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# DALLAS STARS TOURNAMENTS

## 7-ELEVEN EXTREME TOURNAMENT SERIES

### Guns N' Hoses USA Hockey Adult Classic Tournament

October 2-4, 2020 | Dallas, TX

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.** Violation of any of the rules herein will result in disciplinary procedures, up to including disqualification from the tournament, as set forth in Section C(16).

#### LEVEL INFORMATION

- **ADULT & WOMEN (Players must meet the age requirements specified below)**
  - **Gold (Traditional "A"/"B" Level House League):** This level is for top players who have competed Pro, Junior, College and top amateur levels or players that are very skilled and may have some College, Pro, or Junior experience. This is an open division.
  - **Silver (Traditional "C" Level House League):** Players should not have Junior, College or Pro playing experience. Players may have played youth hockey, but should not have played about the Select A/B, high school or recreational level. However, there may be older players that played at higher levels when they were younger, that are now C-Level players.
  - **Bronze (Traditional "D"/"D2" Level House League):** The division is for players who have learned to play as adults or players/teams that are leaving the Adult Learn-to-Play program and entering Adult Hockey. Players may have played youth hockey, and/or are getting back into the game but should not have played above the recreational or JV high school level.

*An adult team may be required to move up a level if they are deemed too skilled by the Tournament Staff. The guidelines above will assist in determining if a team/player is too skilled for a particular level and are by no means a definitive criteria for play.*

*Adult Players may not play in multiple divisions/skill levels. Even though the skill level of the participating players may differ from division to division, the Tournament Staff will treat all leagues as equal.*

*Adult players can only be rostered on 1 team and will NOT be allowed to play for multiple teams, regardless of what division the teams are in. All decisions regarding team/player eligibility made by the Tournament Staff will be final.*

- **AGE REQUIREMENT:**
  - Players must be a minimum of 21 years of age as of the start date of the tournament.

**NOTE:** Body checking is not permitted in all levels of this tournament.

## A. 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 and shall be proof that all participating teams are properly registered and all participants are playing in the appropriate age classification and level.
2. All teams must complete and submit the required online Tournament Roster and Team Information Form and any required waivers prior to the start of the tournament and on or before the requested deadline which includes information and official documentation needed to ensure all teams are properly registered and playing in the appropriate age classification and level, uploading of team roster details into HockeyShift (our stats and 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 or Team Information via email. Please DO NOT submit online Tournament Roster or Team Information Form multiple times.**
  - a. An Official Dallas Stars Tournaments Team Roster is required for all teams.
    - i. Players must be a minimum of 21 years of age as of the start date of the tournament.
    - ii. All USA Hockey players must have a valid USA Hockey registration confirmation number for the current season that is verified on the Official Dallas Stars Tournaments Team Roster.
    - iii. Teams will be required to rate each of their players on the Official Dallas Stars Tournaments Team Roster using a 1-6 scale:
      1. Professional (All levels and Europe)/NCAA/Major Junior/Junior A
      2. Junior B/Non-Varsity College (ACHA)/Midget AAA/Prep School
      3. Junior C/High School/Competitive Midget
      4. Bantam/Pee Wee/Squirt/ Some competitive youth
      5. Very little youth hockey experience
      6. Didn't play as a youth
  - b. Travel Permits are required and will be verified for all Non-USA Hockey teams, and any team from an Affiliate requiring Travel Permits. **NOTE: Any team traveling from outside of Texas will be required to submit an approved Travel Permit from their affiliate.**
  - c. A Hockey Canada Travel permit must be submitted a minimum of 30 days prior to tournament and will be reviewed by TAHA and USAH prior to acceptance in the tournament.
  - d. Teams traveling to Texas must abide by their State and County laws & bylaws regarding COVID-19 quarantine and CDC Rules & Regulations.
  - e. Rosters submitted for upload to HockeyShift must match the team's Official Team Roster.
  - f. Stay2Play hotel accommodation information including hotel property name and location, individual player, coach and/or team representative confirmation information and dates of stay are required to be provided via the form 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.
  - a. 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. No combining of teams/players or substitutions will be accepted.
  - b. 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 checking the rink front desk 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. **NOTE: Bracket boards will not be posted at the rink and teams will need to monitor Hockey Shift for updates on the Finals.**
5. 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, Dallas Stars or StarCenters 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. In some cases, a 24-hour rule may apply. **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.**

## B. 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 and/or Tournament Series Organizing Committee are final.

1. **General Rink: \*\*MANDATORY MASK COMPLIANCE\*\*** All people over the age of 2 entering the building must wear a mask. Teams should observe marked entrance and exit doors and enter & exit the rink through separate doors whenever possible. All players are encouraged to be dressed with the exception of helmet, gloves and skates prior to entering the building. Players are required to wear masks at all times prior to entering the ice surface and immediately following each game until exiting the building. 30 minutes between games has been allowed to disinfect high traffic areas including player locker rooms, benches, bleachers and publicly used doors. Players & coaches MAY NOT bring equipment and/or bags into the facility until locker rooms are accessible, as outlined in section 2 below. Spectators may attend tournament games; however, it is recommended that attendance be limited to ONE spectator per player. Carpooling is recommended. Spectators and fans must observe proper social distancing. If you are experiencing any signs of illness or have a fever, please do not come to the rink.
2. **Locker Rooms / Dressing Areas: \*\*MANDATORY MASK COMPLIANCE\*\*** Masks must be worn in the locker rooms by players. All teams must use assigned locker rooms or dressing areas posted at the front desk; on the rink TV monitors or at other locations throughout the rink. A combination of locker rooms & dressing areas may be used. In addition to the regular locker rooms, temporary locker rooms may be set up, when possible, so each team has a separate locker room. Access to the locker rooms will be managed per the discretion of each ice facility. Locker Rooms should be limited to changing only and not used for coaching. Players are encouraged to be dressed with the exception of helmet, gloves and skates prior to entering the building. Players who dress prior to entering the building or “dress and drive” do not have to enter the locker rooms if they choose not to. Showers will not be available. Access to the Locker Rooms will be granted FIFTEEN (15) minutes prior to each team’s scheduled game/ice time. Players may remove their mask when leaving to go onto the ice; However, masks must be put on as players return to the locker room or changing area. Locker Rooms MUST be vacated and cleaned within FIFTEEN (15) minutes of the conclusion of each team’s scheduled game/ice time. Locker rooms will be disinfected between each use. Each team needs to ensure that locker room or dressing area is clean (no remaining trash/tape/food/drink) prior to vacating it. Teams are responsible for all damage done to the locker room, dressing area or the facility. The Dallas Stars, Dallas Stars Tournaments or Ice Facilities will not be held responsible for any items lost or stolen during the tournament.
  - a. **Cell Phones and 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.
3. **Rosters:** Teams may have a roster of no less than 11 players and up to 20 players, including goaltenders. Only players listed on the official Dallas Stars Tournaments team roster with a paid/valid/current USA Hockey Registration Number may play in tournament games. All players must meet the age requirements of the tournament. A player’s name may only appear on one (1) roster for the Tournament. Any team using a player not properly listed on the 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 player bench area. Game suspensions (prior to the tournament) carry over and still apply to the tournament games. Any player arriving after the second period has begun, will not be allowed to participate. Any player not having played in at least two (2) of their team’s round robin games, will be ineligible to play in their team’s playoff game.
4. **Supplemental Roster Verification:** Teams may be subject to supplemental Team roster and/or individual player verification at any time.
  - a. Teams may be subject to supplemental roster verification and will be required to rate each of their players on a 1-6 scale:
    - 1- Professional (All levels and Europe)/NCAA/Major Junior/Junior A
    - 2- Junior B/Non-Varsity College (ACHA)/Midget AAA/Prep School
    - 3- Junior C/High School/Competitive Midget
    - 4- Bantam/Pee Wee/Squirt/ Some competitive youth
    - 5- Very little youth hockey experience
    - 6 - Didn’t play as a youth
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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 for this tournament.
  - d. If it is determined by the Credentials Committee during roster verification, or by the Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee at any point during the preliminary round robin game(s) that a team in the Adult Division(s) are far above their competition that team will be permitted to play the minimum number of

games, but will receive a 1-0 forfeit loss for those games and will not be permitted to advance to the championship round.

- e. All Players on the roster must play in at least one preliminary round game to be eligible for the playoff round.
  - f. Players may only play on one team in the tournament. Players cannot play for multiple teams in multiple divisions. Exceptions may be made for goaltenders in extenuating circumstances.
  - g. Game officials (referees) working games in the tournament are NOT PERMITTED to play for any team in the divisions that they officiate.
5. **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:**
- a. Changing of a goal scorer only if such change affects the goal scorer's qualification for a USAH hat trick patch.
  - b. Changing of an assist (no additional assists will be allowed) only if such change affects the goal scorer's qualification for a playmaker patch.
  - c. Correction of Goalie minutes played.
  - d. Correction if a wrong player was assessed a penalty on the score sheet.
  - e. Removing a player from the score sheet who did not participate in the game.
  - f. Adding a player who participated in the game but was inadvertently omitted from the score sheet.

Discrepancies must be reported to the Tournament Series Staff 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 and or a particular division 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 and/or Tournament Series Committee 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.

6. **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 dark colored jerseys and matching socks. Visitors will wear light 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.
7. **Protective Equipment:** The following protective equipment is required.
- a. **USA Hockey Compliant Helmet:** (HECC Certified) must be worn at all times during warm-ups, games, handshake line and in the bench area.
  - b. Skates
  - c. Stick
  - d. Gloves
  - e. Hockey Pants
  - f. Elbow Pads
  - g. Shin Pads
  - h. Shoulder Pads
  - i. **Visor:** All Adult Traditional "D" League and below must wear a visor. **Visor must be worn properly and below your sight line.**

The following equipment is highly recommended:

- j. Full Face Shield
- k. Mouthpiece

**\*\* EACH PLAYER MUST SUPPLY HIS/HER OWN WATER / WATER BOTTLE.**

8. **Player's Bench:** : Only players (including goalkeepers), coaches and/or team personnel listed on the Official Dallas Stars Tournaments Team Roster are eligible to be on the players' bench during the games. All visitors and spectators are to remain away from the player's bench and penalty box areas.
- a. Players & Coaches may remove their mask on the bench.
  - b. Players should distance from each other as much as possible.
  - c. Benches and the surrounding area will be disinfected after each use.

**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. **Teams must exit and enter the rink through separate doors whenever possible.** All players shall exit the ice surface immediately after the game concludes. **There are no post-game or pre-game handshakes involving players, coaches and of referees.**

**\*\* Players are required to wear mask when being evaluated or treated on the bench or in AT rooms.**

**\*\* Social (6 feet) Distancing at all times with masks on when athlete is being evaluated or treated.**

9. **USA Hockey Officials:** All officials that oversee tournament games are to be certified by USA Hockey. **USA Hockey Officials may remove their mask when they enter the ice and should socially distance from players and coaches, and refrain from any physical contact with any player except when tending to an injured player.** Referees must supply his/her own water / water bottle.

10. **Penalties:** Penalty times for all divisions will be as follows:

- a. Minor 2:00 minutes
- b. Major 5:00 minutes
- c. Misconduct 10:00 minutes

***\*Penalties during running or stop time are of the same duration.***

***\*Any fighting and altercations that involve pushing and shoving are not permitted.***

***\*Officials will have the ability to assess misconduct penalties and or eject players who can't control themselves.***

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

11. **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.

12. **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.

13. **Abuse of Officials:** Any player receiving an abuse of official penalty will receive a two (2) game suspension. The official will assess misconducts on a game-by-game basis. Any player who commits the following actions will be up for suspension:

- a. Disputes the rulings of any official.
- b. Taunts or incites an official.
- c. Physically interfering with an official.
- d. Using obscene, profane or abusive language to an official.

14. **Game Ejection:** Any Adult player who receives four (4) penalties in the same game shall be immediately ejected for the remainder of the game with no further suspension. Double Minor penalties will count as two (2) penalties for the purposes of the four (4) penalties in one game rule, except as indicated above. If the fourth minor penalty is co-incident, that player will not be ejected until a fifth minor is incurred. Such an infraction shall not carry any suspension unless the last penalty is a Game Misconduct or major. If a goaltender receives a game ejection for penalties, the goaltender will be allowed to stay in the game, and then will be suspended for the next scheduled game. Fighting will not be tolerated. A fighting penalty or other Major penalties may be grounds for expulsion from the tournament. A repetition in game ejections for any player or team can result in a suspension.
15. **Game Time:** Games will start at their scheduled time due to cleaning protocols. Locker rooms will NOT be available until 15 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. It is recommended that teams should arrive at the rink at least 45-minutes before their scheduled game time to ensure teams are ready to enter the building/locker rooms once accessible. Games will not begin prior to their scheduled start time. Games may start after their scheduled time, to allow for cleaning bench areas and locker rooms. All teams must be ready to begin play ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of each game, except for the first game each day. If the on-ice officials are ready to begin the game at the scheduled start time and 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.
16. **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. All games will be played to completion. There is no curfew.
  - **ADULT (Men & Women) PUBLIC SAFETY & NON-PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISIONS:**
    - All games will be played on a full-ice sheet. All teams (Gold, Silver, Bronze) will be assigned to 60-minute time slots where three (3) - 13-minute stop-time periods will be played.
    - The ice will be resurfaced before each game. Players may not be on the ice surface before the Zamboni is off the ice.
    - Icing is called from the defensive red line.
    - Off-sides will be tag-up (delayed off-sides).
    - Two-line passes are legal. Redline will NOT be offside for 'two line pass'.
    - Slapshots are allowed.

**NOTE: All games are non-checking.**
17. **Gretzky Rule:** Any player, in any given game, cannot score more than 3 goals in that game. If a player scores a fourth goal in that game, that goal will NOT count and the player will receive a two (2) minute minor penalty for delay of game. Assists do not affect this rule, and the player's stats reset for the next game. Player is not eligible to participate in a shootout.
18. **Warm-up period:** Three (3) minutes for all divisions. The scorekeeper will mark the official start time on the score sheet at start of the warm-up period.
19. **Rest Time:** There will be a one (1) minute break between periods. Minimum rest period between games (end of first to start of second) shall be as follows (unless both opposing team representatives agree to forego):
  - **Adult - 4.0 hours**

There shall be a minimum rest time of nine (9) hours (1hr travel, 8hrs sleep) between games (end of first to start of second) at night and the following morning.
20. **Run Time:** If at any time during the third period the goal differential reaches six (6) or 10 penalties occur during a game, regardless of the period, the game clock will go to running time and will not stop for any reason other than at the direction of the on-ice officials until the game ends or the goal differential is reduced to less than six (6). If the Run Time is in effect due to 10 or more penalties the clock will not return to stop time at any point. The game clock will not be stopped for goals scored, penalties, or any other reason while the "mercy rule" is in effect, unless directed by the on-ice officials.
21. **Time Out:** One 60-second time out is permitted per team per game.
22. **Tie Games:** If the game ends in a tie, each team will be awarded a point. A five (5) minute (sudden-death) run-time, 3 on 3 (plus goalie), period will be used to determine a winner of an extra point in the standings. If the game remains tied after overtime, a 1-player shootout will then be used to determine the winner of an extra point in the standings. Tie-breaker and shootout guidelines are outlined below
23. **Game Results:** A maximum differential of six (6) goals per game will be used for standings / tiebreaker purposes. ex. A score of 14-3 becomes 9-3; a score of 8-0 becomes 6-0. Cross-Division games, depending on format, may or may not count toward standings. Standings / Tiebreaker determination will be made by Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee.

24. **Standings:** 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).

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| 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 3-0 score. In the unlikely event of a game cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances, each participating team will be awarded 1 Point in the standings.**

25. **Ties in Standings:** 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 tied teams.
2. Goal Differential - There is a maximum goal differential of +/- 6 goals per game, regardless of how many goals you win/lose by.
3. Fewest Losses.
4. Period Points (won by each team)
  - a. 2 Points for each period won
  - b. 1 Point for each period tied
  - c. 1 Point for a shutout in a period
5. Fewest Minor Penalties in all games played.
6. Fewest Penalty Minutes in all games played.
7. Coin Flip

26. **Championship Awards:** Championship and Finalist awards will be available for pickup at each rink Front Desk by the Champion & Finalist Team Manager approx. 15 minutes after the Championship game concludes and once teams have vacated the locker rooms where Division Championship/Final games are played. **No photos will be taken, nor presentations made inside the facility.**

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

**IMPORTANT:** For Round-Robin & Semi-Final Games that end in a tie, a one (1) player shootout will be used to determine a winner as outlined below. **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 Tournaments Series support the USA Hockey zero tolerance initiatives for verbal abuse of any player, official, parent or spectator. Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director and/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. **The Tournament Series Committee and/or Tournament Series Director 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 or facility staff. The Tournament Series Director, Tournament Series Committee and/or facility staff reserve the right to remove and prohibit further entrance to the facility, to any individual that the Tournament Series Director, Tournament Series Committee and/or facility staff deem in their sole discretion, to display general unsportsmanlike behavior.**
- 2. Team Name Policy:** Dallas Stars, StarCenters, Dallas Stars Tournaments website and social media platforms are visible to hockey fans of all ages. Team names must not be offensive to any particular group or individual. In addition, team names that may be sexually suggestive, discriminatory, or harassing in any way will not be posted online. Dallas Stars Tournaments will review all team names and, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any team name or modify any team name deemed offensive by either abbreviating or shortening the name.
- 3. Team Placements:** A Credentials Committee 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 uses its best efforts to place teams in competitive brackets based on a number of factors, which may include 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 discussion with the respective coach and team manager to gain an understanding of their play, compared to those locally. **The Tournament Series Committee and/or Tournament Series Director 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. While the Credentials Committee uses its best effort to place teams in the appropriate competitive brackets, all teams are subject to supplemental roster verification during round robin play in accordance with Section B(3) and B(4) of these rules. All decisions of the Credentials Committee, Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Committee regarding team placements are final.**
- 4. Communication Policy and Protocol:** Tournament information and updates are communicated directly via email with Head Coaches and/or Team Managers. Team Representatives are responsible for communicating this information to their players and 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 or acknowledged.
- 5. Refunds:** The first \$500 of the registration fee is deemed a registration deposit fee and is non-refundable. However, in the event that the tournament should be cancelled, due to COVID-19 or other circumstances beyond our control, the payment of the tournament entry fee or registration deposit will be refunded in full or credit applied to a future event. 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. Provided the tournament is not cancelled, 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, unless the tournament is cancelled. Refunds may be issued using the original form of payment, by check or by credit applied to a future tournament.
- 6. 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 Tournament Series 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.
- 7. 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 in 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. The Tournament Series Director or rink staff reserve the right to remove any spectator who they determine to be interfering with other spectators enjoyment of the game.
- 8. Fundraising:** Hockey associations and other groups 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.

9. **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.
10. **Weapons:** players, coaches, spectators and any other individuals are expressly prohibited from bringing, using, or exposing firearms, weapons, or explosives of any kind on tournament premises, except to the extent expressly permitted by applicable law.
11. **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 rule 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. Players, coaches and spectators are expected to comply with tournament facility rules at all times.
12. **Scorekeepers:** The Dallas Stars Tournament series may supply one or more scorekeepers at each facility for games during the tournament. **Scorekeepers must always wear a mask when entering the building and during the tournament. Scorekeepers should social distance from players and coaches except when tending to an injured player**
13. **Athletic Trainers:** The Dallas Stars Tournament series may supply one or more athletic trainers at each facility for the duration of the tournament. **Athletic Trainers must always wear a mask when entering the building and during the tournament. Athletic Trainers must wear gloves. Athletic Trainers should socially distance from players and coaches and refrain from any physical contact with any player, except when tending to an injured player. Players are required to wear mask when being evaluated or treated on the bench or in AT rooms. Spectators are required to maintain 6 feet distancing at all times with masks on when athlete is being evaluated or treated.**
14. **Ambulance Service:** To insure the quickest response time, anyone may contact EMT Services (911) in the event of an emergency situation. You may contact the Tournament Series Director or the facility staff 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.
15. **Hotel Accommodations:** Stay2Play Online is the exclusive provider of Stay2Play hotel accommodations for the Dallas Stars Tournament Series. All visiting teams and/or event participants are required to stay only at Stay2Play hotel properties at published rates or advance purchase rates listed on the Stay2Play Online portal for each selected property and tournament in order to participate in the tournament. All visiting teams and/or participants are required to book hotel accommodation reservations only at listed Stay2Play hotel properties via the POG or online booking link provided for each property and/or tournament on the Stay2Play Online portal or by contacting the hotel directly via phone using the published booking code. **No other booking sites, discounts, special rates or programs, regardless of how obtained, will be accepted. A 3-night minimum stay is required.** Tournament participants are required to arrive and check-in to their selected Stay2Play hotel property the day before the tournament begins and check-out before departing the day the tournament ends. Any questions, concerns, special requests, or instructions related to Stay2Play hotel accommodations should be directed only to the hotel or hotel contact listed on the Stay2Play Online portal record. Tournament Staff are not available to assist with Stay2Play hotel accommodations. Again, participants are directed to contact the Stay2Play hotel representative directly, using the information provided. **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 Series 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.**
16. **Best Interest of the Tournament:** The Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee is responsible for all inquiries or disputes regarding interpretation or application of rules, player eligibility, disciplinary action and any other procedural disputes. The Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Series Committee is solely responsible for enforcement of the rules contained herein and determination of any disciplinary measures for any violation for any rule contained herein, which may include any action deemed appropriate by the Tournament Series Committee up to and including disqualification of a team from the tournament. 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, 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.**

17. ARBITRATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION. ALL DECISIONS OF THE DALLAS STARS TOURNAMENT SERIES DIRECTOR AND/OR TOURNAMENT SERIES COMMITTEE ARE FINAL. THESE TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE TO BE INTERPRETED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS WITHOUT REGARDING TO CONFLICT OF LAWS POLICIES. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ALL CLAIMS, DISPUTES OR CONTROVERSIES ARISING UNDER OR RELATING TO THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS OR THE TOURNAMENT THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO USA HOCKEY BYLAW 10, SHALL BE RESOLVED BY BINDING ARBITRATION WITH THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION (“AAA”), PURSUANT TO ITS CURRENT RULES. THE EXCLUSIVE VENUE FOR ANY SUCH ARBITRATION SHALL BE IN COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS.