

Surfs Up Labor Day Invitational

Event Rules & Procedures Handbook

Welcome

Welcome to the Surf's Up Labor Day Invitational. Our mission is to provide a first-class experience that promotes player development, high-level competition, sportsmanship, and the opportunity to build relationships with teams from across North America.

We are committed to providing a professionally run event that showcases competitive hockey while creating an enjoyable experience for players, coaches, families, officials, and spectators.

All proceeds of this event will go to Maurice A Campbell II initiative at MSK Kids Memorial Sloan Kettering foundations.

Event Information

Sanctioning

This event is sanctioned by USA Hockey and conducted in accordance with the current USA Hockey Playing Rules and Safe Sport Program.

All participating teams must be properly registered through USA Hockey or another IIHF member federation.

Team Check-In

Each team must complete check-in prior to its first scheduled game.

Teams must provide:

- Official USA Hockey Certified Roster (1-T) if not uploaded into Game Sheets prior to the event
- Approved roster additions (if applicable)
- Proof of insurance for non-USA Hockey teams (if required)
- Coach and manager credentials upon request

Only rostered players and properly credentialed bench personnel may participate.

Player Eligibility

- All players must appear on the official certified roster.
- Players must compete in their proper birth year unless approved by USA Hockey.
- Suspended players are ineligible to participate until their suspension has been fully served.

Bench Personnel

Only the following individuals are permitted on the players' bench:

- USA Hockey registered coaches
- Certified team manager
- Approved athletic trainer or medical personnel

All bench personnel must meet current USA Hockey Safe Sport requirements.

Game Format

Unless otherwise noted:

- Three fifteen-minute stop-time periods
- Three-minute warm-up

- Teams receive one 30-second timeout per game
- Home team wears light jerseys
- Visiting team wears dark jerseys

The tournament reserves the right to modify game lengths due to weather, facility issues, or unforeseen scheduling circumstances.

Running Clock

Should a game reach a seven-goal differential during the third period, a running clock may be implemented.

The clock will stop only for:

- Injuries
- Penalty shots
- Referee discretion
- Timeouts

If the differential falls below seven goals, stop-time will resume.

Time Between Games

Teams should be prepared to begin games up to 15 minutes ahead of schedule.

Players should arrive at least one hour before each scheduled game.

Overtime

Showcase Games

- 3 minute 3V3 OT
- If no team scores in OT games will move to a 3 man shootout

USA Hockey Rules

All games will follow the current USA Hockey Playing Rules including:

- Body contact/checking standards
- Penalty enforcement
- Match penalties
- Fighting penalties
- Equipment regulations
- Neck laceration protection requirements
- Concussion protocol

Any USA Hockey suspension carries into all tournament games.

Equipment Requirements

All players must wear USA Hockey-approved equipment including:

- HECC-approved helmet
- Full face protection
- Neck laceration protection
- Shoulder pads
- Elbow pads
- Gloves

- Hockey pants
- Shin guards
- Athletic supporter
- Skates

Officials may prohibit participation for unsafe equipment.

Sportsmanship

Florida Surf Hockey maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward:

- Fighting
- Abuse of officials
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Discriminatory language
- Threatening behavior

Players, coaches, or spectators violating these standards may be removed from the facility.

Spectator Conduct

Families and spectators are expected to:

- Encourage all participants
- Respect officials
- Respect opposing teams
- Maintain positive behavior throughout the event

The Tournament Director reserves the right to remove any spectator displaying inappropriate conduct.

Safe Sport

Florida Surf Hockey fully supports USA Hockey Safe Sport and MAAPP requirements.

All participants must adhere to current Safe Sport policies regarding:

- Locker room supervision
- Electronic communications
- Player safety
- Abuse prevention

Game Officials

All games will utilize USA Hockey-certified officials.

Officials' decisions regarding judgment calls are final.