

2024 Adult Division Rules: Kilrich Yukon Native Hockey Tournament

Yukon First Nations Hockey Association

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DEFINITIONS

Protest Committee – will be comprised of one (1) Yukon First Nations Hockey Association (YFNHA) board Member, one (1) Executive Committee member and the Tournament Referee in Chief (RIC) or designate.

Executive Committee – YFNHA President, Vice-President, Treasurer / Secretary.

Professional Player – Is a hockey player that has played in a professional hockey league or been paid to play professional hockey within the year prior to the tournament.

Ex-professional Player – is a hockey player who has not played in a professional league one year prior to the tournament.

Proof of Ancestry: all Aboriginal and Inuit hockey players must provide a copy of Proof of Ancestry. Proof of Ancestry includes the following:

- a Status or Treaty Card;
- a certified Nunavut Trust card, roll number or any other proof accepted by Inuit communities; or
- official letter from First Nation indicating that you are a citizen.

Metis Hockey Players: All Metis hockey players must submit a Metis Player Application Form along with an official letter from a recognized Metis organization to the YFNHA by **Thursday, March 14th, 2024**. The YFNHA will approve or deny the Metis Player Application form based upon the information provided.

1. ENTRY FEE

1.1	Division Entry Fees are:			
	'A' Division: Competitive	\$1000	'Old Timers Div': 40 & up	\$800
	'B' Division: Recreational	\$900	"Women's" Div: 18 & up	\$500
	'C' Division: Community	\$800		

The entry fee must be paid by:

- Certified cheque or money order payable to the Yukon First Nations Hockey Association
- Bank Transfers / Cash Payment Credit Card /Debit payments – contact the coordinator at 867.456.7294.
- **NO PERSONAL CHEQUES OR PURCHASE ORDERS** will be accepted.

1.2 Registration opens on Thursday, February 1st, 2024 and the deadline is Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 @4pm Yukon Time. **Entry fee must be submitted with the registration by the deadline - fees are non-refundable.** If a team has not paid by the deadline, that team will not be entered into the draw for scheduling. ***All teams must be ready to play on Thursday morning!***

1.3 Any player or team that is not in good standing with YFNHA will not be permitted to play in the tournament. If the YFNHA Executive Committee is notified by local businesses that there are unpaid bills for damages or motel/hotel rooms, ice time, trophies, etc., the responsible team will be contacted and their future participation in the Tournament will be suspended until these bills are paid in full.

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2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Aboriginal / Inuit / Métis players must provide a copy of a valid Proof of Ancestry that will be attached to the team entry form.

2.1.1 THOSE WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE VALID PROOF OF ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY TO YFNHA BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2024 WILL NOT PLAY IN THE TOURNAMENT

2.1.2 ALL METIS HOCKEY PLAYERS MUST SUBMIT A METIS PLAYER APPLICATION FORM ALONG WITH AN OFFICIAL LETTER FROM A RECOGNIZED METIS ORGANIZATION TO THE YUKON FIRST NATIONS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BY THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2024. THE YUKON FIRST NATIONS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION WILL APPROVE OR DENY THE METIS PLAYER APPLICATION FORM BASED UPON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE!

2.2 Players must be at least (18) eighteen years old (**as of December 31st, 2023**) to play in the 'A', 'B', & 'C' & Women's Divisions. Those Players (who turn 18 in 2024) must have their parent or guardian sign the team entry form to allow them to play in the tournament.

2.3 Players must be at least forty (40) years old or older to play in the Old Timers Division.

2.4 'A', 'B', 'C' OT's & Womens' Divisions teams can have a maximum of twenty-one (21) players registered in the tournament with one (1) coach and one (1) manager. NOTE: A maximum of nineteen (19) players will be dressed at one time, including playing coaches and managers.

2.5 'A' Division teams can have a maximum of three (3) non-aboriginal players.

2.5.1 Goalies are excluded from this rule.

2.6 'B' Division teams can have a maximum of two (2) non-aboriginal players.

2.6.1 Goalies are excluded from this rule.

2.7 'C' Division teams can have a maximum of two (2) non-aboriginal players.

2.7.1 Goalies are excluded from this rule.

2.8 Old Timers Division Teams are allowed three (3) non-aboriginal players.

2.8.1 Goalies are excluded from this rule.

2.9 Women's Division: Teams must have a minimum of 6 Indigenous female players.

2.10 'A' Division & Old Timer's teams can have one (1) ex-professional player playing on their team during the tournament.

2.10.1 Old Timers ex-professional player must have been out of professional hockey for 5 years.

2.11 Professional players are **ineligible** to play in the tournament.

2.12 All of the player's names, who are playing on a team, must be listed on the time keeper sheet for the team's first game to be eligible to play for the tournament. Any player(s) returning from provincials or minor hockey playoffs not present for the first game, must be listed on the team's lineup for the first game.

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- 2.13 Each player on the team must play at least once in the first two games to be eligible to continue playing in the tournament.
- 2.14 A player may only play with one (1) team during the tournament.
- 2.15 No new player(s) may be added to the team's roster or time keeper sheets after the team's first game. If a player(s) name is added after the first game, the player will be disqualified from the tournament and the game will count as a loss.
 - 2.15.1 The ineligible player's goal(s) and assist(s) will be dropped from the games played.
- 2.16 No nicknames will be used on the time keeper's sheets.

3. PERIOD TIMES

- 3.1 Unless otherwise noted, all games will be played following Hockey Canada Rules and Regulations.
- 3.2 Regular Games:
 - 1st Period: 15 minutes straight time;
 - 2nd Period: 15 minutes straight time; and
 - 3rd Period: 15 minutes – 10 min straight time and last 5 min stop time.
- 3.3 Semi-final & Final Games:
 - 1st Period: 15 minutes straight time;
 - 2nd Period: 15 minutes straight time; and
 - 3rd Period: 20 minutes stop time.
- 3.4 The ice will be cleaned every second period.

4. OVERTIME

- 4.1 If the score is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be a four on four for five (5) minutes straight time sudden death victory period.
- 4.2 If the score remains tied at the end of five (5) minute overtime period, there will be a five (5) player shootout. A coin toss will decide who shoots first.
- 4.3 If the score remains tied after five (5) player shoot out, there will be one new shooter for each team until there is a victory.

5. TIME OUT

- 5.1 One (1) - thirty (30) second time-out will be allowed per team per game including overtime.

6. GOAL SPREAD

- 6.1 A game will be considered "**no contest**" at any time during the game when there is an eight (8) goal spread.

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- 6.2 A **MERCY RULE** will be in effect for all games. If there is a five (5) goal spread at the beginning of the Stop Time period (last 5 min of play), straight time will commence.

7. GRACE TIME

- 7.1 Due to the importance of staying on schedule, a team will be allowed five (5) minutes grace time from the starting time on the schedule to have their team on the ice.
- 7.2 After the five (5) minute grace time the period will start, one (1) goal will be awarded every five (5) minutes to the non-offending team who is on the ice.
- 7.3 After the 1st period, if the team is still unable to have at least six (6) players on the ice, they will forfeit the game.
- 7.4 Teams must have a minimum of six (6) players on the ice (including the goaltender) during a game.

8. DELIBERATELY THROWING A GAME

- 8.1 Any team who “**deliberately**” throws a game will be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.

9. PROTESTS

- 9.1 Protest must be made **PRIOR** to the start of the second (2nd) period of the game in which is being protested. (Protest Form will be included in the team package)
- 9.2 All on ice calls made by the referee will be final and cannot be protested
- 9.3 Protests can only be made by the **Coach or Manager** listed on the team entry form.
- 9.4 In order for the protest to be heard, **\$200 cash** must be given to the YFNHA Protest Committee.
- 9.5 The \$200 protest fee will be either:
- 9.5.1 Reimbursed to the Coach or Manager if the decision is in-favor of the disputing team; or
- 9.5.2 Lost, if the decision is against the disputing team.
- 9.6 All decisions made by the YFNHA Protest Committee are final!

10. PENALTIES AND MAJOR PENALTIES

- 10.1 All minor penalties assessed at any time during straight time will be assessed at three (3) minutes in duration.
- 10.2 All major penalties assessed during straight time will be assessed seven (7) minutes in duration. The player who receives the major will be ejected from the game.

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- 10.3 Any player in the 'A' Division who receives a five-minute major penalty for fighting will also receive a Game Misconduct.
- 10.4 Any player in 'A' Division who receives a second penalty for fighting will be ejected from the remainder of the tournament.
- 10.5 Any player in 'A' Division who receives a Game Misconduct penalty for fighting during the last ten minutes of a game will also receive an automatic game suspension for the team's next game.
- 10.6 Any player fighting in 'B', 'C', OT's & Women's Divisions receiving a major penalty for fighting will be ejected from the remainder of the tournament.
THERE WILL BE NO FIGHTING IN ANY OF THESE DIVISIONS!!
- 10.7 There will be **NO checking** in any Division!
- 10.8 There will be **NO slap shots** in the Old Timers Division!
- 10.9 Where in the Hockey Canada (HC) rulebook, any player(s) receiving a Gross Misconduct or Match penalties will be suspended from the tournament.
- 10.9.1 HC suspension guidelines for Match penalties will carry a minimum three (3) game suspension. The YFNHA Executive Committee reserves the right to assess suspensions of longer duration, including suspension from future tournaments.
- 10.9.2 The referee shall report any Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, and Match Penalty incidents to the YFNHA Executive Committee.
- 10.10 Any player deliberately injuring, or attempting to injure another player (Match Penalty) will be ejected from the remainder of the tournament and could receive an indefinite suspension from future YFNHA tournaments.
- 10.11 Any player or coach displaying unsportsmanlike conduct could be indefinitely suspended from the tournament.

11. SUSPENSION

- 11.1 Any player who is under suspension from a Hockey Canada-affiliated league is ineligible to participate as a player or team official in the tournament.

12. EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 CSA approved hockey equipment is required.
- 12.2 It is mandatory that all players wear C.S.A approved helmets with chinstrap properly fastened under the chin.
- 12.3 All players eighteen (18) years of age and under will wear CSA certified facial protector and approved neck protection in all games.
- 12.4 There will be no stick measurements throughout the tournament.

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13. INJURIES ASSESSMENT

- 13.1 If a player is injured during a game, they must be assessed by a St. Johns Ambulance attendant or obtain medical clearance to re-enter that game.
- 13.2 If a player refuses to be assessed by St. John's Ambulance attendant, or does not have medical clearance, will not go back on the ice to continue that game. **There are no exceptions to this rule!**

14. ABUSE OF OFFICIALS / REFEREES

- 14.1 There will be no abusive language or behavior tolerated from spectators or players towards YFNHA officials or on-ice and off-ice officials.
- 14.2 Officials have the right to eject a player from the current game for abusive language or behavior towards him/her.
- 14.3 Officials have the right to inform the YFNHA Executive of any abuse towards them from spectators. The YFNHA Executive(s) reserve the right to eject any spectator(s) from the facility if such behavior is reported.

15. ALCOHOL or DRUG USE

- 15.1 Any player under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to play in any game. **This rule is for the protection of all players and to eliminate serious injuries. Coaches and Managers are also required to adhere to this rule.**
- 15.2 The referee may eject a player, coach or manager from the game if suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

16. OTHER

- 16.1 Coaches and Managers are responsible for their team and players conduct on and off the ice.
- 16.2 All players must read and sign the waiver on the entry form prior to the start of their first game; otherwise, the game will not proceed!
- 16.3 The scheduling of referees will not be altered for any hockey team.

Registration opens on Thursday, February 1st, 2024 and the deadline is Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 @4pm Yukon Time.

PAYMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE REGISTRATION!!

- Email your registration to yfnhahockey@gmail.com, and text or call 867.456-7294 with your team's name & division.
- You will be contacted when your registration and payment is confirmed.