

Woodland Park Classic Rules

Introduction

The Woodland Park Classic is about playing the great sport of hockey, having fun, making friends, and enjoying friendly competition. It is not about winning at all costs, taking out personal aggressions on unsuspecting opponents, or winning the playoffs. This Woodland Park Classic Tournament is generally directed to the intermediate adult player who enjoys the camaraderie and health benefits of an organized game. The Woodland Park Classic Tournament takes very seriously its no tolerance policy on rough play or threatened violence. Anybody engaging in such actions will face disciplinary action that could include game suspensions or removal from the Woodland Park Classic Tournament.

General Rules

- 1) Icing: We like to keep the game moving as much as possible. If the puck is playable from either team icing will be waived. Unless icing is obvious, the refs will let it go.
- 2) Penalties: Served in the penalty box. Penalty time will be noted on the scoreboard. No checking: This is a non-check tournament. Expect some contact but no checking will be allowed.
- 3) 54 minute game duration: 3-18 minute periods, 3 minute warm-up. Any game ending in a tie will go to a 5-man shootout.
- 4) 5 on 5 format: Most teams consist of 10-12 players plus a goalie.
- 5) On-sides/Off-sides: Standard rules apply, puck must enter the zone before the attacking player.
- 6) Age limit 18: This is an adult tournament FOR ADULTS. There will be zero tolerance for under-age players.
- 7) Zero Tolerance Fighting policy: Threats to an opponent or an official will not be tolerated. Dropping the gloves or taunting will be penalized. A player given a Game Misconduct or Match Penalty will only be allowed to re-enter the Woodland Park Classic Tournament at the discretion of the Woodland Park Classic Tournament administrator after consultation with the officials and team representative. In the instance of differing stories the Woodland Park Classic Tournament will always defer to the judgment of the officials.
- 8) Divisions of play: B' Division includes AA, AAA, college and juniors. C' Division includes intermediate and some high school but not AAA. (no sandbagging will be allowed).
- 9) Overtime: Any regular games ending in a tie will immediately go to a 5-man shootout. Any playoff and/or championship games ending in a tie will immediately go to overtime 5 on 5 for 5 minutes. If the game is still tied after overtime we will go to a 5-man shootout.

Required Equipment

The Woodland Park Classic Tournament requires fully certified HECC (<http://www.hecc.net/>) equipment to be worn while playing in the Woodland Park Classic Tournament. Bleed Hockey recognizes that many players prefer to not wear a half-shield. The

Woodland Park Classic Tournament believes this to be “asking for trouble” as there are plenty of accidental high sticks that can cause lacerations, especially in a recreational Woodland Park Classic Tournament like this where players fall rather frequently. Just because a shield isn't required in the NHL doesn't mean the recreational player should ignore this important piece of safety equipment. The Woodland Park Classic Tournament believes there are enough scars on faces already.

Uniforms

The Woodland Park Classic Tournament does not supply uniforms believing this can be done much more cost effectively by the individual teams. This also allows teams to create their own personality. All jerseys must have individual numbers on the back and/or front.

Role of the Team Representative

A team representative should be chosen based on administrative and communication skills. A poor team representative could result in an entire team missing a season if that representative is not a good communicator or does not collect required dues prior to it's deadline.

The team representative is responsible for delivering all fees and paperwork to the Woodland Park Classic Tournament administrator by the season deadline. In addition, the team representative will be held accountable if it is found that a player that is not registered with USA hockey or the Woodland Park Classic Tournament serves as a substitute player. Intentional deception will result in game suspensions. The Woodland Park Classic Tournament will provide a list of contact information for other teams in the event a team is short-handed for a game. Only players registered with the Woodland Park Classic Tournament can serve as substitutes.

The team representative should also immediately alert the administrator of any issues that present a safety hazard. Examples would be large gashes in the ice, uneven playing surface, gaps in the boards or glass, etc.. In addition, if there is a problem with a certain player let the Woodland Park Classic Tournament administrator know. In conjunction with the refs and other team reps, any unnecessarily physical play will be immediately addressed. Players with recurring violations will be removed from the Woodland Park Classic Tournament with no refund of monies.

Role of the Individual Player

Abide by the rules and policies of the Woodland Park Classic Tournament. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Be a good sport
- Don't instigate rough play
- Keep your stick down
- Remember that this is not the Stanley Cup Playoffs and we are playing for fun

- Remember that it is a privilege to play in this Woodland Park Classic Tournament and not a right.

Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse for illegal actions. Make sure you have paid your USA Hockey dues (annually September – August) and have signed the USA Hockey/Woodland Park Classic Tournament Waiver of Liability before taking the ice. Failure to do so could invalidate an insurance claim for a paid player on the ice. Please note: USA Hockey coaching membership is NOT the same as a player membership. These memberships provide different benefits. Anyone with a USA Hockey player membership from a different Woodland Park Classic Tournament can

avoid the additional cost by providing a copy of his or her membership. Any Woodland Park Classic Tournament issues you have should first be communicated via your team representative. This rule is in effect in order to facilitate efficiency. Only if a team member cannot get his issue resolved through the team representative should he or she contact the Woodland Park Classic Tournament administrator directly.

Recognize that the sport of ice hockey has inherent risks of physical injury, including serious injury and/or death and that by participating you accept and assume all such risks. The Woodland Park Classic Tournament registration form you sign holds harmless Bleed Hockey Inc. and it's affiliates, the Meadow Wood Sports Complex and it's affiliates and the City of Woodland Park and it's affiliates.

Role of the Woodland Park Classic Tournament

The Woodland Park Classic Tournament is providing an opportunity to play recreational adult hockey. The Woodland Park Classic Tournament does it's best to provide a safe venue, which is why it contracts with the Woodland Park Hockey Association and the City of Woodland Park. The Woodland Park Classic Tournament also provides USA Hockey certified referees to call a fair game and insure good sportsmanship is displayed at all times. In the event of any issue with individual Woodland Park Classic Tournament members or teams, the Woodland Park Classic Tournament will mediate until there is resolution.

The Woodland Park Classic Tournament reserves the right to terminate any player's participation in the Woodland Park Classic Tournament's activities at any time and for any reason. The Woodland Park Classic Tournament's decisions shall be final on the adoption, enforcement, and interpretation of all Woodland Park Classic Tournament rules and policies. In the event of a dispute the Woodland Park Classic Tournament administrator has final say. The Woodland Park Classic Tournament offers no refunds.

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