



# TOURNAMENTS

## RULES AND REGULATIONS



# DALLAS STARS TOURNAMENTS

## 7-ELEVEN EXTREME TOURNAMENT SERIES

### BIG D 3 ON 3 SUMMER BREAKAWAY

July 3 & July 5, 2020 | Dallas, TX

#### Divisions | Levels

- ADULT - Traditional A | B | C | D | E House/Rec League Players (OPEN - Bring Your Best Team)

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).**

#### A. 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. Players must be a minimum of 21 years of age as of the start date of the tournament. An Official Team Roster is required for all participating teams and shall be proof that all participating teams are properly registered and all participants are at the appropriate age level.
2. All teams must complete and submit the required online Tournament Roster and Team Information Form 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/JuniorA
      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. Rosters submitted for upload to HockeyShift must match the team's Official Team Roster.
  - c. Any team traveling from outside of Texas will be required to submit an approved Travel Permit from their affiliate.
  - d. Stay-2-Play hotel accommodation information including hotel property name and location, individual player, coach and/or team representative confirmation numbers 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. 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. 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. **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 are final.

1. **General Rink: All people over the age of 2 entering the building must wear a mask.** Players, coaches and referees may remove masks while on the ice/bench. 20-30 minutes between games will be allowed to disinfect high traffic areas including player locker rooms, benches, bleachers and publicly used doors. Spectators and fans must observe proper social distancing. Spectators and fans may attend games, but carpooling is recommended when possible. **If you are experiencing any signs of illness or have a fever, please do not come to the rink.**
2. **Locker Rooms / Dressing Areas: A combination of locker rooms & dressing areas will be used. Showers will not be available.** 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. **Masks must be worn in the locker rooms by players and coaches and not removed until leaving to go on the ice. A maximum of 12 players is allowed per locker room. Locker Rooms should be limited to changing only.** Players who “dress and drive” do not have to enter the locker rooms if they choose not to. **Masks must be put on as players return to the locker room or changing area. Locker rooms will be disinfected between each use. To allow time for sanitizing, Locker rooms will NOT be available until 30 minutes prior to each team’s scheduled ice time and must be vacated and cleaned within 10 minutes of the conclusion of each team’s scheduled ice time.** Each team needs to ensure that locker room or dressing area is clean (no remaining trash/tape/food/drink) prior to vacating it. **Team representatives are responsible for all damage done to the locker room, dressing area or the facility. The Dallas Stars 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 7 players (6 Skaters + 1 Goalie) and up to 10 players (9 Skaters + 1 Goalie).** Only players listed on the Official Dallas Stars Tournaments Team Roster with a paid/valid/current season 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, unless otherwise approved by the Tournament Series Director or Tournament Series Committee.** 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.
- 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
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - All Players on the roster must play in at least one preliminary round game to be eligible for the playoff round.
  - 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.
  - 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:**
- 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 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 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. 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 numbers listed on the scorekeeper's roster.

7. **Protective Equipment:** The following protective equipment is required while on the players bench and on the ice surface.

- 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 players 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. Additional, temporary additional benches will be setup to the left and right of the normal benches when possible allowing each team to have a separate bench.
- b. Players & Coaches may remove their mask on the bench.
- c. Players should distance from each other as much as possible.
- d. 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 social 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	1 Game Suspension - Suspension is the next scheduled 1 game of that team currently appearing on the schedule at

608C/Rule 602A - which results in a Match Penalty (See below)	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 an immediate tournament suspension. Game misconduct penalties will result in a minimum one game suspension. **The Tournament Series Director will not overturn any dispute concerning rules and / or the judgment applied by on-ice officials.** The Dallas Stars Tournament Series Director's decisions regarding misconducts are final. Any players required to serve a suspension from a prior USA Hockey game must complete the suspension prior to playing in the first game of the tournament. By way of example, if a player incurred a suspension in his last game prior to the tournament, this suspension must be served even if the player 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. **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-incidental, 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.
14. **Game Time:** All teams must be ready to begin play **fifteen (15) minutes** prior to the scheduled start time of each game. 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.
15. **Game Lengths & Format:** Tournament games are allotted as follows: **8 Game Guaranty.** 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) 3v3, Half-Ice, OPEN Divisions/Levels:**

- a. All games will be played 3v3 on a half-ice sheet.
- b. All teams will be assigned to 60-minute time slots where two (2) 21-minute, run-time single-period games will be played.
- c. Teams will be given a one (1) minute warm-up before the first game.
- d. There will be a two (2) minute break between each game, at which time the two AWAY teams will switch sides.
- e. The next game shall begin immediately after the break.
- f. 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.
- g. There will be no off-sides or icings called.
- h. No slapshots are allowed.
- i. No checking is allowed.
- j. No hand passes anywhere.
- k. No high sticks anywhere.
- l. After goals players may bump fists with gloves on but no hugging.
- m. Commencement of a period, goals or puck out of play will result in a faceoff at the center of the half-ice sheet.
- n. 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.
- o. Any stoppage in play related to a goaltender save will result with the puck being thrown into the corner by the Official to resume game play.

- p. Any penalty will result in a penalty shot given to the non-offending team. The puck will be taken to the center of the half-ice sheet, and the player will have five (5) seconds to get set for the shot. The remaining players on both the offending and non-offending team should line up on the ice in front of their bench. If the player taking the shot is not set within the five (5) second timeframe, the player on the non-offending team will not be permitted to take the shot. If the penalty shot is missed and a save made by the goaltender, the play will be considered live and will continue until the next stoppage in play.
  - q. There are no post-game or pre-game handshakes involving players, coaches and of referees.
16. **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.
  17. **Warm-up Period:** One (1) minute. The scorekeeper will mark the official start time on the score sheet at the start of the warm-up period. All games will be played to completion. There is no curfew. **NOTE: Warm-up pucks are not provided.**
  18. **Rest Time:** There will be a Two (2) minute break between each game. **Immediately after the first game, the timekeeper will begin the two-minute countdown on the game clock, at which time the two AWAY teams will switch sides.** The next game shall begin immediately after the break. 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.
  19. **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. The game clock will not be stopped for goals scored, penalties, or any other reason while the game is underway, unless directed by the on-ice officials.
  20. **Time Out:** One 30-second time out is permitted per team per game.
  21. **Tie Games:** If the game ends in a tie, each team will be awarded a point. A four (4) minute (sudden-death) run-time, 2 on 2 (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 in item #22.
  22. **Game Results:** A maximum differential of six 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.
  23. **Standings:** 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 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.**

24. **Ties in Standings:** The following tie-breaker formulas below will be used to determine the order of finish (seeding) 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.**
  - a. Head to head record between teams with equal points.
    - i. Teams that do not play "head to head" default to tie breaker two (2), and so on.
  - b. Goal Differential - There is a maximum goal differential of +/- 6 goals per game, regardless of how many goals you win/lose by.
  - c. Fewest Losses.
  - d. Fewest Minor Penalties in all games played.
  - e. Fewest Penalty Minutes in all games played.
  - f. Coin Flip

25. **Shootout Procedures:** Games that end in a tie shall first use a four (4) minute (sudden-death) run-time, 2 on 2 (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:**
1. 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.
  2. 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.**
  3. 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.
  4. **Players are allowed one shot/shooting attempt only.**
  5. **After each player has finished their attempt; the team that scores is declared the winner.**
  6. 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.**
  7. 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.
  8. **Player(s) serving a penalty are not eligible to participate in the shootout.**

### **C. 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 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) of these rules. All decisions of the Credentials Committee, Tournament Series Director and/or Tournament Committee regarding team placements are final.**
3. **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.



4. **Refunds:** In the event that the tournament should be cancelled, the payment of the tournament entry fee or registration deposit will be refunded in full. 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 or by check.
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 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.
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 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.
7. **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.
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. Players, coaches and spectators are expected to comply with tournament facility rules at all times.
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. **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**
12. **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 should social distance from players and coaches 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.**
13. **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.
14. **Stay-2-Play:** Hilton is the exclusive provider of Stay-2-Play hotel accommodations for the Dallas Stars Tournament Series. 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 Tournament Series require a 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 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 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.**

15. **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.**
16. **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.**