

**General Rules and Information**  
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**Lurkin Merkins- Cape Cod Chowdah Classic**

**USA HOCKEY Rules & Structure**

**2022-2023 Adult Classic Rules and Structure**

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**Tournament Structure**

**PERIODS:** (3) - 12 MINUTE PERIODS - STOPPED TIME

**NOTE:** If the score difference is (5) goals or more at any time during the third period, the clock goes to running time. If the score goes back to a difference of less than five goals, stopped time is reinstated.

**WARM-UPS:** Three (3) MINUTES (Do not go on the ice before the Zamboni is off of the ice.) The ice will be resurfaced before each game.

**OVERTIME: TIED GAMES**

- **CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES: OVERTIME 5 mins, then a SHOOTOUT**

If the score remains tied after the overtime, A 5 player shootout will take place. In the event that the game is still tied at the end of the 5 player shootout, teams will alternate 1 for 1 until a winner is decided.

**PENALTIES:** 1:30 Minute MINOR, 5 Minute MAJOR, 6 Minute MISCONDUCT

Discipline For Excessive Penalties:

- (4) Penalties carry an automatic game ejection (remainder of game).

- Fighting WILL NOT be tolerated. Any players involved in a fight as deemed by the game officials will receive an automatic game misconduct (thrown out of the tournament)

**TIMEOUTS:** Each team is allowed a One Minute Time Out per Championship Game

**EQUIPMENT:** Players are required to follow USA Hockey equipment guidelines. Note: Hockey helmets must be worn.

**PLAYING RULES HIGHLIGHTS**

Jersey colors: Home = Light; Visitor = Dark

No Checking is allowed.

Redline will NOT be offside for 'two line pass'.

Redline Icing

Slapshots are allowed.

Tag up off sides

## **STANDINGS & TIE BREAKERS**

**STANDINGS:** STANDINGS WILL BE DETERMINED UTILIZING THE FOLLOWING POINT SYSTEM:

WIN IN REGULATION = 2 POINTS  
TIE GAME = 1 POINT  
LOSS IN REGULATION = 0 POINTS

### **TIE BREAKERS:**

**IF TEAMS ARE TIED IN THE STANDINGS, THE FOLLOWING TIE BREAKING RULES WILL APPLY (in order):**

1. HEAD TO HEAD (results in the games played between the tied teams) Note: If a team defeated the other team(s) that they are tied with, they will be ranked ahead of those other teams.
2. FEWEST GOALS ALLOWED FOR ALL GAMES PLAYED (goals against)
3. GOAL DIFFERENTIAL – GOALS FOR MINUS GOALS AGAINST IN ALL GAMES PLAYED
4. FEWEST MINOR PENALTIES IN ALL GAMES PLAYED.
5. FEWEST TOTAL PENALTY MINUTES IN ALL GAMES PLAYED.
6. COIN TOSS

RULES: USA Hockey playing rules are in effect except for some modifications listed below.

- All players are required to follow USA Hockey equipment recommendations.
- This is a non-checking event. Body checking is not permitted at any level.
- Slap shots are allowed at all levels.
- Two line passes are permitted. The red line will be used for icing.
- The tag-up rule will be used for off-sides.
- Any team who willingly forfeits a game will not be eligible for semi-final or final games in the event, and may face future ineligibility at future Cape Cod Chowdah Classic Events.
- Illegal players and teams:
  - o Any player(s) that participated at any time during the current season (after September 1st) at any elite professional level (NHL, AHL, Europe) or on an NCAA Division I or III team are NOT eligible for this tournament.
  - o Any player(s) who participated in any other professional leagues (ECHL, CHL, IHL, UHL, SPHL, and AAHA) after December 31st of the current season are NOT eligible to for this tournament.
  - o If it is determined by the tournament director(s) at any point during the preliminary round games that a team as a whole are far above their competition that team will be permitted to play the three game guarantee, but will receive a 1-0 forfeit loss for those games and will not be permitted to advance to the championship round
  - o All Players on the roster must play in at least one preliminary round game to be eligible for the playoff round.
  - o Players may only play on 1 team in the tournament, unless a team has less than 8 skaters. The players may come from a lesser division. Must be approved by tournament director or the designee beforehand. Exceptions may be made for goaltenders in extenuating circumstances.

\*THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR(S) RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS REGARDING TOURNAMENT RULES, FORMAT, ETC. FOR THE OVERALL GOOD OF THE EVENT.