



2025 Deen Cup Format and Rules – Boys Ball Hockey

Age requirements by Divisions

All Players - must be of the Islamic Faith

All Players must have reverted by Jan 1st, 2024.

Divisions

- DIVISION A – WOMENS (16+)
 - DIVISION B - U15 -Born 2010-2011-2012 (Ages 15- 14-13)
 - DIVISION C - U12 -Born 2013-2014-2015 (Ages 12-11-10)
 - DIVISION D – U9 – Born 2016-2017-2018(Ages 9-8-7)
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- Age is based on birth year not on actual age of the player. All coaches must be able to provide digital or tangible ID for each player such as a health card throughout the tournament. In the event a player is not meeting the age requirements, the player and the team may be penalized with a suspension and or fine, at the organizer's discretion.
 - A player may play up a division from their birth year however no over age player is allowed to play in a lower division. All Players must be on the roster to be eligible to play. Players must pay to play in both divisions
 - Any team found to have violated eligibility rules will be suspect to Fines and or ejection from the tournament. Any formal complaint being raised in regard to a team carrying illegal players can only be brought by the team manager. A \$200 nonrefundable fee will apply for organizers to investigate however it will be up to the organizing committee to determine weather or not to pursue the request. Please **NOTE** if an allegation from the complaining team is proven to be **false**, there will be further punishment to that team as we take very seriously any suggestion that holds false allegations or is questioning another person's faith. **If it is determined a team is found guilty of having an illegal player on its roster or participating in a game, that team will be**

immediately disqualified from the tournament. Furthermore, all players and coaches associated with that team will be declared ineligible to participate in any remaining games

- All Team Managers **must** complete declaration form to confirm Player eligibility of their team the onus and responsibility is on them to ensure all players are Muslims. Form must be signed and returned before the first game.

Team Communication

- All communication conducted to the teams will only be done through the Team Manger who registered the team.

All Teams must adhere to deadline for Rosters, Waivers, Fees, T-Shirt Order

General Game Play Format:

- All Round Robin will be 30 Mins Run Time split into **2 x 15-minute periods**.
- Playoff Games will be Stopped Time **30 minutes** – split into **2 x 15-minute periods**.
- Div A will play **4 games** (round robin)
- Div B, C,D will play **3 games** (round robin) –
- Div A will have 1 Semi Final between team Ranked #2 & 3
- For Div B,C,D all teams will make the Semis.

Playing Surface

- All Divisions will play the Full Arena

Roster Size

- Min Roster is 16 to a max Roster = 20 players (including Goalie)
- Only Players on the submitted Roster are allowed to play.
- **Younger players playing up a division must be on the submitted roster, once the roster deadline has passed no additional changes will be allowed**

Team & Coaching Staff

- All Coaches **MUST** be on the rosters - Max only 3 Coaches per team can be behind the bench in a game.
- If more then 3 Coaches are behind the bench, we will ask one coach to leave if the coach does not leave the team will be assessed a minor penalty.
- Teams are allowed 1 additional trainer behind the bench
- **MAX 3** Coaches and 1 Trainer are allowed behind the bench
- At minimum 1 of the Coaches **must be a Female** – **ONLY** the Female Coach is allowed to step on the Arena floor to help a player with an injury.
- **NO MALE Coaches are allowed on the floor to take part in shaking of hands between the players** we ask all Male coaches to stay behind the bench.

- NO MALE Coaches are to enter a dressing room – if they wish to give a team talk they must ensure the Female coach's check to ensure all players are fully dressed and must grant permission to enter the dressing room. Once the talk is over and they leave the room a Male coach is not allowed to re enter the room. Any male coach violating this rule will be asked to leave the tournament and facility.

Schedule

For all games Teams must be ready to play 10 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time as Games **may start early**. Any adjustments to schedule will be at the discretion of the Deen Cup Organizing Committee.

Uniforms

Each team is to provide their own uniforms. We will have pinnies in the instances where the colour matches.

Dressing Rooms – Teams will be assigned dressing rooms per the schedule there will be **NO assigned rooms for the duration of the tournament**. Each team will have 10 mins after your game ends and then needs to vacate to allow the next team to change. **Note: each individual is to ensure they secure all your valuables.** The Deen Cup is not responsible for any lost or stolen property – please ensure any valuables are NOT left unattended. **The Arena no longer provides a lock for dressing rooms each team needs o bring your own lock.**

Salah

The Deen Cup will provide a Salah area in one of the community rooms when available. We encourage everyone to observe prayer and pray for the deceased in our families and communities and for all our brothers and Sisters who are suffering around the world.

Spectators

NO SPECTATORS will be allowed on the Arena floor or behind the bench –

Only Players, Female Coaches, Referees and Organizing members are allowed on the Arena floor.

- Each team will be responsible for their own fans. If their fans cause any trouble then either a penalty, suspension to the managers/players or fines can be assessed. Any fans causing trouble will be expelled from the arena.
- Spectators must be reminded that the orange ball can travel into the crowd at a high rate of speed and are required to give their full attention during game play
- All Fans are expected to remain in the spectator seating area

Equipment

- **CSA APPROVED HELMETS WITH FACE SHIELD AND GLOVES ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL PLAYERS.** Shin pads, Elbow pads and Jock are highly recommended. – No Sharing of equipment is allowed. **FACE SHIELD IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PLAYERS NO EXCEPTION**
- No plastic blades allowed
- Goaltenders are required to be fully fitted with complete goalie equipment. Only CSA-approved goalie helmets allowed
- A hard regulation orange ball hockey ball will be used
- Referees have the authority to disallow participation of any players that are in violation with equipment policies
- Any type of jewelry (necklaces, rings etc.) are totally prohibited during game play
- Each team is responsible for their own water bottles

Game Play Format for all Divisions

- Teams must have a min of 4 players to start a game. - The game can start with the minimum allowed Players and a Goalie. If a Team has less than this and the Referee blows the whistle to start the game, then this will be automatic default and forfeit and will result in a 4-0 loss. Games will start as soon as the previous game is over due to time constraints.
- If a game is called due to default due to lack of players or a team defaults a game by not showing up to a game, that team will be automatically penalized with 4- 0 loss. Teams who do not show up will also be liable for fine and will not be invited back to future tournaments.
- OFFICIALS / REFEREES – Each game will have at minimum a Single Referee that will call the games. Games may have 2 Officials this will be determined by the Deen Cup Organizing Committee.
- There will be no Time outs during the Round Robin.
- For Semi and Finals Each Team will have one 30 Sec Time out per game (**not per period**). You can only call a time out at a stoppage of play. The team must notify the Referee of the Timeout Request.
- Mercy Rule Round Robin → **If a team has a 6-goal spread or more with 5 or less mins in the 2nd period, the game is over.**
- Offside – will be in effect for all games all divisions
- Icing will NOT be effect for all games For Div D & C
- **Hybrid Icing rule will be in effect for Div A & B**
The rule applies as follows when there is a race to win the ball
*If defending players reaches hash marks first, whistle blown, face off in other end zone
*If attacking player is first to hash marks, wave off icing, play continues

* If players are tied, whistle blown

*Play continues if goalie leaves the crease to play the ball

Referee will determine icing or not, players are to listen for the Referees call.

- Minor penalties such as swearing, slashing, hooking, tripping, cross checking, high sticking, delay of game, unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate stick work will result in a two-minute penalty. More serious offenses, including, but not limited to, spearing and/or butt-ending and fighting will result in ejections or teams being disqualified, at the discretion of the tournament organizers. Fighting is defined as one punch.
- Minor Penalty will be 2 mins, Major Penalty will be 5 mins. – All penalties will be at the discretion of the referees.
- Any player accumulating 6 minutes in penalties in one game will result in an automatic ejection from the game
- A major penalty or an Intent to injury penalty that takes place in the last 5 mins of the game will be an automatic Game Ejection and will come with an automatic 1 Game Suspension. This will be on top of the game ejection which could result in a 2 Game Suspension which will be at the Referees discretion. There will be NO appeal process
- All suspension and fines will be determined by the Referees in consultation with tournament organizers.
- SPORTSMANSHIP- Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. Abuse of the referees or tournament organizers will not be tolerated. Any instance of such conduct will lead to ejection and could result in fines to the team.
- All Handshakes will take place **BEFORE** the game – there will be no Handshakes at the end of the game
- There is **NO OFFICIAL** video-replay where goals or penalties are concerned either during the game or after the game. Whatever the referees decide during the game is official. Referees can use video available to them to make the correct ruling on the rink floor this is at the sole discretion of the Referees.

Standings and Playoffs

- Playoff ranking will be determined based on round robin performance.
 - 2 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss

If points are tied, rankings will be determined by the following, in priority:

- a) Win/Loss record (most wins advances)
- b) Head to Head (if applicable – **only applicable** if 2 Teams are tied – if more than 2 teams, then must move to next tie breaker rule)
- c) Goals differential (GF - GA)
- d) Goals for (highest total advances)
- e) Coin Toss

All the scores and standings will be posted on our website, final seeding will **ONLY** be determined after the last Round Robin game. We will post the final seeding on the website and share at the tournament once all tie breakers have been determined.

Playoff OT Format

- All Playoff games will be Stop Time 2 X 15 Min Periods
- Each Team will get one 30 seconds time per game **NOT** per period
- Mercy Rule → If at any point during a playoff game a team has a **5-goal spread the game will become run time. If it becomes a 6-goal spread or more with 5 or less mins in the 2nd period, the game is over.**
- Medals will be handed out at the end of the Final Championship games medals are for Players only.
- If a Semi Final Playoff game ends in a tie at the end of regulation, then a 3 Player shootout will take place. if after 3 shooters the score is still tied, then a sudden death shootout will take place. Teams must have every player on the roster shoot before players can take another shot. Note: in the event teams do not have the same number of players on the roster both teams can start to repeat shooters after the last player of the team with the smaller rosters have had everyone shoot once. Example if a team A has 16 players and Team B has 20 players both teams must send 16 different players if after 16 player the score is still tied then both teams can have players who have already shot go again, this process must repeat itself until there is winner The Penalty shootout will start at center, both shooters will go at the same time. There is no additional Time Out in the Semi Final game, with the only exception if you have not already used your 1 Timeout during the game, then you may call a Timeout in OT.

- If a Championship Final Playoff game ends in a tie at the end of regulation, there will be a 5-minute sudden death Overtime period **4 on 4** If the game is still tied at the end of OT then a 3 Player shootout will take place. if after 3 shooters the score is still tied, then a sudden death shootout will take place. Teams must have every player on the roster shoot before players can take another shot. Note: in the event teams do not have the same number of players on the roster both teams can start to repeat shooters after the last player of the team with the smaller rosters have had everyone shoot once. Example if a team A has 16 players and Team B has 20 players both teams must send 16 different players if after 16 player the score is still tied then both teams can have players who have already shoot go again, this process must repeat itself until there is winner The Penalty shootout will start at center, both shooters will go at the same time. In the Championship Final there will be no add'l timeout in OT, with the only exception if you have not already used your Timeout during the game, then you may call a Timeout in OT.
- **Game Sheets**
Game sheets will be preprinted based off Rosters submitted, if teams provide Jersey Numbers on the official Roster forms by the roster deadline, then we will include the numbers on the game sheet. If numbers are not provided on the Roster form by the deadline, then it will be the Teams responsibility to update for each game, the tournament will not update once the game sheet is printed. This applies for Round Robin games and Playoff Games.

It is each Teams responsibility to ensure you review the sheet prior to the game for accuracy.

No Players can be added to the game sheet after Roster deadline

General Conduct

- Paul Coffey Arena is a Public space any infraction or activity they deem violates the Mississauga City rules they will enforce and will result in ejection or further action including ejection of calling of authorities, anyone entering the building **MUST** abide by all Community Center Rules.
- The Deen Cup is **NOT** responsible for any lost or stolen property each individual is to ensure they **secure** all their valuables.
- All Players **MUST** complete and sign the Waiver form - Team Coaches or Managers must submit by the due date or are ineligible to play.
- **Garbage/Clean Up** - We ask everyone that includes Players and Spectators to support keeping the arena clean please pick up your own garbage and dispose of it in Garbage or Recycle Bins.
- Smoking/Vaping is not allowed IN THE BUILDING nor near the entrance doorways of the arena AND Shisha/Hookah smoking is prohibited in the front of the rink and on the front lawns. Any violation of the city rules may be enforced by arena staff leading to ejection and or calling of authorities