

2017 WES For Youth Online High School Hockey Tournament

Welcome to the 6th Annual WES For Youth Online High School Hockey Tournament as hosted by Sacred Heart High School in Walkerton. The tournament will feature 18 teams, 10 boys and 8 girls. Every attempt has been made to balance the schedule for all teams within the ice time constraints.

*** Please note that this is a charity event and that it will promote mental health awareness among teens and their parents through the WES For Youth Online Organization. Resources will be provided to each team prior to their first game and coaches should be prepared for someone from the WES For Youth Online Organization to briefly speak to their teams before their first game...this is a very important component of the tournament and it sets the tone for the two days of hockey and fun. A free hot lunch will be provided on Wednesday for all teams in the upstairs of the Walkerton and Durham arena from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please let us know if the schedule does not allow you to visit either arena and we will deliver the lunches to you. We encourage all teams to attend. Snacks and drinks will be available for reasonable cost both days at all arenas. Free mental health awareness resources will be available to players and parents at all arenas along with WES for Youth memorabilia and clothing for cost. There will be an MVP chosen from each team for each game played – coaches will choose the MVP's from their own teams. Each player in the tournament will receive WES for Youth tournament swag. The Best Western in Walkerton is offering discounted rates for teams that are interested.**

Tournament Format

Boys teams will play 4 round robin games against each team in their division. Rankings within each division will be determined using the points system below. The top two teams in each division will advance to the semi-finals. We will keep an up-to-date points chart in each arena so that teams are prepared to go the semi-final games.

Girls teams will play 3 round robin games against each team in their division. Rankings within each division will be determined using the points system below. The top two teams in each division will advance to the semis, 3rd place in each division will play off in the “Smiley Cup Game” and 4th place in each division will play off in the consolation game. We will need a phone contact for FE Madill and John Diefenbaker so that we can let them know which arena they will play in for their 4th game.

Each team is guaranteed 4 games over the 2 day event.

Game Format

- There will be a 3 minute warm-up before each game. Please be prepared to start 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for your game.
- All pool games will consist of 10-10-12 minute stop time periods with a flood after each game and no changing of ends. Each game will have a winner decided. Ties after regulation will be decided using a sudden-death 3 on 3 (plus goalies) 4 minute OT period, followed by a 3 player shootout.
- Penalties will carry forward into the OT period. Teams will play 4 on 3 for the 1st penalty infraction, then non-offending team will add a player to go to 5 on 3 if a 2nd penalty is called during the OT period.
- Teams will designate their 3 shooters for the shootout after the OT period. If a tie still exists following the 3 player shootout, then a sudden-death shootout will occur with new shooters (original 3 shooters cannot shoot again). After the 10th round of the shootout teams may opt to allow any shooter on their roster to take the next shot until a winner is determined.

The ice will be re-surfaced at the conclusion of each game.

Point System for Pool Play

- **3.5 points for a shutout win**
- **3 points for a regulation win**
- **2 points for an OT or shootout win**
- **1 point for an OT or shootout loss**
- **a forfeited game results in a 1-0 score and 3 points awarded**

Tie-Breaking Format for Pool Results (order of importance)

- Highest total points using the point system above
- Winner of game between tied teams (only for 2-way tie)
- Best ratio between tied teams $((GF - GA) / GA)$ (for 3-way tie)
- Most goals for
- Fewest goals against
- Least penalty minutes during pool play

Playoff Round Format

Championship games on Thursday will be 12-12-12 with a flood after each game, time permitting.

Penalties and Eligibility

- **Any student who plays on a Junior A, B, C, D team is ineligible for the tournament.**
- Hockey Canada playing rules in effect with the following tournament additions:
- **Match penalty, fighting major, or gross misconduct** – tournament ejection and letter submitted to offending school's principal for Athletic discipline
- Other **major penalties**: ejection from that game plus one game suspension
- 3 penalty infractions in one game or 8 minutes in minor penalties – ejection from that game (note: a double minor counts as one infraction)
- **Misconducts** - a player who receives his second 10 minute misconduct during the same game will be suspended for one additional game.
- any player who receives a GM attached to a minor check from behind penalty will be suspended for one additional game if the penalty occurs in the 3rd period of play
- Referees decisions are final... all referees are certified level 3 officials

Overtime Format for Playoff Games

- The overtime format for playoff games will consist of a 10 minute period of 3 on 3. Periods will continue as 3 on 3 until a goal is scored.
- Penalties that are assessed during OT will be 2 minutes in duration. The non-offending team will add a player to the ice during the length of the penalty. If the penalty expires and the offending player leaves the penalty box, the teams will resume the proper number of skaters on the ice at the first whistle.
- All penalties incurred during regulation time carry forward into the OT.
- Player substitutions will be allowed on whistles during the overtime.
- There will be no shoot-outs used to determine a winner of playoff games.

Time-outs

- One time-out per game is allowed during the tournament (regulation time only).

Dressing Rooms

Coaches, please check your assigned dressing rooms carefully and report any damage to the convenor immediately. Teams/schools will be held responsible for any blatant neglect of the facilities during the tournament.

Thank you for your support and participation!