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## 2010 AHAI Blackhawk Cup Girls’ State Tournament Playdown Rules and Regulations

This Tournament will be played according to AHAI and USA Hockey By-Laws and Playing Rules except where these Tournament Rules conflict; then the Rules of this Tournament will prevail.

The following rules will apply to all Playdown/Elimination games:

1. **Home Team:** In the brackets that will be sent to each participating team upon completion of the rankings, the team with the highest ranking will be the “Home Team”.
2. **Elimination Games:** For the High School Varsity Girls tournament all elimination games will be played until the final two teams are determined. All Divisions will play a round robin tournament to determine the final two (2) teams.

**Girls Divisions:** All Round Robin games will take place at the Crystal Ice House in Crystal Lake, Illinois from February 18-21, 2010. Schedules for these games will be posted by February 1, 2010.

The Girls High School Blackhawk Cup State Championship game will be played at the United Center tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 26. The Girls High School Semi-Finals will be held at the Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, Illinois tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010.

**Officials Scheduling:** The Tournament Committee will arrange for officials at all games played at the Crystal Ice House in Crystal Lake, Illinois on February 18-21, 2009.

\* **Off-ice Officials:** In all games, the off-ice officials (*one scorekeeper, one timekeeper, and two penalty box attendants*) MUST be adults. The “Home Team” and the “Visiting Team” must each furnish one adult to divide these duties unless otherwise provided by the Girls’ Blackhawk Cup State Tournament Committee. For all round robin games, the Tournament committee will provide off-ice officials.



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\* **Winner Must be Determined:** All elimination games will be played to a finish so a winner is determined by goals scored. All elimination games will play “sudden death” overtime, if needed, to determine a winner. Round robin games that finish in a tie will not play overtime and each team will be awarded one (1) point.

*The following rules will apply to all games:*

3. **Playing and Penalty Times:** Age division playing times and penalty times, for all elimination and Championship games are as follows:

Division	Periods	Minors	Majors	Misconduct	Overtime
10 or Under	11	1.5	4	8	6
12 or Under	12	2	5	10	10
14 or Under	13	2	5	10	10
16 or Under	14	2	5	10	10
19 or Under	14	2	5	10	10
High School	14	2	5	10	10

4. **Penalty/Suspension:** In the event a player or coach receives a penalty in an AHAI/ Blackhawk Cup State Tournament Game which requires that a player or a coach is to be suspended, that player or coach shall serve the suspension during his/her team’s next AHAI Blackhawk Cup State Tournament Game, regardless of any other intervening games or requirement to serve a suspension in another game.
5. **Round-Robin games:** If the differential in score reaches five (5) goals or more in the third period, the clock shall be kept running until the goal differential is reduced to four (4), after which it will be a normal stop-clock. USA Hockey and AHAI rules apply in all cases.



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- Rules:** Coaches should review the applicable rules prior to any Tournament game and bring a copy of rulebooks with them to games, including this letter.
- Roster Eligibility:** Rosters complying with AHAI and USA Hockey By-Laws, Rules and Regulations are the responsibility of the team and supporting organizations. All players at 10U must have played in at least eight (8) games and such teams must have played in at least ten (10) games. All players at 12U, 14U, 16U, and 19U must have played in at least ten (10) sanctioned games and such teams must have played fourteen (14) sanctioned games.

*Note: The teams eligible to advance to Districts and Nationals must be familiar with Article XI of USA Hockey's Rules & Regulations regarding Eligibility/Registration. Any question of interpretation a team may have should affirmatively be brought to the attention of the appropriate AHAI Committee by the team or the organization. The team manager for each team must have, at all times, scoresheets demonstrating compliance with the minimum game requirements and be able to produce them, if questioned.*

- Tournament Awards:** All First, Second and Third place teams (*minimum 4 teams in the Division*) will receive individual plaques, player participation patches, and a State Banner. If there is a third place game, both the third and fourth place teams will receive banners. All remaining teams in the round robins will receive player participation patches.
- Coaches Certification/Persons on Bench:** All coaches and other persons on the bench, (*including managers*), other than rostered players participating in that particular game then on the ice, shall be listed on such teams' roster and coaches shall be certified coaches by USA Hockey at the appropriate level, have completed the mandatory AHAI Screening Program and shall have their C.E.P. coaches' cards in their possession.
- Fan Conduct:** Each team shall be responsible for the conduct of fans supporting their team. Failure to control fan conduct may result in game stoppage or penalties against the team not controlling their fans, up to and including the forfeit of the game and disqualification from the Tournament. The tournament chairperson and committee must approve any forfeit. That decision will be final and is not subject to appeal.



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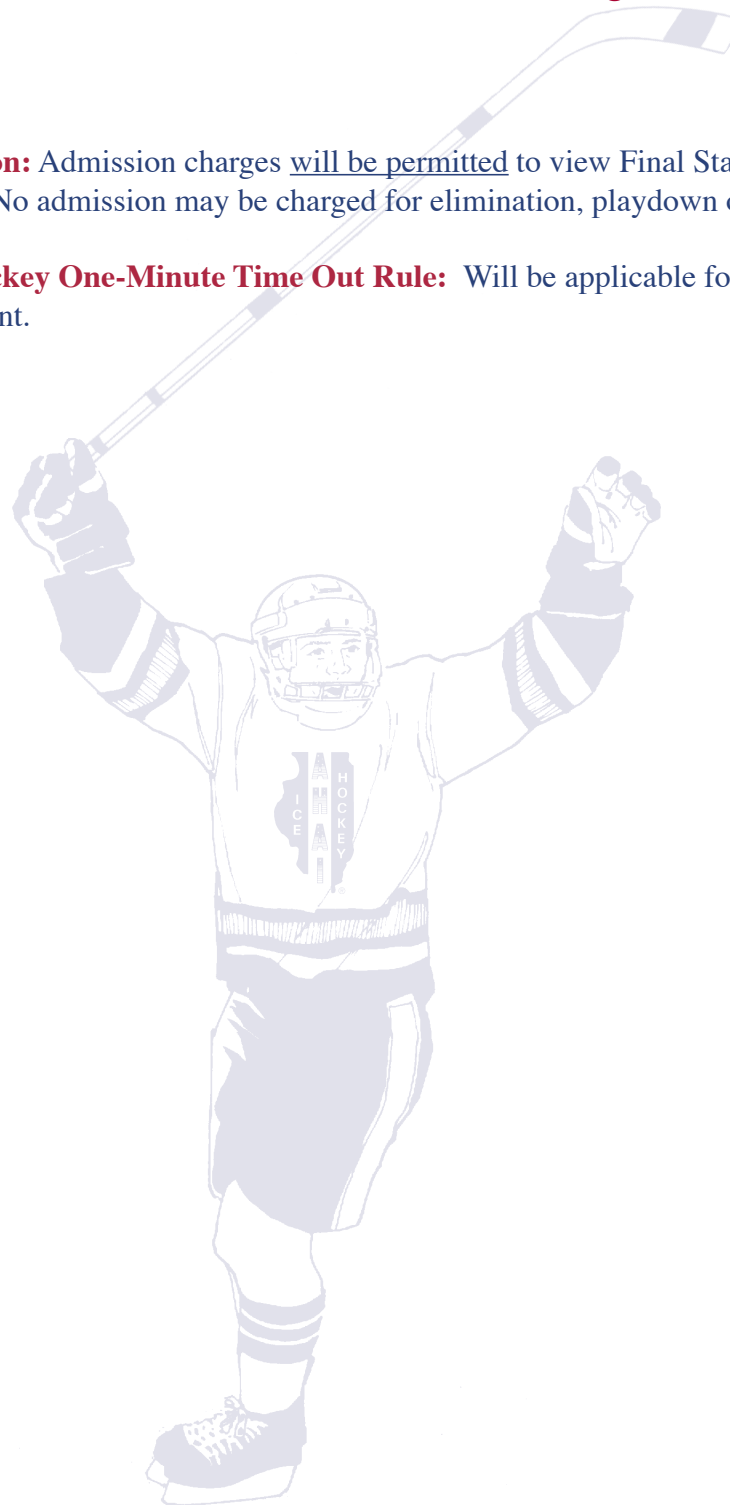
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11. **Admission:** Admission charges will be permitted to view Final State Championship Games. No admission may be charged for elimination, playdown or round robin games.
12. **USA Hockey One-Minute Time Out Rule:** Will be applicable for all games in the tournament.



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