**Coniston Minor Hockey Association (CMHA)**

**Novice Half Ice Tournament Rules**

1. All C.A.H.A. and N.O.H.A. rules will apply. CMHA will appoint all officials.

2. All Teams and players must register 30 minutes prior to their first games.

3. HCR forms and permits must be available at all games.

4. Teams must be divided into 2 sub teams, tiered by skill into A players and B players. Coniston minor hockey reserves the right to request a player be moved sides if play is significantly uneven.

5. All games will consist of Two 21 min halves.

6.Games will be 4 on 4 with goalies in all 4 nets. Warm up time is 3 minutes. The tournament committee reserves the right to reduce this time should the tournament be running over time.

7. There will be no face off after goal, scoring team must back up and allow for the other team to play the puck away from their zone. Or puck may be dropped to corner by referee.

8. Score will be kept at each end by flip chart, score will then be combined and added to main standing sheet and website

9. Ice will be resurfaced after each game or every second game at the discretion of arena staff and tournament committee

10. A buzzer will sound at 1.5 minute intervals to indicate line change. Players are to leave the puck where it is and change. Any player who is double shifting must come back and tag the bench resuming play with their new line mates.

11. Blue pucks will be used

12. When a penalty is called referee will raise hand to indicate offense. When line change buzzer sounds, referee will inform coach and the player will sit out the next shift.

13. Point system will be utilized for round robin play. Points awarded as follows:

a) Two points for a win

b) One point for a tie

c) Zero points for a loss

14. If two or more teams are tied in points after the round robin play, a winner will be identified by applying the following breaking rules.

i. Most wins

ii. Total goals for divided by the total goals for plus total goals against.

The highest percentage will advance

iii. Least amount of penalty minute total during the round robin play

iv. Team who scores the earliest into their first game

15. In Championship games, (semi-finals and finals) overtime will consist of a 5 minute sudden death 4 on 4, then 3 on 3 for 10 minutes, until a goal is scored (for a penalty add a player).

16. Home Team will change jerseys in event of conflicting colours.

17. Teams will shake hands at the beginning of the game.

18. Tournament Committee decisions are Final. Appeals and/or Protests are not allowed.

19. Fighting, abusive language or intent to injure penalties will not be tolerated.