



**COQUITLAM**  
MINOR HOCKEY

THIS IS HOCKEY, OUR GAME.  
THIS IS CMHA, OUR TEAM.

# COQUITLAM MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## U18 'C' GOLD CLASSIC TOURNAMENT 2025

### Rules and Regulations

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#### 1. General Regulations

- All games will be played under **Hockey Canada**, **BC Hockey**, and **PCAHA** rules.
- **Special suspension rules** do not apply to this tournament.
- All referees are **carded and certified**.
- Final **team rosters** must be approved before the first game. No player additions will be permitted once the tournament begins.
- All players must be **properly registered with Hockey Canada** through their governing body. Tournament officials will confirm rosters with PCAHA.
- A maximum of **20 players** may be registered and dressed per game (18 skaters + 2 goaltenders).
- Team officials are responsible for verifying their roster in **Spordle Play** before each game. Starting lineups are not required.
- **Home teams** are responsible for changing jerseys in the event of a colour conflict.
- Teams may **not enter the ice surface until an on-ice official is present**. Teams that do so will be assessed a **minor penalty**.

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#### 2. Game Format

- Each game will begin with a **5-minute warm-up**.

- All games will consist of **three stop-time periods**.
  - **U18 Division:**
    - Period 1 – 15 minutes
    - Period 2 – 20 minutes
    - Period 3 – Remaining ice time (maximum 20 minutes)
  - To maintain schedule integrity, **playing times may be adjusted** at the discretion of tournament officials.
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### 3. Mercy Rule

- If a team leads by **6 goals or more**, the remainder of the game will be **running time**.
  - If the differential is reduced to **5 goals**, **stop time** will resume.
  - **Minor penalties:**
    - 2 minutes (stop time)
    - 3 minutes (running time)
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### 4. Points and Standings

- **Win:** 2 points     **Tie:** 1 point     **Loss:** 0 points
  - One (1) **Sportsmanship Point** will be awarded to teams that:
    - Incur **U18 (non-body checking) - 12 minutes or less.** , and
    - Have **no Major, Misconduct, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match penalties** in the game.
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### 5. Tie-Breaking Procedure (Round Robin)

If two or more teams are tied in points after round robin play, the following criteria will apply in order:

1. **Head-to-Head Result:** Winner of the game between tied teams.
2. **Most Wins:** Team with the most victories.
3. **Best Goal Average:**
  - Formula:  
$$\frac{\text{Goals For}}{\text{Goals For} + \text{Goals Against}}$$
  - A **maximum goal differential of +6 per game** will be used.
  - *Example:* 10 goals for, 4 against  $\rightarrow 10 \div (10 + 4) = 0.714$ .
4. **Fewest Penalty Minutes:** Team with the lowest total PIMs.
5. **Coin Toss:** Conducted by the goalie moms if teams remain tied.

Following round robin play, team officials must check [games.pcaha.ca](http://games.pcaha.ca) for playoff schedules and updates.

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## 6. Playoff Format

- The **top team from each group** will advance to the Semi-Finals.
- Teams will be **seeded 1st–4th** after round robin play.

### Matchups:

- 1st Place vs 4th Place (*see Wildcard rules*)
- 2nd Place vs 3rd Place
- Winners advance to the **Gold Medal Final**; losers advance to the **Bronze Medal Game**.
- The **higher-ranked team** in each matchup will be the **Home Team**.
- Only the **top four teams** advance — **no consolation games**.

### Wildcard Selection:

The Wildcard is the team with the most points of the teams that did not win their pool after Round Robin.

If two or more teams are tied in points for the wildcard position, the following tiebreakers will be applied in order:

- **Most wins**
  - **Best Goal Average** (same calculation as used above, with a maximum goal differential of +6 per game)
  - **Fewest total penalty minutes**
  - **Coin toss (by the goalie moms)**
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## 7. Playoff and Medal Game Procedures

If a playoff or medal game is **tied after regulation**, the following format will apply:

- **2-minute rest** at benches.
  - **5-minute sudden-death overtime**, played **4-on-4**.
  - Penalized teams will not play with fewer than 3 skaters (plus goalie).
  - Non-penalized teams may add a skater up to a maximum of 5 (plus goalie).
  - If still tied, the winner will be decided by an **NHL-style shootout**.
  - Each team is permitted **one (1) 30-second timeout** during **Semi-Final and Final games only** (no exceptions).
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## 8. Suspensions and Discipline

- Any player or team official receiving a **Match** or **Gross Misconduct** penalty will be **suspended for the remainder of the tournament**.
- The infraction must be **reported to the Tournament Director** immediately following the game.
- Any player receiving a **second Game Misconduct** will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
- If any **team official** receives a **second Game Misconduct**, the **entire team** will be suspended

from further play.

- **On-ice officials' decisions are final.**
  - **Tournament Director** decisions (or acting Director) are final and binding.
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## 9. Administration and Conduct

- All game results will be uploaded into **Spordle Play**, and game sheets will be **emailed to teams** after submission.
  - **Team officials** are responsible for maintaining control of their players and fans.
  - Continued unruly or abusive behaviour may result in **team suspension** from the tournament.
  - **Abuse of referees or officials** will not be tolerated and may result in **immediate ejection** from the venue.
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## Thank You

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to fair play and sportsmanship.

We wish all teams the best of luck in the **2025 Coquitlam Minor Hockey Association U18 'C' Gold Classic Tournament!**