



NFHCA TOP RECRUIT WINTER ESCAPE TOURNAMENT RULES

Participating teams will be required to follow the Tournament Rules listed below:

- **General Tournament Rules**

- Follow 2015 FIH Rules and the February 2016 adjustment.
- Players must wear mouth guards.
- The Home Team is listed first on the game schedule and shall wear light colored shin guards. The Away Team is listed second on the game schedule and shall wear dark colored shin guards. All shin guards must match in color.
- No wire goggles may be worn.
- Athletes may wear face masks during penalty corners.
- Jewelry is permitted.
- Protests WILL NOT be permitted.
- All rules clarifications shall be reviewed by the Tournament Committee and such rulings are final.
- The Head Coach will be responsible for the behavior of all personnel affiliated with her/his team, including all assistant coaches and fans, and will receive any cards related to a lack of bench decorum.

- **Game Timing & Format**

- Games will be comprised of two, 25-minute halves with a five-minute halftime. A running clock will be utilized at all times.
- Games will start on the hour and will run on a central horn.
- Penalty corners awarded at the end of a half will be played out, regardless of the horn sounding.
- **No time outs** shall be awarded.
- The tournament is a SHOWCASE format; therefore, a pool play game may end in a tie.

- **Card Administration**

- Green Card - 2 mins
- Yellow Card - 5 to 10 mins
- Red Card - Out for the rest of the game
- The time for the card/penalty starts after the umpire has re-started the game.
- Teams will play short when a card is given.

- **Inclement Weather Policy**

Inclement weather is out of the control of the tournament director, the umpires, and the site manager(s). In the event of a thunderstorm and/or the presence of lightening, all games will be immediately suspended. Play will not resume until weather has cleared the area for at least twenty (20) minutes.

If inclement weather should disrupt scheduled games, the tournament director shall adjust the game schedule, as needed. This may include shortening games, adjusting the day's schedule, and/or cancelling games. Cancelled games may not be rescheduled.

In the event of extreme weather, it shall be the responsibility of the tournament director, the umpires, and the site manager(s) to determine whether or not it is safe to continue play for that day.

Announcements regarding inclement weather delays and cancellations will be communicated to coaches and participants via Twitter as well as via Tourney Machine.

All decisions made related to inclement weather are final. The NFHCA and Corrigan Sports will not issue refunds due to inclement weather.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a designated Coaches' Box located at each field. This box is reserved for college coaches and is intended to provide college coaches with the best opportunity to view games and make evaluations on participating athletes.

Please DO NOT enter this area or take chairs from this area for any reason. We also ask that you refrain from disturbing the college coaches while they are working in the Coaches' Box. Thank you.

