



2020 Girls NIT Tournament Rules

The following rules have been established for the 2020 National Invitational Tournament to be held at Fogerty Ice Arena in Blaine, MN and Vadnais Sports Center in Vadnais Heights, MN on October 15-18. These rules have been established in conjunction with USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, and the Tournament Committee.

Tournament Rules:

- All games will be played under USA Hockey Rules as modified by Minnesota Hockey.
- All games will have 3 USA Hockey Certified referees (2 Linesman, 1 Referee).
- Tag-up Off Sides.
- Hybrid Icing- Within the hybrid system the linesman determines whether a play will be called icing based on which player reaches the tops of the faceoff circles first. If the linesman feels the attacking player will be the first to the puck, icing is waved off. If the linesman believes the defending player will eventually win the sprint to the puck, the whistle is blown.
- **3 minute warm-up.**
- Game Length (1h 30m)- Each game will consist of **three (3) 15 minute stop time periods.** Ice resurfacing will occur every two periods throughout the tournament. There will be a **one (1) minute intermission** between periods that do not have a resurface.
- **Running time** will commence if the goal separation is **6 goals or more** at **ANY** time during the game.
- One time-out allowed per game.
- Teams must have USA Hockey rostered players and coaches. Head coaches must be accurately listed for each game.
- Each team will play 4 pre-scheduled games. Winner of each division will be determined by most total points over 4 games.

Shutout Win	Win	Tie	Loss
3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	0 pts

- Point Tiebreaker;
 - 1) HEAD TO HEAD (results in the games played between the tied teams) Note: If a team defeated the other team(s) that they are tied with, they will be ranked ahead of those other teams.
 - 2) MOST TOTAL WINS.
 - 3) FEWEST GOALS ALLOWED FOR ALL GAMES PLAYED.
 - 4) GOAL DIFFERENTIAL – GOALS FOR MINUS GOALS AGAINST IN ALL GAMES PLAYED. Note: In a given game the goal differential will be a maximum of (6) regardless of a greater goal differential.
 - 5) MOST GOALS SCORED FOR ALL GAMES PLAYED.
 - 6) FEWEST MINOR PENALTIES IN ALL GAMES PLAYED.
 - 7) FEWEST TOTAL PENALTY MINUTES IN ALL GAMES PLAYED.
 - 8) COIN TOSS.