



BVHS U13 Cowtown Classic Tournament

December 18 - 21, 2025

We are looking forward to a fabulous weekend of hockey and good times for all of our players and their families!

Tournament Rules

Attached to this document you will find a full description of the tournament rules. All Hockey Calgary Rules, Regulations and Minimum Suspension Policies are in full effect. A copy of the tournament rules will be available in the box for every game. Please read these very carefully and bring any questions forward that you may have.

Tournament Referees

As per Hockey Calgary Regulations, if a referee fails to show up for a game, it is the responsibility of one of the coaches from each team to officiate the game. In preparation for this unlikely event, please ensure one member of your coaching staff is prepared. All game decisions made by the referees will be final and there will be zero tolerance for any referee abuse.

Team MVP's and Final Game Medals

Following each game, the coaches will choose one player from their own team! Medals will be presented on ice and followed up with a team picture. These will be brought down to the ice surface by a Bow Valley representative.

Volunteers

Bow Valley provides volunteers to run the clock and scoresheet. However, please communicate with your teams that in the event we have a volunteer not show up we will be asking for assistance from the teams to step in.



Game Sheet Preparation and Management

Prior to each game the team manager or coach must complete a game sheet that will be kept at the registration table in the main lobby of the arena.

The Tournament Committee will enter all of the game sheets into the Hockey Calgary website and will send them to the respective league chairs.

Tournament Officials

There will be a member of the BVHS Board of Directors or Office Staff at every game being played. This person will collect the white copy of all game sheets and will be available to answer any questions or deal with any problems that may arise.

Tournament Contacts

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Tournament Rules and Structure

1. Tournament game play rules will strictly adhere to Hockey Calgary Rules, Regulations and Minimum Suspension Guidelines. Round robin standings, tie breaker decisions and overtime play will be determined by the Tournament Committee.
2. All games will start on time. Any team unable to play 5 minutes after the scheduled start time will forfeit the game. The designated visiting team will be awarded a 1-0 win.
3. Only Association registered and approved players will be allowed to play, with the exception of players from the officially affiliated team. Dressing and/or using ineligible players will result in forfeiture of the game.
4. If game officials do not show up for your game, one coach from each team will be required to officiate the game as per Hockey Calgary Rules.
5. All registered players are expected to play in each game with the exception of injured players, and players under discipline.
6. Any player not having proper equipment (including a mouth guard and throat protector) will not be permitted to play. Please note mouth guards only apply to Calgary teams.
7. All game decisions made by the referees will be considered final.
8. Any player or team official who receives a game misconduct or a gross misconduct, will automatically be suspended in accordance with Hockey Calgary regulations. Hockey Calgary League Division Chairs will be notified of the infraction and proceed with due course.
9. Any players under suspension must be indicated as sitting out that game for said suspension on the official game sheet. Failure to sit out suspended players will result in forfeiture of the game, expulsion from the tournament and Hockey Calgary will be notified.
10. Unsportsmanlike behaviour (including leaving the ice before game completion) shown by any team players or coaches will result in expulsion from the tournament. No financial reimbursement will be given to any team disqualified from tournament participation.
11. Home teams will wear dark coloured jerseys, visiting teams will wear light coloured jerseys.
12. Volunteers are supplied by Bow Valley for Scoreclock, Scoresheet and Penalty boxes. These are volunteer ran and run the risk of needing some assistance in the event a spot is not filled.
13. All games will be 75 minutes long consisting of a three minute warm up and then a 15minute 1st and 15 Minute 2nd and 15 Minute 3rd. There will be no time outs or overtime play in the round robin games.
14. If for any reason the game cannot be completed within the scheduled time, at the first stoppage of play after time reaches 5 minutes left on the permit, the clock will be reset to 2 minutes and the remainder of the game will be completed with stop time.
15. After each game there will be an MVP and Heart and Hustle award given to 2 players from each team. Coaches will choose the player from their own team.



16. Round robin points will be awarded as follows: 2 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; and 0 points for a loss.
17. Team standings following the completion of round robin play will be used to determine the participants of the final games - #1 vs. #2 and #3 vs. #4.
18. Ties in round robin play will be decided as follows:
 - A. First tie breaker is head to head. Does not apply unless all tied teams have played each other, except that if one team has played, and has defeated all of the other tied teams, then that team will then advance.
 - B. Second tie breaker – seven goal differential will apply. Highest goals for minus goals against differential, based on a maximum of seven goals per game differential. (All goals against are added).
I.e. Game 1 – Team A wins 15 to 4. Team A gets 11 goals for and 4 against. Team B gets 4 goals for and 15 against. After 4 games, Team A has a total of 24 Goals for and 19 goals against, $24 - 19 = +5$.
 - C. Third tie breaker is HIGHEST DECIMAL. GF divided by (GF +GA). Highest decimal is the winner. The maximum number of goals for differential counted is +7, so if you beat an opponent 20 to 0, it will count as a 7 – 0 win, for goals for, and goals percentage. After 4 games Team A has a total of 24 goals for and 19 goals against. $24 \text{ divided by } 43 = 0.558$
 - D. Fourth tie breaker is least amount of penalties.
 - E. Fifth tie breaker is to flip a coin.
19. Ties in the final games will be decided by a 3 player shoot out. The team scoring the most goals wins. Following the 3 player shoot out, if the game remains tied, each team will supply another shooter until one team scores and the other does not. No shooter can be repeated until all players participate. The home team will shoot first, followed by the visiting team.
20. A coach or manager from each team must verify the game sheet before the game begins.
21. The Tournament Committee will collect all white game sheets and enter them into the Hockey Calgary website for each game played. It will be each team's responsibility to ensure their own game sheets get to their respective league chairs or associations if required.
22. It is the responsibility of team coaches and managers to ensure that dressing rooms are left clean and respectable following each game.
23. Any questions should be directed to the Tournament Committee through your team manager or coach. Tournament related complaints and grievances are to be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee by a coach or manager.



Please Note:

Failure to follow tournament rules and/or format may result in the forfeiture of games or expulsion from the tournament. Please let the Tournament Committee know if you are unclear about anything written here. Please follow the Fair Play Code. The Tournament Committee will have final say in all matters of dispute.