

# Everett Ravens “Fools on Ice” Women’s Hockey Tournament Rules and Procedures

The Everett Ravens Women’s Ice Hockey Tournament is intended to be a fun, competitive environment, allowing female hockey players of diverse ability a forum to play and enjoy the sport. These rules have been established with that goal in mind.

## **I. Game format:**

Each participating team is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games, with a single championship game played in each division. Games will be three 20 minute running time periods, with a five minute warm-up and one minute in between periods. If the game is tied or there is a one goal differential, the last two minutes of the third period will be a stop clock.

## **II. Standings:**

Division and/or Group Standings will be determined based on the following criteria in Order:

1. Points- two points for a win, one for a tie, none for a loss
2. Head to Head
3. Goal Differential
4. Lowest Penalty Minutes
5. Coin Toss

Divisions with 4 teams: After the three game round robin series has been played, the top two teams in each division by the above criteria will advance to the championship game.

Divisions with 5 or 7 teams: Will play two qualifying games. After the qualifying games have been played, the teams will be placed into rankings based on the above criteria and then will play either a quarter-final or a semi-final, with the

winner's of each quarter-final advancing to the semi-finals, and the winners of each semi-final advancing to the Championship game.

### **III. Game Rules:**

Games will be played under current USA Hockey rules, with the following notations and exceptions:

1. "Off sides" will be played under the "touch up" format, allowing the offensive team to clear the zone before re-entering.
2. Icing is automatic.
3. Minor penalties will be three minutes in length, and major penalties will be seven minutes.
4. Upon the fourth minor penalty in a game, the player will be ejected for the remainder of that game.
5. A player receiving a major penalty will be ejected for the remainder of that game, with further action to be determined under the "Player Discipline" section.
6. Once a game has started, player additions to the roster will not be allowed. If a player is on the roster, but arrives late, no penalty shall be assessed.
7. Slap shots are permitted.
8. There is no two-line passing rule in effect. Players may pass across the red line from the defensive zone.
9. There is no overtime period in the round robin series or the qualifying games. In the event of a tie in quarter-final or semi-final games, the game will go directly to a five-player shootout (no overtime period due to time constraints). Shootout format will consist of each team selecting five players to take a penalty shot against the opposing goalie, alternating teams. If neither team wins the series, a one player single elimination shootout will follow. All players must shoot on any team before a single player may shoot a second time. In the event of a tie in the **championship** game, a five-minute running clock sudden death overtime will be played. If no team emerges victorious then a five- player shootout will follow using the above shootout format.

10. Timeouts- Each team will be allowed one timeout per game per USA Hockey guidelines. The timeout will stop the clock.

#### **IV. Player Discipline:**

In the event a player is assessed any of the following penalties, they will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament:

1. Gross Misconduct
2. Intent to Injury (any variation)
3. Fighting
4. Kicking

A Game Misconduct penalty will result in the suspension of the player for the following game, including the championship game. Abuse of game officials, including off-ice officials, will not be tolerated.

A player assessed any of these penalties may appeal to the tournament board for a ruling; however, benefit of the doubt will be given to the game official's ruling.

#### **V. Divisions:**

Teams have been placed into divisions based on the average skill of players on the team. The use of a "ringer" player will not be allowed. Any player who is substantially better than the average player in that division, will be asked to play for another team in a higher division. A "Gretzky" rule will also be in place in the **Novice and Intermediate** divisions. Players will be restricted to three goals per game. A fourth goal scored will be disallowed and the play moved to neutral ice, but no penalty shall be assessed. (This rule does **not** apply to the U19 and Advanced divisions)

#### **VI. Player Substitutes:**

Teams requiring a substitute must obtain permission from the tournament director (Jolene Steen 425-422-3062) prior to adding a player to their roster. Player must come from

either lower or equal level division. Players may not play in multiple divisions or multiple teams unless approved by the tournament director in advance.