

**Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association**  
**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FEMALE MIDGET SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT**  
**TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**1. General Format** - The Tournament shall be a three team single-round-robin series with a championship final game.

**2. Game Format:**

- (i) Pre-game warm-up - 5 minutes.
- (ii) Periods will be three 20-minute stop time periods.
- (iii) Time permitting, there will be an ice clean prior to the start of each period.

**3. Tie Games:** If a game is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be a one-minute break and then a 5-minute stop time sudden victory period. If the game is still tied at the end of the first overtime period, the game shall remain a tie.

**4. Round-Robin Standings:** Standings in the round-robin will be determined as follows:

(a) Most point obtained. Points for games shall be 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. In addition, in each game, an additional point called the Sportsmanship Point shall be awarded to a team qualifying, should it achieve low penalty minutes as follows: ● Female Midget - 12 minutes or less, provided the team incurs no Major, Misconduct, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match penalties in the game.

(b) If two or more teams are tied for any position, standings will be determined by ranking the teams on the basis of most wins.

(c) If two or more teams are still tied after (b), standings will be determined by ranking the remaining teams on the basis of least losses.

(d) If two or more teams are still tied after (c), standings shall be determined by considering only those games played by the tied teams against each other (head-to-head games):

- (i) team with best winning percentage in these games
- (ii) team with most goals for in these games
- (iii) team with least goals against in these games

If after either step (d)(i) or step (d)(ii) a team's ranking can be determined, that team shall not be considered further in the subsequent step(s). However, the goals for and goals against used to evaluate steps (d)(ii) and (d)(iii) shall still include the head-to-head games involving the team(s) whose ranking was determined after steps (d)(i) and/or (d)(ii).

(e) If two or more teams are still tied after (d), standings shall be determined by considering:

- (i) Team with most goals for in the tournament.
- (ii) Team with fewest goals against in the tournament.
- (iii) Team with fewest penalty minutes.
- (iv) Team winning the toss of a coin.

**5. Championship Final Games:**

(a) The two teams with the best records at the end of the round-robin shall play a single game championship final. The "home" team shall be the first place team in the round-robin.

(b) If a game is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be a one-minute break and then a 5-minute stop time sudden victory period. If the game is still tied at the end of the first overtime period, the game shall remain a tie and the teams shall be declared co-champions.

**6. Playing Rules and Penalties:**

(a) Playing rules shall be those of Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, and PCAHA.

(b) **Equal Icetime:** As nearly as possible, all players shall be given equal icetime, regardless of ability.

(c) **Penalties:**

(i) Any player or team official incurring any one of the following penalties shall be disqualified from further tournament play and shall become ineligible for any tournament awards:

- Fighting (5-min. Major plus Game Misconduct)
- Checking From Behind (5-min. Major plus Game Misconduct)
- Match Penalty
- Gross Misconduct

In addition, the Tournament Rules Committee shall review all Game Misconduct penalties (other than those listed above) for possible additional suspension and/or other disciplinary action.

(ii) Any player incurring a second 10-minute Misconduct in the Tournament shall be subject to review by the Tournament Rules Committee.

(iii) Any player incurring any combination of four (4) penalties in any one game shall be ejected from that game.

(iv) Notwithstanding the above, the Tournament Committee shall be empowered to take such disciplinary action or impose suspensions as may be necessary to insure clean play, sportsmanship, and the calibre of hockey in the Tournament.

**7. Disputes:** Disputes shall be adjudicated by a three person Tournament Rules Committee, which shall be appointed by the Special Events Committee Chairman. A decision of the Tournament Rules Committee shall be final.