshockey.com) for updates.

## **Q** What is the Refund Policy?

Team deposits & payments are considered non-refundable. Refunds for teams will be provided only in the event TCS Hockey, Inc. cancels the tournament for any reason or in the event the division your team is registered for gets canceled for any reason. Any mistakes or errors made by the applicant during the registration process shall be construed against the applicant and may disqualify applicant's team or individual player from participation in the event and/or a refund. TCS Hockey, Inc. is not responsible for a team refund if the event is cancelled for any reason beyond the control of TCS Hockey, Inc., including but not limited to, a national or natural disaster(s) or travel complications.

## **Q** Where are the tournament games played?

The main rink we will be using is outdoors at the Riverside Ice Arena in Belvidere, Illinois. Due to the limited ice time at Riverside, there is a chance your team could play some games at an indoor rink in a reasonable distance from Belvidere. However, all Championship Games will be played outdoors at Riverside in Belvidere.

## **Q** Our Head Coach has more than one team to coach so can scheduling arrangements be made?

If a request is put in prior to November 13th we will make every attempt possible to help coordinate your coach's game. Although we can't promise that we can accommodate everyone's request, we will make every effort to accommodate your request.

## **Q** When does my team need to Check-In at the Tournament?

All teams will need to check-in one (1) hour prior to their first schedule game (at the designated arena) on Friday, December 11th. At this time, a manager/coach from your team will pick up their Coaches Bag, Player Gifts, and the Tournament Program Guide.

**Q Does my team need to Check-In before each game?**

Yes, we ask that all team managers bring 3 roster stickers per game to put on the scoresheets. We also require either a Manager or Coach to sign the scoresheet before each game.

**Q Is there a Gate Fee for this tournament?**

No, we do not charge a Gate Fee for this event. Any individual can attend any games for free so come on out and check to see the great competition we have to offer in the greatest sport on earth.

**Q Will tournament games be live streamed?**

At this time all outdoor games will not be live streamed.

**Q Will there be tournament merchandise?**

Yes, the tournament will be selling custom apparel for tournament souvenirs at Riverside Ice Arena only.

**Q Will we have professional photographers on-site?**

Yes, BC Photography will be on-site taking some of the best actions you have ever seen!

**Q What can 1st & 2nd place teams expect to receive for their achievements?**

These deserving teams can expect a Team Trophy (Cup) and Custom Medals. Our trophies and medals are some of the best in the sport!

**Q Where can you view tournament scores, standings, & results?**

You can do so by clicking on the Schedules & Stats tab on our website [home page](#).

**Q Can players expect to receive any personal awards throughout the tournament?**

The answer is YES! This is something new we're introducing this year and we can't be more excited about it. Any player or goalie receiving a Hat Trick, Playmaker, or Shutout during any game throughout the entire tournament will receive a prize. This winner will head to our tournament headquarters after the game to receive their prize along with getting their picture taken.

**Q How do I become a sponsor for this tournament or any future TCS Hockey, Inc. Tournaments?**

To discuss partnership opportunities designed to help your business, please email Director Marc Costanza - [marc@tcshockey.com](mailto:marc@tcshockey.com)

**Q Who can I contact for further questions regarding this tournament?**

Tournament Director: Marc Costanza - [marc@tcshockey.com](mailto:marc@tcshockey.com) | (779) 221-1872

**Q Who should I contact for any payment inquiries?**

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