



Flamborough Falcons  
Winter Chill Tournament

January 13-15, 2023

OWHA Sanction #2223064

*The City of Hamilton has a ban in place prohibiting any hockey teams from warming up in the city arenas. It is a safety concern and having players run up and down the stairs, or in the hallways, poses a risk to all who are in the arena at the time.*

*ALL warm-ups are to be done outside the arena only. Stretching and low level warm-ups may be done in the assigned dressing room only. As well, no sticks with golf balls, tennis balls, pucks, etc. are to be used in the hallways or in the dressing rooms.*

*We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause; however, it is a City of Hamilton policy, and this tournament is being held within the City of Hamilton arenas.*

*Thank You*

## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. Hockey Canada and OWHA rules shall apply.
2. All teams **MUST** send a team official/representative to register at Headquarters (Harry Howell Arena) before their first game or immediately following their first game (if no pick up players are utilized). Failure to provide Pick Up Form prior to your first game may result in game forfeiture.

All players participating in the tournament must be properly registered through the OWHA to play on the team with which they are listed, or qualified to play by a proper OWHA "Pick Up Player for Tournament Form". The form must be completed in full and provided to the tournament prior to the team's first game of tournament. Any time after the start of the tournament, the use of pick up forms must have the actual form delivered to tournament headquarters at least one hour prior to the start of the game the pick up player is participating in.

3. All teams **MUST** be available to play 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
4. All games will consist of three periods (10-10-12 minutes), stop time; **except** U18A, U18BB and U22A which will consist of three periods (12-12-15 minutes) stop time.
5. There will be a 3-minute warm-up prior to each game, which will start following the exit of the Zamboni.
6. The OWHA minimum suspension guidelines will be strictly enforced. All suspensions will be enforced according to OWHA Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations & Rules.
7. If there is a 5-goal differential at any time during the third period, the clock will continue to run until the spread is reduced to three (3) then stop time shall resume.

8. **One - 30 second timeout** will be allowed for each team **ONLY** during Semi-Final and Final games. Overtime is not a new game. There is **NO TIMEOUT** in Preliminary Round Games.
9. For any misconducts, game misconducts or match penalties received in the preliminary games, ten (10) minutes will be applied to the team's penalty minutes for the particular game wherein the penalty occurred.
10. Teams will be awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss.
11. Standings after the preliminary round will be calculated on the basis of the points awarded as per Rule #10

In the event of a tie between teams at the end of preliminary play, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

- a) Winner between the tied teams when they played head to head (does not apply if more than two teams tied)
- b) Most wins in preliminary round
- c) Percentage as calculated by dividing team's total "Goals For" by the SUM of the team's "Goals For and Goals Against".  $TGF / (GF+GA) = \%$  (See Chart)
- d) Fewest Goals Against
- e) Most Goals For
- f) Fewest Penalty Minutes in preliminary round
- g) Earliest Goal in preliminary round
- h) Coin Toss.

Follow Tie breaking rules in Order.

Once a Tie Breaking Rule has been used or is not applicable it cannot be used again.

12. **Semi Final & Championship games** are played to a winner. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time, a Sudden Victory 5-minute overtime (stop time) will commence. Teams will play **4 on 4 PLUS Goalies**. Teams do not change ends for overtime. **If still tied, a shoot out will occur**. Any penalties being served at the end of regulation will carry over to the overtime period. If a team has one penalty, overtime will start 4-on-3. If a team has two penalties, overtime will start 5-on-3 until the first penalty expires, then overtime will be 5-on-4 until a stoppage in play, at which point, the game will adjust to 4-on-3. No team shall have fewer than 3 skaters on the ice during overtime.
13. **Shoot Outs:** *Teams do not change ends for Overtime or Shoot Outs.* Each team must designate 3 shooters immediately prior to the shootout. No need to designate shooters prior to the game. Any player serving a penalty at the end of overtime will not be eligible to participate in the shoot out and must remain in the penalty box. All players except shooter and goalies will be on the bench. **This is a best of 3 shootout**. If still tied following the three shooters, each team will designate one shooter at a time until there is a winner. A player may not shoot for a second time until all players on the game sheet, with the exception of goalies, have shot. Shooters from both teams will shoot at the same time starting at centre ice.
14. Home teams must wear light coloured jerseys where possible. In the event of a conflict, the home team must change their jerseys. Visiting team will advise the Home team of any conflicts 30 minutes prior to the game time. House league teams are requested to bring pennies or a second set of jerseys to avoid conflict.
15. Flooding of the ice will occur at the end of each 10-10-12 game and between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods of each 12-12-15 game. Flooding of the ice may be deferred at the Tournament Committees discretion.

16. In the event of a game cancellation due to inclement weather where both teams are unable to ice a team or due to facilities breakdown or malfunction, we will first attempt to reschedule the game. If unable to reschedule, a score of 0-0 will be entered. Tournament organizers are NOT responsible for unforeseen events resulting in cancelling of games.
17. It is the team's responsibility to ensure a clean dressing room is left upon completion of their game. All teams are requested to vacate the dressing room 20 minutes or less after their game is completed. Teams are not permitted to hold parent or team meetings in dressing rooms.
18. On-ice officials decisions are final and not subject to appeal or grievance. **The decisions of the Tournament Officials are final. No appeals will be allowed.**
19. If a team withdraws from the tournament following the team's confirmation in the tournament (after payment is made by the team), a \$100 administrative fee will apply. The OWHA Tournament Withdrawal Rules apply for teams withdrawing within 30 days of the tournament start date.

**The Tournament Committee reserves itself the final word on the interpretation of the rules.**

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS !!**