



2024 G4H Jam Tournament

Divisions, Rules & Cancellation Policy

Tournament Divisions

Please read and select the appropriate division for your team based on the description below. We reserve the right to change your selected division (with notice) should we determine that another division would be a better fit based on your team's experience level. Divisions are newly defined as of 2024.

Advanced Adult Division: Participants in this division are 18+ and are experienced hockey players. The majority of participants on these teams have collegiate or high school playing experience. Some players may have started as adults, but have many years of experience and play regularly. Depending on the number of registrations, G4H may subdivide this division based on the general experience level of teams to ensure a fun and competitive experience.

NEW – Adult Novice Competitive Division: Participants in this division are 18+. The majority of participants are newer to hockey, starting as adults, but who play or practice with some regularity. Most players have 2-5 years of hockey/skating experience. Players in this division may not exceed 5 years of playing experience. Those with 5+ years of experience must move to Advanced Adult Division. Novice players looking for a more competitive experience (your team cares about the score), should select this division.

NEW – Adult Recreational Division: Participants in this division are 18+. The majority of participants are newer to hockey and have not played or practiced with regularity. Most of players have 0 – 3 years of hockey experience and do not play or practice organized hockey. Players may have limited skating experience or can skate, but lack stick skills. Participants in this division cannot exceed 3 years of somewhat consistent playing experience.

14U/High School Division: This division is open to players ages 13 – 19. The majority of players will have some high school or youth hockey experience, but participants may also play informally (pond hockey, etc.). 19 year olds may choose to play in this division or level up to adult divisions.

Tournament Rules*

- 1) Anyone participating in the tournament must have a waiver on file. No exceptions. Teams can be made up of 4 – 6 players. Games are 3 on 3. Players must be age 13 or older to participate.
- 2) Participants are required to bring and wear skates, helmets, gloves, and sticks. We will not have any on-site for you. We highly recommend that all helmets have a cage. Cages are required for anyone in the high school division. Knee and elbow pads are also strongly recommended.

- 3) Games will be played in a round robin format within division. In the event of too many teams for round robin format or not enough teams to fill out a division, we reserve the right to change to a bracket-based format. Four games are still guaranteed for each team.
- 4) For timing purposes, all rinks will start at the same time. Each game will start and end based on the announcement and countdown of the announcer and/or sound of the buzzer. Games are played in two 12-minute halves with a 2-minute break between each half.
- 5) Goalie sticks are not permitted. No goaltending is allowed during games. You may not fall or lay on ice to block shots or passes. Players may not patrol, "camp out" or remain stationary in the crease area and act as a goaltender. A defender may deflect the puck in the crease area, but the defender must do so while continuing to move through the crease area. The crease area is defined as an imaginary box extending out three feet from outside the corners of the goals.
- 6) No slap shots allowed. Saucer passes are allowed, but must remain below the knee.
- 7) If a puck goes out of bounds (including onto another rink), the last team to touch the puck loses possession. The defending team must give the team with the puck two stick lengths upon restart.
- 8) After a goal, the team who just scored must return to their defensive half of the ice and allow the other team to break out.
- 9) After a goal is scored, the defensive team must be given a reasonable chance to get back to their defensive end before play resumes. The team who was just scored on cannot take the puck out of their net and immediately shoot for the opposing team's goal.
- 10) Each "rink" will have a Rink Monitor who will serve as scorekeeper and referee. Rink monitors will keep score and have the power to call "no goal" based on goaltending violations, etc. They also can determine who starts with possession of the puck should the puck go out of bounds. Rink monitors can assess minor and major penalties. Minor penalties (example: tripping) will result in puck possession for the other team. Any major penalties (fighting, foul language, etc.) will result in immediate ejection from the tournament. If this is argued or escalates, players risk a permanent tournament ban. There is a zero-tolerance policy for this. Our scorekeepers are volunteers!

***Please note: In the event of inclement weather and a location change, we reserve the right to amend the rules above. Rules for indoor ice or floor hockey rules and timing may change slightly. See below for inclement weather/cancellation policy.**

Scoring & Round Robin Play

- 1) We will be playing a points system with W-L-T. Wins are 2 points, Ties are 1 point and Losses are 0 points. Teams with the most points (1 vs 2) will play in the Championship game in their division. Consolation games will also be determined by points (3 v 4, 5 v 6)

- 2) Tie Breaks are head-to-head (team record when playing each other). If this does not break the tie, then the team with the fewest goals against advances.
- 3) Round Robin games can end in a tie. Playoff games will be sudden death after a 1-minute break.

Equipment Requirements

All participating players are required to wear (at minimum) skates, helmet, and gloves. Cages are required for anyone in the 14U/HS Division and recommended for all. We also strongly recommend that everyone wears knee and elbow pads if possible. Additional equipment welcome. Goalie sticks are not permitted.

Severe/Inclement Weather/Lack of Ice Policy

As this is an outdoor event with varying weather conditions, G4H reserves the right to change locations or format or cancel the event as needed for the safety of participants. When possible, decisions about relocating/reformatting/cancellation will be made 48-hours prior to the tournament. We will alert all team captains and free agents to any changes in schedule or format as soon as a decision has been made and will send our further instructions as needed.

Before considering cancellation, we will look at format or location changes for the event. Format changes could include playing boot hockey (no skates if ice is thick, but unskateable), playing abbreviated "halves" to expedite the tournament before inclement weather, etc. Other options could include location changes such as moving to a local indoor ice facility to play cross-ice 3 v 3 (as done in 2023) or to moving to an indoor court to play floor hockey if ice is unavailable.

If no alternative options are available, we will cancel the tournament and issue refunds for individuals/teams registered. Refunds will not be issued if an alternative option is provided, but in a different format.