



On July 2-6, 2025, we will be hosting our 4th Annual Hockey & Broomball gathering now known as the Ayabeh Summer Challenge (“ASC”). We respectfully invite Indigenous teams from across Turtle Island to come represent and participate at our event.

In keeping with previous years, our Vision is to promote mental health and wellness, healthy lifestyles, friendship, and sportsmanship through sport.

We look forward to seeing everyone in July.

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July 2 – 6, 2025 Gatineau, QC & Ottawa, ON

Daily Admission	
Adults 18+	\$20
Youth 12 to 17	\$10
Elders 60+	Free
Children 0 to 11	Free

***Youth player passes are included with registration fees. All Adults including those playing must pay Daily admission fee**

Arenas

Centre Slush Puppie
500 Boul de la Cité
Gatineau QC J8T 0H4
Canada

Branchaud Briere
499 Bd Labrosse #100
Gatineau, QC J8P 4R1
Canada

Jim Durrell Recreation Arean
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Ottawa, ON K1V 6P9
Canada



Divisions & Eligibility

Minor Hockey Division

Category	Age Division	Year of Birth
Hockey	U9	2016-2017
Hockey	U11	2014-2015
Hockey	U13	2012-2013
Hockey	U15	2010-2011
Hockey	U18	2007-2008-2009
Junior Hockey	U21	2004-2005-2006
Girls Hockey	U11	2014-2015
Girls Hockey	U13	2012-2013
Girls Hockey	U15	2010-2011

Broomball Division

Category	Age Division	Year of Birth
Broomball	Teen Category	2012 to 2008
Broomball	Recreation	18 +
Broomball	Class C	35+ (5 players under 35)
Broomball	CO-ED	18+
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Adult Division

Category	Level	Caliber
Hockey Class A	Adult	18+
Hockey Class B	Adult	18+
Hockey Class C	Adult	35+ (Max 3 players under 35)
Women Hockey Competition	Adult	16+
Recreation broomball	Adult	18+



RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules will be used for governance of the Ayabeh Summer Challenge (“ASC”) and applies to all participants. All decisions of the ASC Committee are made in accordance with these rules and are considered final.

Registration and Payment Deadline

Team rosters must be submitted one month prior (June 4, 2024) to tournament. If extensions are required, please send email to info@indigenous-sports.com

Interact email transfer is the only accepted form of payment. There will be no holds or partial payments. Registration fees must be paid in full via EMT info@indigenous-sports.com with the password hockey2025. Categories shall remain open until the maximum number of teams have submitted their completed forms AND registration fees. **Fees must be received no later than June 1, 2025. No refunds will be provided after the registration deadline.**

Rules of Play

Hockey Quebec and Hockey Canada rules shall be followed for all hockey games unless otherwise noted in this document.

The Canadian Broomball Federation rules shall be followed for all broomball games unless otherwise noted in this document.

1. NEW Import Rule

All categories will have unlimited Indigenous import rule.

- A) NEW! Two (2) non-Indigenous players will be allowed in all categories.
- B) Exception is Girls Hockey which will be permitted five (5) non-Indigenous players.

Status Card or band numbers will be required on the registration forms. Metis cards will also need to be verified by the tournament committee. Teams must have these documents readily available for the duration of the tournament. This is the responsibility of the Coach or Manager.



2. A team that does not comply with the rules and regulations will be disqualified and lose its registration fee.
3. All participants must sign a waiver. For participants under the age of eighteen (18), the waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian. A PDF copy can be requested at time of registration.

4. REGISTRATION & SCORESHEET

- A) Team registrations must be complete prior to start of the tournament using the League Engine link provided. A player's name must appear on the first game sheet to be eligible to participate in the tournament.
- B) Rosters are final after the puck drop of the **FIRST GAME. The tournament committee will not accept any changes thereafter.**
- C) Each team will be allowed a maximum of nineteen (19) players including two (2) goaltenders and a minimum of seven players six (6) players and a goaltender).
- D) Any team found having any illegal player(s) on their roster, the team in question will record a loss in the game in which they used an illegal player(s). If a team is caught twice, the team will be expelled from the tournament.

Note: The team representative is responsible to verify the score sheet before the first game to ensure that all players are listed.

5.PLAYERS AGE ELIGIBILITY:

- A) In Class C hockey players must be 35+ however teams will be allowed up to 3 players who are 18+ in the division.
- B) Elite players 16+ (AAA/Jr players only) will be allowed to enter the Class A and B Category - Adult Hockey Division only. A waiver must be signed by the parent / guardian.
- C) If 16+ (AAA/Jr player) player opts to play in an adult category, a waiver form will need to be signed by the parent or guardian.
- D) An elite player who is 16+(AAA/Jr player) will be allowed to participate in up to 3 categories U18-U21 and Class A or B. The 16+(AAA/Junior) player in question can only play in 1 adult category.
- E) Adult players can play in only one division. (Example: Class A player cannot play in both the A and B category.)
- F) Minor hockey and broomball players will be allowed to play in more than one Minor category for two different teams. (Example: Bantam players can move up to the Midget category)



- G) A player cannot play for more than one team in the same division. (Example a Bantam player cannot play for two teams in the U15 category.)
- H) A player must play at least one game in the preliminary round before playing in the elimination rounds (Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final). A player must play in Quarter and Semi-Finals to play in the finals.
- I) Exceptions only to Broomball. Players can play in both broomball and hockey categories.

6. Tournament Procedures

- A) The home team will wear their dark-colored sweaters.
- B) TEAMS and coaches are to be present 30 minutes prior to their game.
- C) Teams will be allowed a 3-minute warm-up on-ice. A minimum of 5 players plus a goalie must be on the ice to start the game. Teams must finish the game with the same number of players. (Excluding injuries or game misconduct)
- D) The game clock will start according to the game schedule, thereafter when the 1st period of running time has elapsed, the team on the ice with the required number of players shall be declared the winner. If both teams have not met the minimum number of players, the game will be declared a 0-0 tie game; with a minus three (-3) in the standings for hockey and minus two (-2) for broomball. Minus one (-1) point for each period. **HOWEVER, YOUR USING 3 MINUS**
- E) The winning team in a **forfeit/default** game shall receive a plus three (+3) in the standings for hockey, and plus two (+2) for broomball. One (+1) point for each period.
- F) The game clock will start at end of the warm-up at the opening face-off, both teams must be ready when the referee signals the game to start.
- G) **No Shows.** Teams that are scheduled to play against a “No show” team will win by default. No points will be awarded to the team that is no show. The default win shall count as one game played.
- H) Teams that are scheduled to play against a disqualified team will win by default. No points will be awarded to the team who is disqualified.
- I) The final schedule cannot be changed to adjust for “No Shows” or disqualified teams. The tournament shall proceed as usual according to the final schedule. Every team should be ready to play on **Thursday July 3, 2025**.
- J) All teams must vacate their respective dressing rooms within 20 minutes of completing their game in a clean, respectful manner, so the next team may enter. The dressing rooms will be examined after each team exits. Please note: Damage(s) will be charged to the team, and the team may be disqualified from the tournament.



7. **Length of Games & Game Start time**

All games shall be played as follows; **with a three (3) minute warm up.**

(Warm up will begin when the referees present themselves on the ice).

- a. **Open A Hockey Divisions**, preliminary round games and semi-finals and finals will be three periods.

15-minute run time for the 1st and 2nd, period 3rd 15-minute stop-time period.

- b. **Hockey B, C and Women**: preliminary round games and semi-finals and finals will be three periods.

12-minute run time for the 1st and 2nd, period 3rd 12-minute stop-time period.

- c. **For all minor hockey (U9, U11, U13, U15, U18) divisions;**

12-minute run time for the 1st and 2nd, period 3rd 12-minute stop-time period.

- d. **All broomball categories**, preliminary round games and semi-finals and finals will be two (2) period 15-minute periods. **Second period will be stop-time.**

- 8. Each team will be allowed a thirty-second time-out in the semi-finals and finals only.

- 9. All preliminary games are in a “round-robin” format in all categories. All teams will be guaranteed three (3) games. After three (3) games, there will be an elimination play-off round for each category.

10. Hockey Overtime: ALL OVERTIME GAMES (3 ON 3): Quarter-final, Semi-final and final Games.

- a) Teams will play a 5-minute overtime of 3 on 3 hockey.
- b) The OT period is played sudden-death style, so the first team to score wins the game.
- c) Teams will switch ends.
- d) If a penalty is called the teams will play 4 on 3.
- e) If a second penalty is called against the same team, the teams will play 5 on 3 and could play (5 on 5) or (5 on 4) if penalties expire during play. If this occurs the teams will play (5 on 5) or (5 on 4) until the next whistle and then revert to (4 on 4) or (4 on 3).

11. Shoot out:

- a) If the game is still tied at the end of the 5 min OT period, a 3 player NHL-style Shootout will take place. If still tied, a Sudden Victory Shootout will continue until a winner is decided.
- b) Shootout will consist of each team sending out 3 shooters. If still tied after 3 shooters, each team will send out 1 shooter at a time until a winner is determined.
- c) Players are to be sent to center ice one at a time. Coaches do not need to name shooters ahead of time on the game sheet. The timekeeper will record Shooters # on the game sheet.



- d) Shots will be taken one at a time with the Visiting Team going first.
- e) No player can take a second shot until all players (excluding the goalies) have taken a shot (second shots do not have to follow the same order). If a team has 14 players eligible to shoot and B team has 15 players eligible to shoot, A team can start again after their 14th shooter and B after their 15th shooter.
- f) A player that is in the Penalty Box for whatever reason at the end of the overtime period or has been ejected from the game cannot participate in the Shootout.

12. **Broomball Overtime:** Quarter-final, Semi- final and final Games.

- a. A 5-minute (stop-time) 3-on-3 Overtime Period will be played.
- b. 3 VS 3 format will be used for overtime. First to score wins. If the game is still tied at the end of the OT period, a 3 player NHL-style Shootout will take place. (Coed, 2 females and 1 male on ice always)
- c. If still tied, a Sudden Victory Shootout will continue until a winner is decided. (See shoot-out rules for hockey above).

13. **Team Standings**

The tournament will be in a round-robin Format:

- 2 points for winning the game
- 1 point for a tie game
- 0 points for losing the game

14. **Breaking ties in the standings**

In case of a two-way tie, the following will determine the ranking;

- 1) Team that has beaten the one it is equal with will rank higher
- 2) Difference between goals for and against
- 3) Most goals
- 4) Fewest goals against
- 5) Fastest goal in the first game
- 6) Second fastest goal



15. Protests & Protocol

No protesting will be allowed. The tournament disciplinary committee will be intensively looking through games sheets and lines up to ensure rules are being followed.

16. Please note that referee decisions may NOT to be contested.

Items that may be investigated by committee include but are not limited to:

- Age eligibility
- Indigenous Status
- Playing on two teams in the same division

17. Game differential

After a difference of seven (10) goals, the game is automatically terminated. **(MERCY RULE)**

18. Penalties

- a) The team causing the game delay receives a minor penalty after the warmup time expires.
- b) Penalties occurring in non-stop time play shall be three (3) minutes. In a stop time situation, penalties shall be two (2) minutes. If a penalty takes place in a non-stop time but commences in stop time, it shall be two (2) minutes.
- c) Body contact will not be permitted.
- d) Any player being penalized for fighting will be automatically expelled from the tournament.
- f) High stick will result a game delay. (Broomball only).



17. Conduct & Social Media

- a) Any player, coach, spectator, or team representative using social media to make inappropriate posts or comments towards the organizers, officials, the tournament rules, opponents, and the event will be banned from the tournament immediately. Banned individuals will not be allowed back for a minimum of one year following the incident. Banned individuals will only be allowed to return once deemed fit by the discipline committee.
- b) There will be zero tolerance of lateral violence or the negative use of social media.
- c) There will be zero tolerance toward any aggressive behavior from coaches, players or spectators towards committee members, volunteers, officials, or any tournament workers.
- d) There will be zero tolerance for violence, fights, or disrespectful behavior at all arenas. Security will be on-site at all locations. If necessary, Police will be called to the location.
- e) The tournament will be a drug, cannabis, and alcohol-free event. There is a restaurant/bar at the sports facility, we ask that spectators and athletes to be respectful of the drug and alcohol-free policy for the duration of the event.
- f) Any kind of vaping device is not permitted. If a player, coach or fan is caught by a tournament organizer or arena worker using any type of smoking device in or near the arena. The player, coach or fan will face immediate expulsion of the tournament.
- g) There will be zero tolerance for alcohol, cannabis and drug use for athletes and spectators for the duration of the tournament. Athletes will be ejected from the tournament and spectators will lose their tournament pass and be banned from re-entry.
- h) Any racist remark made by a player, coach or fan towards an opposing player, coach, fan, referee or anybody that is participation in the Ayabeh Summer Challenge, will face IMMEDIATE expulsion of the tournament. No exceptions, this also includes but is not limited to during game play. If a racist or derogatory comments are made during a game by a player or coach, that player or coach will be immediately removed from the game. The player in question will then no longer be allowed to participate in any remaining games his or her team might play.

**Disclaimer**

The tournament organization will not be responsible for any thefts, losses or damages of equipment or personal effects.

The tournament organization will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur to players or spectators during the tournament.

Players, coaches as well as spectators will be held responsible for causing damage to the sports complexes as well as the buildings in which the teams will be lodged.

Important Reminders & Notice

- Registration is not considered complete until all documents are submitted and full payment is received. Only teams that have completed the registration process shall be accepted until the category is full.
- Additional rules can be added at the discretion of the tournament committee.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

We are here to set an example for the youth that participate in this event. Therefore, it is imperative that all coaches, managers, spectators, parents, recreation directors and minor sports coordinators set a good example of sportsmanship and fair play. Everyone is asked to act in a professional and courteous manner.

There is zero tolerance for violence, intimidation or disrespectful behavior on and off the ice.

We wish all teams, participants, and spectators all the best and good luck. If you have any questions, please contact one of our organizers.