



Information for the 2022 NIHL - Blackhawks Tournament Bound Teams



To be posted on the NIHL website:

- 1) Player Eligibility Worksheet
- 2) Tournament schedule, showing locations, game times, and teams involved
- 3) List of tournament host contacts' information (including phone numbers/Email)
- 4) Overtime rules

Approximately Wednesday, Feb. 2nd for Premier Select teams and Sunday Feb. 6th for all other teams, the NIHL Website will post the final standings for the levels, including notification of those teams that are to advance to the NIHL-Blackhawks tournament. At these times, managers of teams anticipating participating in the tournament should have prepared the player eligibility worksheet and have a copy of the scoresheets from all NIHL games played.

Premier Select, Gold, and Elite teams:

Shortly after the final standings are posted, managers should make contact with their host site director. That contact will inform you of any updated information, if necessary, confirm the team's game schedule and locations. The sooner this contact occurs, the better. (No schedule changes are possible).

Upon arriving at the host site for their first game, the manager will give his team's Player Eligibility Worksheet, along with a copy of all NIHL games played, to the host contact. The host site director will then inform the manager of any information regarding their games. Remember, to avoid a hefty fine, it is advised that both teams bring both home and away jerseys, as the home team (higher seed) has the choice of which jersey they wish to wear.

Any questions should be directed to their host contact.

Bronze, Silver, and all Girls Gold teams:

Shortly after the final standings are posted, managers should contact the manager of the team they will be playing in the first-round games, as well as the site director of the quarterfinal and semifinal games. That host contact will need to get some information from those managers regarding their first-round game.

The first-round games will occur at the rink of the higher seed's (lower number) rink. The game slot time and date is to be agreed by the two managers, and will occur between Tuesday, Feb 8th and Tuesday, Feb. 15th. The referees for this game are to be ordered by the home team manager (Don't forget this!!!!) through their club's referee scheduler. This will be done in a manner similar to that of a rescheduled regular season game. The cost of the ice slot and the referees are to be split equally by the two teams playing. Once that game is scheduled that game information should be forwarded to the host site director and to Ruben Medina via email (nihlstatistician@gmail.com) or text (847-373-2291). This game information will be posted on the website.

It is advised that both managers print out the overtime rules and have their coaches be familiar with them.

Upon arriving at the rink before the game, the manager of the visiting team will pay the manager of the home team the sum for their portion of the ice cost and refs. Both managers will make available their completed Player Eligibility Worksheet, as well as copies of all their game scoresheets, to demonstrate the eligibility of the players involved. Be sure to get this paperwork back.

The home team will supply a scoresheet for this game, as in regular season games.

Upon completing the first-round game, the winning team's manager should forward the score and the winner of that game to their host site director and to Ruben Medina via email (nihlstatistician@gmail.com) or text (847-373-2291). Please be diligent in this information! People want to know the results of this game. The host contact will then confirm the site, day, and time, and possibly the opponent of the quarterfinal game (No requests for changing this game slot time will be considered).

Upon arriving at the host site for their quarterfinal game, the manager will supply his team's Player Eligibility Worksheet, along with a copy of the scoresheets of all NIHL games played. The host site director will then inform the manager of any information regarding their games. Remember, to avoid a hefty fine, it is advised that both teams bring both home and away jerseys, to all games, as the home team (higher seed) has the choice of which jersey they wish to wear.

Any questions should be directed to their host contact.