



The Snowman Showdown - Warwick, Rhode Island Hockey Information & Rules

We want to welcome you all to the Ocean State Snowman Showdown, hosted by OverSpeed Hockey & IceTyme, right here in our hockey home at Thayer and Warburton Arenas in Warwick, Rhode Island.

The NUMBER ONE RULE IS VERY IMPORTANT, yet VERY SIMPLE — please let the kids play, the coaches coach, the officials officiate, and the parents and friends cheer on everyone. There will be no second chances if this rule is broken, and we'll be adhering to USA Hockey's [Zero Tolerance](#) policy and asking any violators to leave the event. These decisions will lie solely with the tournament directors and all decisions will be final.

That being said, the only reason we are doing this event is because we absolutely love the game of hockey and wanted to do something for all the kids, of all the levels, who love the game as much as we do. So we want to meet all of you, have a slice of pizza with you, watch your teams play and have some fun! We also want to

realize that the kids, the coaches, the officials, and probably us this weekend are going to make a mistake, or make the wrong decision. So be it — laugh and move on. We mean that!

HAVE A BLAST WITH THE KIDS — NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS! We (as a sports community) need to bring the happy, let's just play, mistakes are going to happen meter back and give the game to the kids again! We hope this event and our partner event the Presidential Classic (U12 & U14) will be able to play a small role in doing this.

GAME RULES

USA Hockey rules will govern play with the exceptions listed below.

For the first game of the day in each rink, we ask that all players stand on the blue line for the playing of the national anthem.

10U — all games will begin with a 3-minute warm up, followed by 3 periods of game play. Periods 1 and 2 will be 12-minute periods **with stop time**. Period 3 will be running time based on the amount of time remaining in the game slot to maximize the amount of time the kids can play. The maximum goal differential in all games will be recorded as 6.

8U — all games will be **25:30** minute games, with the teams switching opponents for a second 25:30 game, each ice slot. There will be a 3-minute period to get settled, warm up prior to the first game. There will be a 2-minute break between games. Games will be played 4-on-4 with a 1:30 minute horn on shift changes. Face offs only for penalties.

There will be no overtime, except in the championship games where there will be a 3-minute 3 vs 3 OT period played, and then a 3-person shootout followed by sudden death shootout.

Standings:

2 points for a win
1 point for a tie
0 points for a loss

Penalties:

8U — 1:00

10U — 1:30

4 minutes for a major

8 minutes for a misconduct

Ready for play — All teams must be ready for play 5 minutes before their scheduled start time or be issued a minor penalty to start the game.

Tie-Breaker:

1. Most points in standings
2. Head to head
3. Most total wins
4. Goal differential
5. Period points (10U only) - a tiebreaker point is awarded for each period won, a tie splits the point .5 and .5
6. Coin toss

All decisions made by the tournament directors are final and non reversible.

OTHER INFORMATION

There will be other activities at the arena over the weekend. We have scheduled the Bruins mascot to join us on Saturday, Warwick Fire Department trucks will be here throughout the weekend, face painting/balloons on Sunday, and more.

Warwick Junior Hockey Association will be conducting raffles, give-a-ways, 50-50s, etc., so please take part and test your luck for a GREAT cause!

Ocean State Snowman Showdown T-shirts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SATURDAY — HC Rhode Island (EHL Junior / U20) will be playing the Connecticut Nor'Easters with a 2:45 warmup and a 3:15 puck drop. All teams are invited and all will be admitted free of charge. In addition, free pizza and drinks (staggered deliveries starting at 3 p.m.) will be provided for all tournament players.

