



APPLICATION FOR POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Detailed rules, terms and conditions, including parent/guardian permission slips governing the Worcester Winter Classic Pond Hockey Tournament will be forwarded upon receipt of this application to the email address below. General guidelines are as follows:

- Tournament style is double elimination with teams advancing to a semi-final and final round.
- Games shall be played on a 3 vs 3 format with Pond Hockey rules in 12-minute games or an 8 goal lead. A tie breaker alternative will be provided.
- Player protective gear, both a light and dark jersey, and standard "player" hockey sticks must be provided by the player/team. No goalie equipment, shoulder pads, or hockey pants will be permitted. Pucks (softer than standard) will be provided for the game.
- All participants must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian before participating.
- 6U will take place on 1 day, ½ sheet per game. 8U and 10U will be 2 days of elimination play and a final day for semi-finals and final.
- Winners receive a trophy and a ticket to a Worcester Railers HC home game.
- Game time assignments will be provided 5 days prior to the tournament. No refunds will be permitted after application acceptance except for unsafe ice conditions.
- Application cut-off date is one week prior to tournament.
- Games begin at 6:15pm. Arrive by 5:30pm for check-in and registration.

Participants Age Group, Dates of Tournament (CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR TEAM)

- _____ 8 and under (Preliminary January 18 and Semi Finals/Finals on January 20)
- _____ 8 and under (Preliminary January 19 and Semi Finals/Finals on January 20)
- _____ 10 and under (Preliminary February 15 and Semi Finals/Finals on February 17)
- _____ 10 and under (Preliminary February 16 and Semi Finals/Finals on February 17)

If preliminary date for 8U or 10U is already filled, the alternate date will be provided. The fee for each Participant must be made in U.S. funds. The total amount for the Participant must be paid in full by ten days prior to the tournament. Payment must accompany completed space application forms.

Each application is per team. Once players arrive at the rink on the day of the game—each player must sign individual waivers.

Teams are guaranteed a minimum of 3 games. Playoffs are an eight-seat bracket that is determined by the team's position after pool play. We encourage you to not exceed four players per team based on the amount of time that you would have for substitutions. Participants Name(s):

Telephone: _____

Team Name: _____ Number of Participants on Team: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I have read and agree to all Terms and Conditions of this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION – PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FORM

Please make checks payable to: DCU Center
\$40.00 per team

Send to: **DCU Center, 50 Foster St., Worcester, MA 01608** Attn: **Mikayla Michalowski**

Or you may email your application to info@dcucenter.com if you are paying online through [Boomer](#).

Payment options including cash and credit card are also accepted at the DCU Center Box Office, Monday – Saturday 10am – 5:30pm, and at the Oval, during all operating hours:

Fridays: 5-8 pm
Saturday: 1-6 pm
Sunday: 1-6 pm

We do not accept card numbers electronically by email.

For additional questions, please contact the DCU Center at 508-755-6800



Please read rules and regulations carefully.

Article I. EQUIPMENT

- All players participating in the tournament must wear the following required equipment: Certified Helmet, Mouthguard, Skates, Shin guards, Athletic Supporter, and Gloves
- Players are not allowed to wear any shoulder pads or hockey pants but are allowed to wear elbow pads and a neck guard at the players choice
- All teams must have a light-colored Home jersey and a dark-colored Away jersey
- NO GOALIE EQUIPMENT IS ALLOWED
- The sticks used are to be normal "player sticks"
- In the event a participant does not have legal equipment on, the participant will be sent off the ice and will not be allowed to return to the playing surface until the participant has the proper equipment

Article II. GAME PLAY/ INFRACTIONS

- The Games will be played 3 vs. 3 and will be set in either 12-minute games or once an 8-goal lead is reached
- Referees will have the discretion to also award a "penalty shot" to the opposing team when a minor penalty is flagrant and/or a team is consistently playing in a reckless manner.
- Penalty shot will be taken from the other-side of the ice and must be attempted within 30 seconds of the penalty being called. Anyone on the opposing team can take the shot. The team that is awarded the penalty shot will also be given possession of the puck following the penalty shot attempt (regardless of the outcome of the shot).
- Any major penalty, which includes any action that could possibly injure another player, will result in that player being ejected from the tournament. The head Ice Official will determine major penalties in consultation with Oval Management Staff.
- Abuse of officials will be considered a major penalty. This includes yelling, swearing, or arguing about calls.
- No checking is allowed. Such action will result in a minor penalty unless deemed serious enough to be a major.
- No slapshots allowed. Such action will result in a minor penalty.
- Players cannot fall or lay on the ice in an effort to protect the goal area. Such action will result in a minor penalty.
- Goaltending is not allowed. A player may not patrol, "camp out" or remain stationary in the crease area and act as a goaltender. A defender may deflect the puck in the crease

area, but the defender must do so while continuing to move through the crease area. The crease area is defined as an imaginary box extending out four feet from the outside corners of the goal.

- Contacting the puck with a stick above the waist will result in a loss of possession.
- Saucer passes (i.e. pucks that are lifted low, below the knee) are acceptable.
- If a puck goes out of bounds, the last team to touch it loses possession. During restart, the defender must give his opponent 2-stick lengths of space.
- There are no off-sides or icing calls.
- Goals can be scored from any area of the rink.
- Referees will call out the score after each goal. This includes goals scored by players or awarded from minor penalties.
- Teams must give their opponents 1/2 ice after a goal is scored or an infraction takes place.
- In the event of a tie, during both qualifying and championship games, play will move to sudden death format. After the horn sounds, play will continue for up to 3 minutes of overtime until a goal is scored. If no goal is scored, the game will move to a sudden death shootout. Players will take turns taking penalty shots from opposite ends of the goal. During any round where one team makes a shot, and the other team misses, the game is over and the team who made the shot wins. If both teams miss, or if both teams make the shot, in any round, rounds continue until the game is over. A player may not take another penalty shot until all other players on his/her team have taken a shot.
- All games are running-time and substitutions can be made during play ("on-the-fly") or while a puck is being retrieved. There is no stoppage of play after a goal is scored, or after a penalty is awarded. It is up to each team to ensure that there are only 3 players on the ice.
- Players can only play on one team.

Article III. TIEBREAKERS

- Head to head
- Goals against
- Goals for
- Goal differential
- Sudden Death game

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

- Team entries will not be processed without full payment.
- All participants will be required to sign waivers and provide proof of age upon registration.
- Any team playing with an unregistered player will be disqualified from the tournament and will not receive a refund.
- A player will only be allowed to play for one team in the tournament.
- The Oval Management Staff reserves the right to add or delete rules; all teams will be informed of changes prior to the start of the tournament.
- The Oval Management Staff reserves the right to prohibit any player or team from participating if they are deemed to cause safety concerns.

All rules are based off of the U.S. Pond Hockey Championship rules and were slightly modified to accommodate The Worcester Common Oval