



## **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 & Ice Tyme, 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 will be 12-minute periods with stop time. Should a team reach a 6-goal lead, the clock will become running in the third period. 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 and goals.

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. 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 and complimentary kids' face painting/balloons on Sunday in the Thayer Rink.

Ocean State Snowman Showdown t-shirts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis in the Thayer Rink.

SATURDAY — HC Rhode Island (EHL Junior / U20) will be playing the Bridgewater Bandits with a 1:40 warmup and a 2:10 puck drop. All teams are invited and all will be admitted free of charge. In addition, free pizza for tournament participants (staggered deliveries starting at 2:15 p.m.).

All games should be available on LiveBarn.

Locker rooms will be the responsibility of each team, it is for your use, please pick up after your teams and **do not bring food into the rooms.**

LINEUP STICKERS - ALL TEAMS PLEASE BRING LINEUP STICKERS - stop at the main administration table in Thayer Rink to fill out your game sheet no less than 10 minutes before your game time.

Championship banners and t-shirts will be presented to the winner of each division at the conclusion of the final games.

Please follow @overspeedhockey and our photographer/videographer @obieone for updates, photos, and videos of the games this weekend!