

53rd Annual Guelph Power Play Tournament Rules



Tournament Dates :

- Friday, November 21, 2025
- Saturday, November 22, 2025
- Sunday, November 23, 2025

Important Information

- Divisions: U9 to U13
- Categories: AA, A, BB
- Gate Fees: *NO Gate Fees, (Alert Some facilities may have parking fees).*
- Guarantee: Four (4) games Guarantee
- *** Tournament Souvenirs for ALL Participants ***

GAME LENGTHS

Round Robin

Warm-up	2 minutes
Game Time (U9, U10)	10 – 10 – 10 minutes stop time periods
Game Time (U11, U13)	10 – 10 – 15 minutes stop time periods

Semi-finals and FINALS All Semi-finals and finals games on Sunday

Warm-up	3 minutes
Game Time (U9)	10 – 10 – 10 minutes stop time periods
Game Time (U10, U13)	10 – 10 – 15 minutes stop time periods
Ice will be resurfaced at the end of every game.	

Arenas

- Centennial Arena
- Sleeman Centre
- University of Guelph (twin pads)
- Cambridge Sport Park (Quad pads)
- Exhibition Park Arena
- Victoria
- West End Recreation Complex (twin pads)
- *tournament main office*

Registration

Level to Register Your Team

Team should register at the same level that they are rostered at, however teams can request to play 1 Level higher by registering at the desired level and indicating rostered level when filling out the registration form and the committee will take all request into consideration.

Teams that are part of the Alliance organization or other organization and final seating level of AA/A is not determined till after the tournament are asked to register at previous season final seating. If the team final seating of previous year was Single A and wish to play 1 level high please follow previous paragraph.

The committee has the final decision of all team seating.

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Bring With You to Registration:

Travel permit/permission from your home association to attend.

Regular and affiliated players approved Hockey Canada (HC) or Hockey USA rosters/cards.

Note: The tournament only requires that you have your travel permit and roster in your possession when you check in to your first game.

Hotel Accommodation

Hudson Travel Group is the exclusive travel partner for all tournaments hosted by Guelph Minor Hockey Association. One of the criteria of acceptance into our tournaments will be that your hotel accommodations have been secured through Hudson Travel Group. They have blocks put aside at all the participating host hotels so be sure to contact them early and secure your spot. We thank you in advance for your support.

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Scheduled game start times are approximate. Your team must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time, except for the first game of the day. There is a mercy rule, PLUS extra time built into the schedule so your team must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time or run the risk of forfeiture. The final decision of start time will be determined by the arena convenor and the tournament committee. Teams that are not ready to start their games on time or within the 15-minute window may risk forfeit such games at the discretion of the arena convenor. Due to the nature of our scheduling, time restrictions will be enforced. Any teams failing to ice a team (Players: minimum of 7 skaters plus 1 goaltender; Team Officials: a carded coach and trainer) shall forfeit that game (1 - 0). If a player is set to arrive late to a game, they must be on the game sheet prior to the game started otherwise will not be eligible to play. Due to unforeseen circumstances the tournament will not be held responsible for any last-minute changes in schedule including any cost that team's may occur.

Division Standings: The tournament standings will be determined in the following orders, Game Points (2 – win, 1 – tie, 0 – loss), ties will be determined by the tie breaker rules as described in the tie breaker format. The website standings are configured to reflect our tournament points and tie-breaking rules and tie breaking

Mercy Rule

If the goal differential is **five goals in the third period**, the clock shall change to running time. If subsequently the margin is reduced to less than five goals respectively, the clock will revert back to stop time. During running time, minor penalties will be 3:00 minutes and major penalties, 7:30 minutes. The mercy rule is in effect for all round robin and elimination games.

Time-Outs

There will be one 30 second time-out per team per game, round robin and elimination rounds.

Overtime

Elimination is **only** applicable for semi-final and final games. The following format is to be used:

- Teams play a five-minute overtime period of 3-on-3 hockey
- The OT period is played sudden-death style, first team to score wins
- After the five minutes, if no winner has been determined, the game goes to a shootout
- **Shootout** – (1 shooter at a time with Home team shooting 2nd)
- **First Round** - Each team selects three shooters to shoot.
- The team with the most goals scored wins the game,
- **Second Round** - if the teams score the same number of goals in the first rounds, then it goes round by round until one team scores and the other does not
 - **No player may shoot twice until all players, excluding goalies, have participated in the shootout.**

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Tie-Breaking Formula

Tie-breaking and the determination of the round robin standings will be based, in order, on:

- 1) **Points:** Total number of points for all games played in the round robin
- 2) **Points Between:** (Head to Head) when two teams ONLY are tied in points, the game played between those tied teams
- 3) **Least Goals Against:** Total scores against in all games played
- 4) **Differential:** The best ratio of "Goals For/(Goals For + Goals Against)" in all round robin games
- 5) **Most Goals for:** Total scores for in all games played
- 6) **Coin Toss:** A toss of a coin by the tournament chairperson. (teams do not have to be present, the results will be posted on the website.)

NOTE: The Tournament Website has been configured to automatically determine standing based on the rules above.

ADMINISTRATION, RULES and POLICIES

Admission - NO GATE FEE (*Some facilities may have parking fees that PowerPlay cannot control*).

Eligibility

Only teams with approved Hockey Canada (HC) or Hockey USA rosters/cards will be permitted to play.

A maximum of seventeen (17) players may participate in any one game, with a maximum of 2 goalies

There shall be a maximum of six (6) team officials registered to any team. Only five (5) may go on the bench.

Affiliated players may participate only if listed on an approved Affiliated Players List.

Travel Permit. / Player Rosters

All teams must be prepared to present either the travel permit or their official player roster(s) at anytime during the tournament to the tournament convenor or committee.

General

Teams will play a minimum of four (4) games. Please check your schedule to ensure it is accurate. You are guaranteed four games against different opponents. In the event of a conflict, please notify the Registrar as soon as possible.

This is a OMHA sanction tournament therefore OMHA rules applies.

- Please ensure that team officials carry both approved team roster and travel permits. Please ensure your team documents have been uploaded to the tournament website and have been verified.
 - a). **Approved team roster** - approved by their (OMHA, Alliance, GTHL, NOHA, USA Hockey; etc) Governing Body.
 - b). **travel permit** or letter of permission from their local hockey organization must be presented to the Tournament officials prior to first game.
 - d). All teams must have a certified trainer on the bench at all games.

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3. All players and coaching staff official registration documents (as outlined in 2-a) must be available for examination at any time during the course of the Tournament upon request by the tournament committee.

4. All players must wait until the ice machine is off the ice and the gate is closed before entering the ice pad. Player may be subject to suspension from the tournament for entering the ice pad early. Hockey Canada rules and OMHA regulations will govern all games with the following additional rules for the tournament operation.

Team association rules in effect for all equipment requirements – including mouthguards, and neckguards.

Home jerseys will be white (or lighter colour), if a colour conflict arises being that teams feel the colours are too close and could cause issues then the home team will be asked to wear their alternate set. If the home team does not have an alternate set, the visiting team will be asked to wear their alternate set.

No one, other than players, coaches and trainers are allowed in the dressing rooms or the hallway leading to the dressing rooms before and after games.

Any player/coach receiving a second major penalty MAY be immediately suspended from further play in the tournament.

Dressing rooms are to be cleared, inspected and keys returned to the tournament office within 30 minutes of the game ending. The bench and dressing room is to be cleaned by departing team. Any damage found by arriving team is to be reported to the tournament office. Any damages that occur will be the responsibility of the team and bills for damages will be assessed and could result in the team being expelled from the balance of the tournament.

Due to variations in League rules, any player or coach under suspension entering the tournament is asked to consult their league and association rules regarding if they are cleared to play.

The Tournament Committee will **not** overturn a referee's decision under any circumstances. If a score has been incorrectly marked the team representative **ONLY** can contact the powerplay committee through the arena convenor where the committee will review and determine the best course of action. The committee reserves the right to make decisions regarding interpretation of the rules, or for safety reasons also reserves the right to remove a team from the tournament. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final.

Refund Policy

Refunds will be issued in form of a cheque.

Refunds will be issued after a written (email) request is made based upon the following:

Full refund less \$100.00 administration fee, for requests received 45 days before the first day of the tournament.

No refund will be given, for requests received within the 45 days before the first day of the tournament. Additionally, no refunds will be given to teams that do not want to participate due to the opponents, or schedule. No refunds will be given to teams due to unforeseen circumstances or scheduling readjustments during the tournament.

Release from Liability

Acceptance of a team's entry releases the tournament committee and officials, the arena management and everyone connected with the tournament from all liability for injury or accident which may be incurred by a player, team official or spectator while attending or participating in the tournament.

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PowerPlay Tournament Code of Conduct

What is the Purpose?

The purpose of the code of conduct is to ensure the tournament volunteers, referees, and arena convenors along with its participants are in adhering to an environment and behaviour that is expected throughout the tournament. The PowerPlay committee will enforce a set of expectations around violence, vandalism, and inappropriate behaviour for participants.

Vandalism?

During the tournament if vandalism at a facility is reported to the arena convenor the arena convenor reserves the right to contact the local authorities or city facility management to report the issue. The PowerPlay Tournament is not responsible for any lost or stolen articles or any type of vandalism during the tournament.

What type of incidents should or can be reported?

All forms of violence, vandalism or inappropriate behaviour are unacceptable on properties, in facilities. Incidents involving the following should be reported.

- Verbal assault
- Physical assault/harm
- Use of alcohol/drugs
- Harassment
- Threats/ aggression
- Vandalism
- Theft

Expected Code of Conduct?

The PowerPlay hockey tournament is an event that has an element of competition and therefore can create an atmosphere that can bring emotions and behaviour that is considered unwanted or offensive. It is important that everyone is treated everyone with respect in a heavily enjoyable atmosphere. Reported issues reported to the arena convenor will be treated seriously and may result in individuals or teams being asked to leave the facility or tournament.

Inappropriate Conduct?

Incidents of unacceptable behaviour the powerplay committee has the right to ask the team or members of the team including friends or family members with the team in question to leave the arena or tournament. The Powerplay committee also may report the incident to authorities including OMHA, team associations, police.

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Guidelines for Arena Use 2025-2026 Tournaments



It is our goal to make City of Guelph recreation centres enjoyable environments for all. Everyone from spectators, parents, guardians, and players, to coaches, officials and City Staff are all expected to treat one another in a courteous, professional, considerate, and respectful manner.

We are committed to ensuring a welcoming and safe space for all regardless of ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or position, and will not tolerate discrimination or hate directed toward any group.

The City of Guelph will not tolerate any unsafe and/or offensive behaviour that may go against the values identified in the City's Community Plan and the Strategic Plan, or these guidelines. Failure to abide may result in ejection or suspension from entering any or all City of Guelph facilities.

We are all accountable for our actions and it's more than being responsible for what you say or do. Each of us has a responsibility to report any act that goes against the values that we stand for. So, if you see something, say something.

General Facility Information

All City facilities are designated smoke free facilities. This refers to all tobacco and smoking products, including smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, cannabis and chewing tobacco.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any City Facility without the appropriate permits. Groups not complying will forfeit their rental times and the time will be re-allocated.

Parking

West End Community Centre Arena parking is located in the back parking lot at the main arena entrance on the far side of the building. Please leave the front parking lot for customers of the swimming pool and library.

Concessions

Snack items (granola bars, muffins etc.) are available at West End Community Centre and Victoria Road Recreation Centre main customer service desks.

Refillable water bottles are sold in vending machines in most facilities.

Warm Up Activities

Teams may not run in facilities for warm-ups to protect the safety of all facility patrons. Music is not permitted in the hallways or public areas.

The designated warm up areas for West End Community Centre are on the platform on the north side of Rink 1 and the west rink entrance of the facility at the top of the stairs (weekends and evenings only).

The designated warm-up area for Victoria Road Recreation Centre is the back of the

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arena closest to dressing room 6.

Community rooms can be rented for warm-ups outside of these designated areas.

Contact

facilitybooking@guelph.ca to check availability.

Dressing Rooms

We understand that during a tournament teams will enter dressing room as soon as the previous team has vacated. However please ensure that a adult or coaching staff member reviews the dressing room prior to the team entering the room. Ice users must vacate dressing rooms within 30 minutes following a game.

Dressing room assignments are subject to change. Staff reserve the right to request user groups to relocate from assigned rooms, with minimal disruption, in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Dressing room vandalism will not be tolerated. Permit holders will be held liable for the full cost of damages.

City of Guelph and the powerplay tournament is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Coaches and bench staff are responsible for ensuring that any music played in the dressing room or ice surface is of a positive nature for the enjoyment of both adults and children. Foul, offensive or discriminatory language, or any form of profanity will not be tolerated.

Music in the dressing room must be contained in the dressing room. Facility Staff or arena convenor may direct you to cease or reduce sound if it can be heard outside of the room.

Dressing room privileges may be revoked by management at any time if the policies and guidelines are not followed.