



15TH ANNUAL RUPERT RIVER CUP

March 7-10, 2024

Waskaganish, QC



RUPERT RIVER CUP 2024

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The tournament will be played in accordance with Hockey Quebec rules and Canadian Broomball Federation and the Rules established by the Tournament Committee of Rupert River Cup 2024.
2. This tournament is open to all Native teams only.
3. All teams will be required to pay their full inscription fee before their first game. A 50% deposit is required by March 1st to guarantee your spot. Cash, certified cheque, money order or Email Money Transfer (EMT) are the accepted methods of payment for the deposit. EMT's can be sent to: pauline.hester@waskaganish.ca
4. The lineup presented at the first game will be the official lineup for the remainder of the tournament. A team will not be allowed to alter that line up whatsoever.

NOTE: It is very important for coaches or team representatives to ensure that all players are listed in the first game scoresheet. Coaches or Team representative are responsible of their lineup. It is not the responsibility of the timekeeper/scorekeeper to write your players on the scoresheet.

5. IMPORT RULE

- a. Each team will be permitted to have one import player. Goalies count as imports.
- b. Only residence and band membership shall be used to determine who will be classified as an import. JBNQA beneficiary list does not apply.
- c. A player who has resided in a community for the past 12 months (as of March 7, 2023) will not be considered an import. Proof of residence will be required before the first game. (ID with photo such as driver's license or most recent phone bill, hydro bill, cable bill, etc... Bill must have a civic address not just a post office box)
- d. If a team is caught using an illegal player, they will forfeit that game and that illegal player will not be eligible to play for the remainder of the tournament.

6. AGE ELIGIBILITY

Men's Class A & B Hockey and Women's Class A & B Broomball:

18 years of age or older (Born on or before March 7, 2006)

Men's Old Timer's Hockey:

Players must be 40 years of age and older. ((Born on or before March 7, 1984)

Women's Hockey

14 years of age or older (Born on or before March 7, 2010) However, in order for the minor player to be eligible to play, a letter of permission from the Minor Sports Coordinator and a letter from the school from her respective community is **MANDATORY**. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Men's Broomball

16 years of age or older (born on or before March 7, 2008) However, for the minor player to be eligible to play, a letter of permission from the Minor Sports Coordinator and a letter from the school from her respective community is **MANDATORY**. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

It is our goal not to interfere with any Minor Sports events and to respect policies and procedures set by each Minor Sports Organizations.

7. GAME RULES- all games will be played as follow:

HOCKEY

REGULAR GAMES

1st Period: 15 minutes straight
2nd period: 15 minutes straight
3rd period: 10 minutes (Last 3 mins stop)

PLAYOFFS

1st period: 15 minutes straight
2nd period: 15 minutes straight
3rd Period: 10 minutes stopped time

BROOMBALL

REGULAR GAMES

1st period: 15 minutes straight
2nd period: 12 minutes straight
(last 2 mins stop)

PLAYOFFS

1st period: 15 minutes straight
2nd period: 12 minutes stopped time

- a. **IN ROUND ROBIN GAMES:** There will be no overtime. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, the game goes to a **shootout**, with each team given three shots. If the score remains tied, the **shootout** will go to a "sudden death" format. No player may shoot twice until everyone who is eligible has shot.

(The team that scored first at the end of regulation will decide to shoot first or second. If the score is 0-0, the local team will decide.)

According to Broomball Canada rule article 91; the player entitled to the shot has two choices and must make the choice known to the referee immediately following the call, at the referee's request. The choices are:

- 1) The referee shall place the ball on the centre face-off spot and the player on instruction from the referee plays the ball from there and attempts to score on goaltender.
- 2) The referee shall place the ball twenty-five (25) feet from the opponent's goal line, directly in front of the goal. The player shoots the ball from this point at the goaltender. The goaltender may not come out of the crease.

b. **IN PLAYOFFS:** In case there is a tie after regulation time.

Hockey: 15 minutes straight time: 3 on 3 with a goalie. If a tie still persists, the same format will continue until we have a winner.

Broomball: 15 minutes straight time: 3 on 3 with a goalie, if a tie still persists, the same format will continue until we have a winner.

c. Icing rule: The team that caused the icing won't be allowed to change.

d. In Broomball, a high stick penalty will be called if a player makes contact with a ball above her shoulders and no changing in between whistles will be allowed. (on the fly only)

e. A delay of game penalty will be called to player if a player is found guilty of shooting the puck or ball over the glass from their defensive zone.

f. Each team is allowed 1 time out of 30 seconds per game.

g. Penalty is non-stop is 3 minutes and penalty in stop time is 2 minutes. If a penalty occurs in Non time stop, the penalty will be 3 minutes even if the puck is dropped in stopped time play.

h. When a penalty is called, the puck will be dropped in the defensive zone of the penalized team.

8. MERCY RULE

a. Hockey: Difference of 7 goals after the 2nd period, the game will be terminated.

b. Broomball: Difference of 5 goals after the 1st period, the game will be terminated
This rule applies in all games, Hockey and Broomball.

c. Difference of 4 goals in broomball and 5 goals in hockey, the remainder of the game will be played straight time accordingly.

9. **TIE BREAKER STANDINGS IN HOCKEY:** In case of a tie, the following tie breaker will be the following:

2-way tie:

- 1) The team that has beaten the other team that is equal with will rank higher.
- 2) The difference between goals and goals against in all regular games
- 3) The team with the most goals in the regular games
- 4) The team with the fastest goal in the first game

3-way tie:

- 1) The difference between goals and goals against in the regular games
- 2) The teams with the most goals
- 3) The teams with the least goals against
- 4) The team with the fastest goal in the first game

10. TIE BREAKER STANDINGS IN BROOMBALL: In case of a tie, the following tie breaker will be the following:

2-way tie:

- 1) The team that has beaten the other team that is equal with will rank higher.
- 2) The team with the most wins ranks higher.
- 3) The difference between goals and goals against in all regular games
- 4) The team with the most goals in the regular games
- 5) The team with the fastest goal in the first game

3-way tie:

- 6) The team with the most wins ranks higher.
- 7) The difference between goals and goals against in the regular games
- 8) The teams with the most goals
- 9) The teams with the least goals against
- 10) The team with the fastest goal in the first game

11) RULES IN GENERAL

- a. Each team shall have a maximum of 19 players on the scoresheet, 17 players and 2 goalies.
- b. A representative from each team is required to come to the tournament office to complete a team registration form, make the payment and collect their players' passes. There will be a fee of \$300 charged for the team passes.
- c. Every player and coach must SHOW THEIR PLAYER'S PASS upon entering the arena. If a player/coach/manager does not have a pass upon request, they will have to pay the daily admission rate.
- d. The clock will start at the scheduled game time. After one period has elapsed, the team that is present on the ice with the required number of players will be declared the winner.
- e. In order to start the game: 6 players or 5 players and goalie are required to start a game.
- f. The team that is causing the delay to start a game will be given a minor penalty after 5 minutes has elapsed once the clock has started.
- g. Default games will go as the following: In Hockey, 5-0 score for the winner and in Broomball, 3-0 score for the winner will be awarded.
- h. Point system:
 - 3 points for a WIN in regulation.
 - 2 points for a WIN in a shoot-out
 - 1 point for a LOSS in a shoot-out
 - 0 points for a LOSS
- i. A player must play at least 1 round robin game to be eligible to play in the playoffs.
- j. Any player receiving any 3 minor penalties or 1 major penalty in 1 game will be ejected from that game.

- i: **FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**: Any player who breaks this rule will be expelled from the game and that player will be automatically expelled from the tournament. Players found guilty of this offense will be suspended from participating in the next Rupert River Cup tournament.
- j: Any player found guilty of disrespecting or attempting to injure a referee, opponent or volunteer will be expelled from the tournament, and the tournament committee will review the case to determine if that player will be banned from participating in the next Rupert River Cup.
- k. Each team shall be in the dressing room 30 minutes prior to their game and must be out of the dressing room 15 minutes once they are done.

12) PROTESTS

- a. Teams may file a protest if they have reason to believe the rules and regulations were not respected. In order for the disciplinary committee to hear the protest a **non-refundable fee of \$500.00** must be paid by the team filing the protest. The tournament disciplinary committee will review thoroughly any protests filed. In the event of a protest, only the coach, captain or team representative can act as spokesperson. The committee will not deal with the entire team.

Note: Please be advised that the committee will not review any ON-ICE decisions made by the officials.

13) LIABILITY

- a. All players playing in the Rupert River Cup 2024 will understand and accept that the Waskaganish Culture, Sports and Leisure will not be liable should a player be injured while participating in this tournament.
- b. The Waskaganish Culture, Sports and Leisure unit and the Rupert River Sport Complex will not be held responsible of any loss or damage of equipment or personal belongings of the participants in and out of the premises.

14) OTHER RULES

- a. The tournament committee reserves the right to expel any participant or team not respecting rules or making farce mockery out of the tournament.
- b. Any degrading comments on social media about the tournament, tournament staff, officials, opponents, teammates, and other volunteers will not be tolerated. Those found guilty may be banned from participating in future Rupert River Cup tournaments.
- c. If a player is caught damaging arena property deliberately will be expelled from the tournament and the Parks and Facilities Administrator will apply the rules set by the Administration.
- d. Absolutely no drugs or alcohol beverages will be allowed in the dressing rooms or within the arena premises. Any player found guilty of participating in the tournament under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be expelled from the**

tournament. Any player, coach or spectator who smells of alcohol will be asked to leave the premises.

- e. The tournament committee will recognize and support all suspensions undertaken by other Cree Recreation Departments.
- f. The decisions made by the tournament committee will be final.

THE RUPERT RIVER CUP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS ORGANIZED THIS TOURNAMENT IN THE SPIRIT OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD.