



2009 Charity Pond Hockey Challenge

February 6th & 7th, 2009

PRELIMINARY RULES

CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 6th

- Pre-Challenge Social Night
- Pizza & Beer
- Team Sign-in
- Charity Casino

Saturday, February 7th

- Pond Hockey Challenge
- Fun Challenges
- Dinner & Awards

The Aldershot Lions Club reserves the right to change the following rules at any time up to the day before the Pond Hockey Challenge.

The teams will be informed of any changes prior to starting play.

1. Player Eligibility

- a) Any person 19 years of age or older (or turning 19 in 2009) is eligible. Proof of age may be required – driver's license or birth certificate is acceptable

2. Registration

- a) Team registrations will be on a first come, first entered basis (maximum of 6 players - incl. 2 subs).
- b) Registration fee is \$70 per person payable to Aldershot Lions Club.
- c) The person registering the team will be considered the team captain. All communication between the organizers and the team before, during or after the Pond Hockey Challenge will be through the team captain.
- d) Registration fees must be received by January 30, 2009 for the team entry to be confirmed.
- e) All team members shall supply their own jerseys which will be predominantly the same colour.
- f) All team members will be required to sign a waiver on the day of the Pond Hockey Challenge prior to commencing play.
- g) On the day of the Pond Hockey Challenge the registration/check-in desk will be open at 7:30 am.

3. Team Composition

- a) Teams shall consist of a maximum of 5 or 6 players (4 players on the ice) – there are no goalies.
- b) The 5 or 6 players named to the team shall be the only players eligible to play for the team during the Pond Hockey Challenge – there shall be no substitutions during the Pond Hockey Challenge.
- c) A maximum of 4 skaters shall be involved in play on the ice at any one time.

4. Minimum Equipment

- a) Each player will provide and wear his own CSA hockey helmet, skates and stick, as a minimum requirement.

5. Ice Surface

- a) The ice is natural pond ice with the size approximately 75 feet wide and 150 feet long with the perimeter defined by snow banks.
- b) Play will continue regardless of weather or ice conditions, unless deemed unsafe.
- c) The Pond Hockey Challenge organizers will attempt to clear and maintain ice surfaces through the Pond Hockey Challenge but there is no guaranteed standard of ice.
- d) A regulation hockey puck will be used. An alternative object in place of the puck may be substituted by committee officials if deemed necessary (ie. Hockey ball, tennis ball).
- e) Games will start, break and finish at the sound of the horn.
- f) To eliminate goal tending, no players or sticks are allowed inside the crease area, unless to retrieve a stationary puck. Goal tending penalties called will result in a goal for the opposing team.

6. Alternate Event

- a) If there is no ice, or conditions are deemed unsafe for Pond hockey, a Road Hockey Challenge will be played in the parking lot.
- b) If teams choose not to participate in the Road Hockey Challenge, 50% of the team's registration fees will be returned by cheque via mail to the team captain.

7. Pond Hockey Challenge Format

- a) A Convener will organize the Pond Hockey Challenge and be the final authority on any questions during the Pond Hockey Challenge.
- b) All teams will be entered into pools of 4 teams by random draw.
- c) Each team will play 3 games guaranteed against the other teams in its pool and the winning team will go to the playoffs.
- d) Each game will be 35 minutes (two 15 minute periods separated by a 5 minute break).
- e) The first games will begin at 9:00 am.
- f) The Top 4 teams' will advance to the Main Draw playoffs.
- g) The winner of each pool shall be decided by the following
 1. Most wins – if the record is tied
 2. Wins against the tied team – if the record is still tied
 3. Most goals for – if the record is still tied
 4. Least goals allowed – if the record is still tied
 5. Largest difference between goals for and goals allowed
 6. If game remains tied after regulation time, a shoot out will be the deciding factor. Sudden death shoot out with the shot taken from centre ice, alternating shooters until the winner is declared.
- h) The one game consolation final will decide 3rd and 4th place
- i) The one game championship final will decide 1st and 2nd place
- j) The championship game will begin at approximately 4:00 pm.

8. Rules of Play. All games will be refereed. Results must be submitted to the registration desk after each game.

- a) The Pond Hockey Challenge is non-contact.
- b) Any fights or rough play will result in immediate disqualification from the Pond Hockey Challenge for both players. The players will leave the ice and property immediately and shall not be eligible for a refund or any other compensation.
- c) There shall be no shots with the stick raised above the knee.
- d) The "nets" will be small structures whose frame will provide a scoring area about 6 feet wide and 10 inches high. For a goal to count a puck must pass completely through the frame around the scoring area.
- e) No goal shall be counted if the team shot the puck from its own side of "centre" ice.
- f) Other than to start the game, there shall be no face-offs. The team that has been scored on shall bring the puck out of its own end and the opposing team shall wait on their side of centre ice.
- g) Pucks that leave the playing area or are buried into a snow bank shall be tossed back into the play by the referee to the team which did not touch the puck last.
- h) Once a penalty has been called by the referee, he will signal the scorekeeper with the team that caused the infraction. Once the infraction is noted the penalized team will go back to their end of the ice, the puck will be given to the team that was not penalized and the play will continue.
- i) At the end of regulation time, all accumulated penalty shots will be taken from centre ice. One player per shot alternating shooters.
- j) The team with the most goals at the end of regulation time and after all penalty shots have been taken will be awarded the win and two points.
- k) If after regulation time and penalty shots the teams are still tied, then each team will take shots from centre ice. One player per shot alternating shooters with sudden death minimum of one round of shots.



Thank You

