



# TOURNAMENTS

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# DALLAS STARS TOURNAMENTS

## 7-ELEVEN EXTREME TOURNAMENT SERIES

### Ice Breaker 3v3 Tournament

January 18-20, 2020 | Dallas, TX

### YOUTH 8U & 10U ONLY - House/Rec/Travel/Select League Teams (OPEN DIVISIONS/LEVELS - AA/A/B; BRING YOUR BEST!)

Dallas Stars Tournaments 7-Eleven Extreme Tournament Series is governed by USA Hockey and officially sanctioned by the appropriate registrar for the district where tournament events are held. All tournament games are played according to the rules and regulations of USA Hockey, except where noted. Any exceptions to the rules and regulations of USA Hockey are approved by the appropriate registrar and the host affiliate association. It is the responsibility of each player, coach and team to be familiar with the rules, regulations, procedures and policies addressed herein.

**NOTE:** Body checking is NOT permitted at all levels of this tournament.

### PROCEDURES

1. Verification that all participating teams are properly registered with USA Hockey or their country's federation is required prior to the start of the tournament. A USA Hockey Official Team Roster Form (1-T) approved by the District or Associate Registrar or Hockey Canada Certified Player Roster approved by the governing Canadian federation is required for all participating teams and shall be proof that all participating teams are properly registered and all participants are playing in the appropriate age classification.

**IMPORTANT SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS:** ALL PLAYERS 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF THE PLAYING SEASON AND WHO PLAY ON A TEAM IN A CLASSIFICATION THAT ALLOWS MINOR-AGE PLAYERS, MUST HAVE COMPLETED SAFESPORT TRAINING. THIS APPLIES TO ALL TEAMS IN THE AGE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR YOUTH, GIRLS, HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR HOCKEY, FLEX HOCKEY AND DISABLED HOCKEY. ROSTERS WILL BE CHECKED TO ENSURE ALL TEAMS ARE IN COMPLIANCE.

2. All teams must complete and submit the required online Tournament Roster & Team Information Form prior to the start of the tournament and on or before the requested deadline which includes information and documentation needed to ensure all teams are properly registered and playing in the appropriate age classification, upload team roster details into HockeyShift (our stats & standings program), verify Stay-2-Play hotel accommodation information for visiting teams and submit any required waivers, or other tournament related information or documentation that may be required. No other methods of submission will be accepted unless approved (and/or directed) by the Tournament Series Director or Tournament Series Committee. **Please DO NOT submit Tournament Roster & Team Information via email. Please DO NOT submit online Tournament Roster & Team Information Form multiple times.**
  - a. A USA Hockey Official Team Roster (1-T) approved by the appropriate District or Associate Registrar or Official Team Roster approved by the country's federation or governing body is required for all teams.
    - i. All USA Hockey players must have a valid USA Hockey registration confirmation number for the current season that is verified on the approved USA Hockey Official Team Roster (1-T).
    - ii. All USA Hockey coaching staff and team personnel must have a valid USA Hockey registration confirmation number for the current season, a current/approved background screening, a current/approved USAH SafeSport certification, and current/valid Coaching certification at the level of play for the team they are coaching that is verified on the approved USA Hockey Official Team Roster (1-T).
    - iii. All non-USA Hockey players, coaching staff and team personnel must meet similar requirements as listed above and be certified according to the country's federation or governing body that is verified on the approved Official Team Roster.
  - b. Travel Permits are required and will be verified for all Non-USA Hockey teams, and any team from an Affiliate requiring Travel Permits.
  - c. Rosters submitted for upload to HockeyShift must match the team's Official Team Roster.
  - d. Stay-2-Play hotel accommodation information including hotel property name & location, individual player, coach and/or team representative confirmation numbers and dates of stay are required to be listed and will be verified for ALL visiting teams.

Teams should have the above documentation and/or information available during all tournament games.

3. Unless otherwise approved by the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee, and except where noted, the following applies to all participating teams. All decisions of the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Committee are final.
- Players can only be rostered on one (1) team and will NOT be allowed to play for multiple teams, regardless of what division the teams are in. Please note that NO players can be added to the roster at game time.
  - Youth House/Rec teams must be comprised of players on the original/existing House/Rec team roster and must also play in the same division & level as their respective House/Rec League season. Youth House/Rec rosters should be comprised of House League players only. No players playing AND/OR practicing on a travel/select/tournament team may play or be rostered on a House/Rec team, unless tournament divisions/levels allow for an 'OPEN' format.
  - In the event of a player injury, or other urgent need (e.g. emergency goalie), substitute player eligibility will be determined and reviewed for approval on a case-by-case basis.
4. All team representatives are responsible for monitoring email, checking HockeyShift, our website, the rink front desk or designated area for any schedule changes, suspensions and other important information. All schedules, scores and standings will be updated via Hockey Shift ([www.hockeyshift.com](http://www.hockeyshift.com)) throughout the tournament weekend. This online scoring system contains game schedules, game scores only and up to date placements for finals. Individual player & goaltender statistics will not be updated on HockeyShift. **NOTE: Bracket boards will not be posted at the rink and teams will need to monitor Hockey Shift for updates on the Finals.**
5. The Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director, Venue Coordinator, General Manager and/or rink staff on duty will be available at each facility to answer questions regarding scheduling, tournament events, directions and other matters pertinent to the tournament operation. However, as stated, each team is responsible for ensuring pertinent information is communicated to all team members on a daily basis.
6. The Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director, members of the Tournament Organizing Committee, and Dallas Stars staff may also be available at various times during the tournament to answer any questions regarding specific hockey issues. The Tournament Series Director is responsible for all inquiries or disputes regarding application of rules, interpretation of rules, player eligibility, disciplinary action and any other procedural disputes. **The Tournament Series Director will not overturn any dispute concerning rules and / or the judgment applied by on-ice officials. All decisions of the Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director are final.**

### GAME RULES AND REGULATIONS

Specific Dallas Stars Tournament Rules and Regulations are outlined below. If a situation arises that is not covered by these Tournament Rules, then USA Hockey Rules and Regulations apply. All decisions of the Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director are final.

- Locker Rooms:** All teams must use assigned locker rooms posted at the front desk; on the rink TV monitors or at other locations throughout the rink. **It is highly recommended that the team lock the door to the locker room while their team is playing.** The Dallas Stars will not be held responsible for any items lost or stolen during the tournament. Locker room keys are available from, and must be returned to, the rink staff at the front desk. Locker rooms must be vacated and cleaned, within thirty minutes from the time a game ends. Keys may be picked up forty-five (45) minutes prior to your game time. Each team needs to ensure that locker room is clean (no remaining trash/tape/food/drink) prior to vacating it. **Team representatives are responsible for all damage done to the locker room or the facility.**
  - Monitoring:** It is the policy of USA Hockey that all teams have at least one responsible adult (head/assistant coach or other approved team personnel) directly monitoring the locker room during all tournament events to ensure that only participants (coaches and players), and other approved team personnel are permitted in the locker room to supervise the conduct in and around the locker rooms at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice. All responsible adults serving as locker room monitors should be gender correct and the co-ed locker room policy must be followed. Monitors must be screened per USA Hockey screening standards and USA Hockey SafeSport certified. Unapproved, non-team personnel, including parents and family members are discouraged from entering locker rooms unless it is truly necessary.
  - Cell Phones & Other Mobile Recording Devices:** Per USA Hockey policy, cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room.
- Rosters:** Teams may have a roster of no less than 7 players (6 skaters + 1 goalie). A maximum of 20 players, in which not more than 18 are skaters, shall be permitted to play in the game. Only players (including goalkeepers) & coaches listed on the USA Hockey Official Team Roster (1-T) approved by the appropriate District or Associate Registrar or Official Team Roster approved by the country's federation or governing body may play in tournament games. **A player's name may only appear on one (1) roster for the Tournament.** Any team using a player not properly listed on the Official Team Roster or listed on more than one (1) roster will forfeit (1-0) any and all affected games. Any team using a player suspended for any reason will forfeit that game (1-0) and the suspended player will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament. Suspended players may attend tournament games but are not allowed on the players' bench or surrounding area. **Game suspensions (prior to the tournament) carry over and still apply to the tournament games.**

3. **Supplemental Roster Verification:** Teams may be subject to supplemental Team roster and/or individual player verification at any time. If it is determined by the Credentials Committee during Official Team roster submission, or by the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee at any point during round robin game(s) that a team in any tournament division is playing with ineligible players, or the level of the team is far above their competition, that team may be subject to supplemental discipline, including permitting the team to play the minimum number of games, but receive a 1-0 forfeit loss for those games and the team will not be permitted to advance to the championship round, suspension of individual players and/or coaches, or expulsion from the tournament. **NOTE: All Players on the roster must play in at least one preliminary round game to be eligible for the playoff round.**
4. **Game/Score Sheet:** Coaches or Managers must check in before each game at the desk and mark any scratches from a game (player not dressing) that must be reported to the scorekeeper prior to the start of the game. **A copy of the score sheet may only be obtained from the tournament website after the game concludes. Do not wait on the ice surface, or in/around the player's bench, penalty box or scorekeeping area for the score sheet. No hard copy game sheets will be handed out. No pictures of the game sheets will be allowed.** Each team representative is responsible for checking the accuracy of the score sheet. **Discrepancies must satisfy one of the following criteria below:**
- Changing of a goal scorer only if such change affects the goal scorer's qualification for a USAH hat trick patch.
  - Changing of an assist (no additional assists will be allowed) only if such change affects the goal scorer's qualification for a playmaker patch.
  - Correction of Goalie minutes played.
  - Correction if a wrong player was assessed a penalty on the score sheet.
  - Removing a player from the score sheet who did not participate in the game.
  - Adding a player who participated in the game but was inadvertently omitted from the score sheet.

Discrepancies must be reported to the Tournament Series Director in writing via email ([tournaments@dallasstars.com](mailto:tournaments@dallasstars.com)) for review prior to the start of the next scheduled game. Once verified and approved, scoresheets will be updated online as soon as practicable. In the event the tournament format does not allow for tracking of individual player & goalie statistics, related discrepancies will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Tournament Series Director will not overturn any dispute concerning rules and / or the judgment applied by on-ice officials. All decisions of the Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director and or Tournament Series Committee are final.

5. **Uniforms:** Home and Visiting teams are indicated on the tournament schedule. Each team must have a home set and an away set of jerseys to avoid conflict of team colors. **Home teams shall wear light colored jerseys and matching socks. Visitors will wear dark colored jerseys and matching socks.** Teams may wear dark socks with light jerseys or vice-versa but both socks must be the same. All jerseys must have a player number clearly displayed. Taped numbers or players without numbers will not be permitted to participate in the tournament games. Numbers worn must correspond to the ones listed on the scorekeeper's roster.
6. **Protective Equipment:** The following protective equipment is required.
- USA Hockey Compliant Helmet:** (HECC Certified) must be worn at all times during warm-ups, games, handshake line and in the bench area.
  - Skates
  - Stick
  - Gloves
  - Hockey Pants
  - Elbow Pads
  - Shin Pads
  - Shoulder Pads
  - Full-Face Shield:** All Youth players, including goalkeepers, are required to wear a full-face shield.
  - Mouth Guards:** All Youth players, including goalkeepers, are required to wear a mouth guard
  - Neck Guards:** Per USA Hockey Rules and Hockey Canada Rules Agreement, all Canadian players must wear certified throat protectors.
7. **Player's Bench:** Only players (including goalkeepers), coaches and/or team personnel listed on the Official Team Roster are eligible to be on the players' bench or players area during the games. Teams are limited to (4) four team officials on the player's bench or players area at any given time. A player or goalkeeper on the Official Team Roster who is unable to play, other than through suspension, may be on the players' bench or players area without being considered team personnel provided he/she is in uniform (e.g. team jersey) and wearing all required head and face protective equipment. Suspended players may attend tournament games but are not allowed on the players' bench or surrounding area. All parents, visitors and spectators are to remain away from the player's bench and penalty box areas. All team coaches and/or team personnel may occupy the player's bench prior to the completion of the ice resurfacing. **ALL PLAYERS SHALL REMAIN OFF THE ICE SURFACE UNTIL THE ZAMBONI DOORS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY CLOSED, NETS ARE IN PLACE AND ON-ICE OFFICIALS ARE PRESENT.** Failure to do so may result in a minor penalty assessment. With the exception of the tournament finals, all players shall exit the ice surface immediately after the center ice handshakes.

8. **Penalty / Box Attendant:** Each team is responsible to provide its own penalty box monitor or attendant in rinks where penalty boxes are present. Monitors are strictly there to assist the player and scorekeeper with opening and closing the door. They are required to not be an impact to the game, or become verbally active with any game official. Penalty box monitors may not use phones, cameras or any other photographic equipment or electronic devices while in the penalty box area. Any such activity will result in immediate removal from the penalty box area, and possibly the rink for the duration of the tournament. All parents, visitors and spectators are to remain away from the player's bench and penalty box areas.
9. **USA Hockey Officials:** All officials that oversee tournament games are certified by USA Hockey.
10. **Penalties:** Penalty times for all divisions will be as follows:
  - a. Minor 1:30 minutes
  - b. Major 5:00 minutes
  - c. Misconduct 10:00 minutes

**\*No Offside Penalties.**  
**\*No Icing.**  
**\*Penalties during running or stop time are of the same duration.**
11. **Body Checking Rule:** Body Checking is not permitted during this tournament. All tournament games are non-checking. The Tournament is not taking body contact out of the game entirely, but merely looking to remove the predatory hit from games. Any player committing hit that is on an opposing player, that is deemed to be predatory, will receive a double minor (4 minute penalty) and is subject to supplementary discipline. The interpretation of the call will be at the referee's discretion.
12. **Misconducts:** Any fighting or match penalty will result in a tournament suspension. Game misconduct penalties will result in a minimum one game suspension. The Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director's decisions are final. Any players required to serve a suspension from prior USA Hockey game must complete suspension prior to playing first game, example: if a player incurred a suspension in his last game prior to the tournament this suspension must be served even if they must miss the first game of the tournament.

15 Team penalties in a game - Rule 401B	1 game suspension for Coach - Suspension is the next scheduled 1 game of that team currently appearing on the schedule at the time of the assessment.
2 Major penalties in a game - Rule 403B	2 game suspension for player - Suspension is the next scheduled 2 games of that team currently appearing on the schedule at the time of the assessment.
5 penalties to the same player in a game - Rule 401B	1 game suspension for player - Suspension is the next scheduled 1 game of that team currently appearing on the schedule at the time of the assessment.
Checking from Behind + 2 Minute Minor + Misconduct - Rule 608A	2 minute minor + misconduct - No suspension; penalty served in the box, and can resume play.
Checking from Behind + 5 Minute Major + Game Misconduct - Rule 608B or Match Penalty for Intent to Injure - Rule 608C/Rule 602A - which results in a Match Penalty (See below)	1 Game Suspension - Suspension is the next scheduled 1 game of that team currently appearing on the schedule at the time of the assessment (Major + GM) OR suspended from all USA Hockey activities pending a hearing by the governing body of that player.
Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct - Rule 601 (e.3)	A Match Penalty shall be assessed to any player(s) or team official(s) who uses language that is offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.
Match Penalty	Suspended from all USA Hockey activities pending hearing by the governing body of the player; Requires a TAHA Hearing, or according to the local rules (for non-TAHA teams).
Fighting Major Rule 615A-F	Tournament suspension

***\*\*Any player who receives three (3) penalties in the same game shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty. A player incurring a game misconduct penalty shall also be suspended for his team's next game (the game already appearing on the schedule of that team at the time of the infraction)\*\****

13. **Game Time:** All teams must be ready to begin play **fifteen (15) minutes** prior to the scheduled start time of each game, except for the first game each day. If a team is not ready to begin at that time, it will be given a one (1) minute grace period. If a team is not ready to start at the conclusion of the grace period, the game will be forfeited (1 - 0). Otherwise, the game will start at the conclusion of the warm-up period.
14. **Game (Period) Lengths & Format:** Tournament games are allotted as follows: **3 Games Minimum**. Format and Period length in tournament games may vary depending on division and level of teams. In the event that a game is being played in an unsafe manner, the referee, at his/her discretion, can end the game at any point. A full report must then be forwarded to the Tournament Series Director.

**USA Hockey playing rules are in effect, including modifications listed below:**

- a. All players are required to follow USA Hockey equipment recommendations.
  - b. All games are non-checking; body checking is not permitted at any level.
  - c. There will be no offside or icings called.
  - d. Slap shots will not be permitted at any level.
  - e. Game officials (referees) working games are NOT PERMITTED to play for any team in the divisions that they officiate.
- **YOUTH (Boys & Girls, 8U-10U):**
    - **8U & 10U: Games will be played 3-on-3, plus goalies for the 8U & 10U Division(s).** Teams will be assigned to 60-minute time slots where **two (2) - 20-minute run-time halves** will be played. Shift changes are on the fly. There is no buzzer. All USA Hockey Rules will apply with the following regulations:
      - One or more tournament games are scheduled to be played outdoors on a reduced-size full-ice sheet at our Farmer Branch StarCenter ice facility with orange low-bounce hockey balls (due to the ice surface & surrounding boards/glass) and mini-nets (regulation nets for any game(s) are not permitted).
      - The Tournament Series Director, Tournament Series Staff, Tournament Series Committee, and/or Rink or Rink Operations Staff may choose to review (on a case-by-case basis; depending on outdoor rink conditions and other factors) and consider the granting of approval for a tournament game(s) to be played with a blue puck (black pucks for any game(s) are not permitted, provided both coaches jointly agree and make the request at game-time (within 15-minutes prior to the start of a game) with the referee and onsite Tournament Staff Member, Rink Staff and/or Designated Off-Ice Official. **NOTE: Requests submitted in writing or in advance of the 15-minute window for current or future games will not be considered.**
      - In the event of weather or other factors impacting the ability to play on the outdoor rink, the determination may be made to reschedule/relocate one or more tournament game(s) indoors collectively amongst the Tournament Series Director, Dallas Stars Tournaments organizing committee, and/or Tournament Series Staff in conjunction with Rink Management & Rink Operations Staff.
      - Should this occur, indoor tournament games will be played at the StarCenter Valley Ranch ice facility and/or Farmers Branch StarCenter ice facility.
      - The Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee will communicate any schedule and/or location changes to impacted team(s) and/or team representative(s) as soon as practicable once the determination is made.
      - **ALL Indoor 8U games will be played on a half-ice sheet with blue pucks and mini-nets; ALL Indoor 10U games will be played on a half-ice sheet with regular nets and black pucks.**
      - No slapshots are allowed.
      - There will be no offside or icings called.
      - Commencement of a period, goals, puck out of play or any stoppage in play, injury or other action as determined by the Official, will result in a faceoff at the center of the half-ice or reduced size ice sheet.
      - Any stoppage in play related to a goaltender freeze will result with the puck being thrown into the corner by the Official to resume game play.
      - If a puck out of play from half-ice sheet A enters half-ice sheet B, half-ice sheet B will continue play uninterrupted, unless the puck results in a stoppage of play, injury or other action as determined by the Official, while half-ice sheet A will resume play with a faceoff at the center of half-ice sheet A.
      - Any penalty will result in the penalized player being sent to the penalty box for 1:30 minutes, and the game will resume with 4-on-3 play for the duration of the penalty. The offending team will resume full strength once the 1:30 minute penalty ends.
      - **If at any point during the game there is a four (4)-goal lead, the losing team will be allowed to have a 4<sup>th</sup> player on the ice, until the lead is reduced to a three (3)-goal lead.**
      - In the event that a game is being played in an unsafe manner, the referee, at his/her discretion, can end the game at any point. A full report must then be forwarded to the tournament director.
      - All other ADM guidelines and cross-ice/half-ice rules apply.

15. **Warm-up period:** Two (2) minutes for all divisions. The scorekeeper will mark the official start time on the score sheet at start of the warm-up period. There will be a one (1) minute halftime. All games will be played to completion. There is no curfew.
16. **Rest Time:** Between periods the rest time will be one (1) minute. Immediately following the first half, the timekeeper will begin the two-minute countdown on the game clock. The next half shall begin immediately after the break. Minimum rest period between games (end of first to start of second) shall be as follows (unless both opposing coaches agree to forego):

- **8U-10U: 2 Hours**

There shall be a minimum rest time of 9 hours (1hr travel, 8hrs sleep) between games (end of first to start of second) at night and the following morning.

17. **Run Time:** The game clock will be running time and will not stop for any reason other than at the direction of the on-ice officials until the game ends.
18. **Time Out:** One 60-second time out is permitted per team per game.
19. **Tie Games:** For round-robin and semi-final games: If the game ends in a tie, each team will be awarded a point. A 3-player shootout will determine the winner of an extra point in the standings. Championship tie-breaker and shootout guidelines are outlined below.
20. **Points:** will be awarded in the following manner for all games (maximum points awarded for a win will be 3 points regardless of how it is achieved).
 

a. 3 Points	Win in Regulation
b. 2 Point	Shootout Win
c. 1 Point	Shootout Loss
d. 0 Points	Loss in Regulation

**NOTE:** Any forfeited games will be recorded as a 1-0 score. In the unlikely event of a game cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances, each participating team will be awarded 1 Point in the standings.

21. **Tie-breaker:** The following tie-breaker formulas below will be used to determine the order of finish (seeding) after bracket play between teams with an equal number of points. **Ties between 3 or more teams will default to tie breaker two (2) and proceed from there.**
  1. Head to head record between teams with equal points.
    - a. Teams that do not play "head to head" default to tie breaker two (2), and so on.
  2. Goal Differential
  3. Fewest Goals allowed
  4. Most Goals scored
  5. Fewest Penalty Minutes
  6. Coin Flip

### **SHOOTOUT PROCEDURES (ONE-PLAYER SHOOTOUT):**

**IMPORTANT:** Only Championship games that end in a tie shall first use a five (5) minute (sudden-death) run-time, 3 on 3 (plus goalie), period to determine a winner. If the game remains tied after overtime a one (1) player shootout will be used to determine a winner as outlined below:

- a. Each team will select one (1) player to participate in the shootout. If a player is injured or is serving a penalty and unable to participate in the shootout the next eligible player is entitled to participate. Once a player shoots he/she is no longer eligible to participate until every player on the bench (excluding goaltenders, players serving penalties or players that are injured) has participated at least once.
- b. In the first round, one player from each team will alternate their shot, **with the winner of a coin toss (Home team calls the toss) shooting first.**
- c. Each player will start at center ice and will begin play at the direction of the referee. Goalkeepers must remain in their crease until the shooting player has started play by touching the puck.
- d. **Players are allowed one shot/shooting attempt only.**
- e. **After each player has finished their attempt; the team that scores is declared the winner.**
- f. If, after each player has finished their attempts, the game remains tied; each team will start the second round by selecting one (1) player, who has not yet participated in the shootout, to take a turn. The shootout will proceed one player at a time with each team having an equal number of turns; the home team shoots last in each round. One turn for each team constitutes a round. Only after all players (not including goaltenders and players severing penalties) listed on the game score sheet have participated may a player take a second turn. **During the second round and beyond, the team that scores first, with the other failing to score, is declared the winner.**

- g. Ensure you scratch all players (on the game score sheet given to the scorekeeper) who will not participate in the game. Any team listing a player on their game score sheet that is not dressed for the game will forfeit the game when that player becomes eligible to shoot during the shootout.
- h. Player(s) serving a penalty are not eligible to participate in the shootout.

## **POLICIES**

1. **Zero Tolerance Policy:** The Dallas Stars support the USA Hockey zero tolerance initiatives for verbal abuse of any player, official, parent or spectator. Dallas Stars Tournament Hockey Director and/or Venue Coordinators or rink staff reserves the right to remove any violator from the premises. Team representatives and/or coaches are responsible for the actions and behaviors of their players, parents and fans. The game officials reserve the right to assess penalties for abuse, from players, the bench, or the fans. **Management has the right to refuse play of the upcoming game or for future games for any player who threatens or uses obscene or abusive language to any member of the Dallas Stars Tournaments or StarCenter staff.**
2. **Team Placements:** A Credentials Committee is in place who determines the eligibility of each player, coach and team to participate in the tournament as required in the current USA Hockey Annual Guide, and has verified the appropriate level of coaching credentials for all coaches. The committee places teams in competitive brackets based on their registration with USA Hockey, placement in their local league, and the record of the team in league play (assuming a record exists). International teams, and tournament teams with no record of play are placed based on either knowledge of other teams in their local, or from interviews with the respective coach and team manager to gain an understanding of their play, compared to those locally. Management has the right to align teams or change teams in any particular skill level, as well as suspend players that are not displaying the appropriate behavior that reflects the image of Dallas Stars Tournaments or StarCenters. **All decisions of the Credentials Committee, Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Committee regarding team placements are final.**
3. **Communication Policy & Protocol:** Tournament information and updates are communicated directly via email with Head Coaches and/or Team Managers. Team Representatives are responsible for cascading this information to their players & families. Communications directed to the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee should come from the Head Coach and/or Team Manager only. Any/all communications (via email, phone or otherwise) directed to the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee that is not from the participating Team's Head Coach and/or Team Manager will not be accepted/acknowledged.
4. **Refunds:** The first \$500 of the registration fee is deemed as the registration deposit fee and is non-refundable. Provided a team has paid in full, and request is made prior to registration closure, a full or partial refund may be granted/approved by the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Committee (less the registration deposit fee). In certain emergency situations such as: player injuries or other valid medical reasons or natural disaster or state of emergency in the player's home/home city, the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Committee may choose to waive the notice requirement. All refund requests must be made in writing (via email) and accompanied by valid documentation to support the refund request. No refunds will be given once the schedule is posted.
5. **Photography:** The tournament may designate an official photographer for the event. Taking photos of players from the player's bench or above the glass is not allowed for safety and competitive reasons. The Tournament Photographer is an approved vendor of the Dallas Stars and the facilities in which the tournament event(s) is being held, and all other vendors or persons will be asked to leave the facility. Individuals who do not comply may also be asked to leave.
6. **Noisemakers:** Noisemakers are not allowed in the viewpoint (upstairs enclosed area) between the rinks and the lobby area. Use of any type of artificial noisemakers at the on-ice seating area are strongly discouraged as a courtesy to nearby spectators. All spectators are asked to display good sportsmanship and recognize that it is just as important as players' conduct on ice. The primary purpose of this tournament is to provide a positive and fun atmosphere for all participants. Air horns are not permitted in any of the facilities.
7. **Fundraising:** As this tournament is run by the Dallas Stars, other groups and hockey associations may not pursue fundraising opportunities at any of the tournament venues. Teams that attempt to do will be asked to stop, and if it continues will be subject to suspension from the tournament, and possibly future events.
8. **Damages:** After all games, players are responsible for cleaning up all trash in their respective locker room(s). Any person causing damage to tournament facility(s) and/or tournament or facility(s) property will be fined commensurate with the damage and will be removed from the premises and/or suspended from all tournament activities and/or venues until the fine is paid in full. All persons are subject to prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.
9. **Alcohol, Containers and Smoking:** Alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers are prohibited on StarCenter premises. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action against the offending individuals, including possible suspension from the tournament. This rules applies to the dressing rooms, player area, parking lot, grounds and restaurant/bar area (Alcoholic beverages are not allowed to be brought into the restaurant/bar area). Smoking (traditional and e-cigarettes) is not permitted in any StarCenter facility. However, chewing tobacco is allowed inside of the dressing rooms. All chew must be spit into a sealable container and disposed of properly. Chew is not to be disposed of in toilets, on the floor, or in the showers.



10. **Weapons:** Per HB910 "Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun".
11. **Trainers:** The Dallas Stars Tournament series may supply medical trainers at each facility for the duration of the tournament.
12. **Ambulance Service:** To insure the quickest response time, anyone may contact the EMT Services (911) in the event of an emergency situation. You may contact the Dallas Stars Venue Coordinator or the Rink Manager on duty to call 911. Any trips to the hospital using the transportation of an ambulance service or any other means that requires payment of service fee is the responsibility of the transported.
13. **Stay-2-Play:** Hilton is the exclusive provider of Stay-2-Play hotel accommodations for Dallas Stars Tournaments. All visiting teams and tournament participants are required to book via the Stay-2-Play portal and stay at listed Stay-2-Play Hilton hotel properties at Stay-2-Play advance purchase rates in order to participate in the tournament. No other booking sites, discounts, special rates or programs, regardless of how obtained, will be accepted. All Dallas Stars Tournaments require a 3-night minimum stay. All visiting team members and tournament participants are required to arrive and check-in to their selected Stay-2-Play hotel property the day before the tournament begins and check-out before departing the on the day the tournament ends. Participants who fail to follow these guidelines may be subject to disciplinary measures including, but not limited to, suspension or removal from the tournament, forfeiture of their team's tournament games, or other sanctions as determined by the Dallas Stars Tournaments Organizing Committee. Should this occur, no refund of tournament registration fees will be given. **All decisions of the Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee are final.**
14. **Best Interest of the Tournament:** The Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee is responsible for all inquiries or disputes regarding application of rules, or interpretation, player eligibility, disciplinary action and any other procedural disputes. While the majority of rules and policies needed to ensure smooth operation of the tournament are addressed herein, there may be issues, circumstances or situations arise that may not have been addressed or may appear ambiguous to one or more participants (teams, players, coaches, parents, etc.). In all cases the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee reserves the right to interpret policies and rules, or add, amend or remove any Dallas Stars Tournaments procedure, policy, rule or regulation, including, but not limited to, playing rules, roster or eligibility rules, game schedules or format, to select or permit qualified teams to participate in the tournament or to align or change teams in any particular skill level or division at any time, in the best interest of the tournament. Should an issue, situation or circumstance arise that is not explicitly addressed herein, the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee, at its discretion may rule on the issue, circumstance or situation and act accordingly. The Tournament Series Director will not overturn any dispute concerning rules and /or the judgment applied by on-ice officials. **All decisions of the Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director and or Tournament Series Committee are final.**