

2015 Wes For Youth Online High School Hockey Tournament

Welcome to the 3rd Annual Wes For Youth Online High School Hockey Tournament as hosted by Sacred Heart High School in Walkerton. The tournament will feature 14 teams, 8 boys and 6 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 Foundation. 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 Foundation 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 pasta lunch will be provided on Wednesday for all teams in the upstairs of the Walkerton arena from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We encourage all teams to attend. On Thursday, pizza will be available to players for a reasonable cost in the Walkerton arena along with snacks and drinks. 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 also be a “game of chance” at the Walkerton arena with many great prizes available. There will be an MVP chosen from each team for each game played – opposing coaches will choose the MVP’s. Each player in the tournament will receive a Wes for Youth tournament swag. The Best Western in Walkerton is offering discounted rates for teams that are interested.**

Tournament Format

There will be 2 pools of 4 teams for boys and 2 pools of 3 for girls. Boys teams will play within their division to make 3 pool games. Girls will play 2 games within their division plus one crossover game to make 3 pool games. Rankings within each pool will be determined using the points system below. Girls teams will return on Thursday to play a round-robin game and then all teams will compete in the championship rounds as specified on the schedule. Each team is guaranteed 4 games over the 2 day event. **Girls’ opponents and game location/time for the playoff round games will not be finalized until the end of pool play games on Thursday at 10:00 am – teams must be sure to provide contact information to the convenor at the arena where they complete pool play. Boys teams will have their playoff rounds finalized on Wednesday and will be contacted Wednesday evening to confirm.**

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 10-12-12 minute periods. Each game will have a winner decided. Ties after regulation will be decided using a sudden-death 4 on 4 (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 can not 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 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 every 2 periods of play, 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 declining player system of 2 minute periods starting with 4 on 4 (plus a goalie), followed by 3 on 3, 2 on 2, 1 on 1.
- 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!