NIHL Tournament

OVERTIME PROCEDURE

In the event of a tie score at the end of regulation play of all games (except the first two games of an Elite-Gold format series) the overtime format will be as follows:

The teams will take a two-minute break and proceed to play a 5 on 5 sudden death overtime period of the same duration as the standard age-appropriate game periods. Normal rules regarding penalties will apply. Teams will change ends to begin new overtime periods, similar to that of normal, regulation play. If a tie still exists after one overtime period, the process will repeat with an additional overtime period.

At the Silver, Bronze and Girls levels, a maximum of two sudden death overtime periods will be played. After the second overtime period, the shootout procedure (as stated below) will occur to determine a winner.

At the Premier Select, Elite and Gold levels, sudden death overtime periods will continue until a winner is determined.

Should concerns arise regarding ice availability or other factors that would require overtime play to be curtailed, the home team manager or the tournament host site director should, immediately, notify the tournament director (or alternate) of the circumstances. While the game advances to the first 5-on-5 sudden death overtime format, the tournament director, in conjunction with the league president and vice-president, will decide how many overtime periods will be played before a 3 on 3 shootout (as described in NIHL rule 5.13.2.3) begins. Once this decision is made, it will be communicated with the host site director, and should be immediately communicated to the two head coaches.

5.13.2.3 "SHOOTOUT" PROCEDURE:
Each team shall designate three (3) shooters who will alternate in shooting on the opposing goaltender in accordance with USA Hockey rules governing a "penalty shot". Goaltenders shall occupy the goal closest to their team's player's bench for the shootout. The home team shall have the choice of shooting first or second. Eligible players from each team shall participate in the shootout and they shall proceed in such order as the coach selects. The team scoring the greater number of goals shall be declared the winner. If, after 3 shooters from each team have completed their shots, a tie still exists; the shootout will proceed to a "sudden death" format. No player may shoot twice until every eligible player on their respective team has shot. Regardless of the number of goals scored during the shootout portion of overtime, the final score recorded for the game will give the winning team one more goal than its opponent, based on the score at the end of regulation play.