



The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL 2022 is located at Hertz Arena in Estero, Florida. Hertz Arena is located directly between Ft. Myers and Naples, in beautiful Southwest Florida. The facility has three ice rinks, one seating 7,100 for the ECHL Florida Everblades.

The FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL is for teams that are looking for the best competition possible. This tournament has 8U thru 16U with A2, A1, AA levels. This tournament has featured 85 teams making it the largest ever in the Southeast District. Having a 4-game guarantee with a possible 5th or 6th game makes the trip worth it. The winners of the tournament receive an automatic invitation next year to defend the trophy.

Southwest Florida's beaches are fifteen minutes from the rink. The hotels are within ten minutes of the arena and the beach. The Southwest Florida International Airport is one exit from the arena. The arena is located along side of highway I-75. Next to the arena is Florida's largest outlet mall the Miromar Outlets. Airboat trips in the Everglades or fishing charters can be taken in during your time off between games, and of course, golfing is nearby.

**The FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL is December 27 – 30, 2022**

All teams should be prepared play by 7:00am on their first game day. 8U division plays December 27<sup>th</sup> while all other divisions play December 28-30. Teams must have home and away jerseys, one light and one dark. The tournament will be played with USA Hockey rules. You must submit an USA Hockey Roster signed by your local USA Hockey Registrar no later than 14 days before your division's first game.

**The FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL is a stay to play event and all hotel rooms MUST be booked through the Lee County Sports Organizing Committee link on the next page.**

The only way to guarantee your spot is by sending in the registration form with full payment.

Hertz Arena is a LiveBarn facility and will be live streaming 100% of the games played in the tournament. Use code d3ee-wp3m for 10% off your LiveBarn signup.

Thank you,

Tony Lessel  
Tournament Director

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AT**

***Hertz Arena***

**TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

8U MINOR/MAJOR • 10U A2/A1/AA • 12U A2/A1/AA  
14U A2/A1/AA • 16U A/AA

4 GAME GUARANTEE  
CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER  
INDIVIDUAL 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AWARDS  
FOUR-PERSON REFEREE SYSTEM FOR 14U AND OLDER  
OVERTIME FOR ALL GAMES, PLAYED UNTIL A WINNER

**DECEMBER 27**

8U  
24 MINUTE GAMES 8U DIVISIONS

**DECEMBER 28-30**

10U – 16U  
13 MINUTE PERIODS 10U-12U DIVISIONS  
15 MINIUTE PERIODS 14U-16U DIVISIONS

- ✓ WORLD CLASS GOLF
- ✓ ARENA IS MINUTES AWAY FROM THE BEACH
- ✓ ARENA IS SECONDS AWAY FROM MIROMAR OUTLET MALL

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**HOTEL INFORMATION**

We have teamed up with a local non-profit, Lee County Sports Housing, to offer discounted hotel accommodations for this event. A team of local reservation specialists will share their knowledge of each hotel's amenities; also the best beaches, attractions, shopping, and restaurants. **Reservation specialists are available Monday through Friday, 9AM – 5PM Eastern Time by calling 239-541-1800.** Discounted rates are only available by calling the above number or reserving DIRECTLY through the event's housing website link:

<https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=61360>

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TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

8U MINOR (2015) • 8U MAJOR (2014) • 10U A2 • 10U A1 • 10U AA • 12U A2 • 12U A1  
12U AA • 14U A2 • 14U A1 • 14U AA • 16U A • 16U AA  
(please circle one)

LEAGUE TEAM PLAYS IN \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CONTACT EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CONTACT PHONE NUMBER CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL REGISTRATION TO:  
[TonyL@Floridaeverblades.com](mailto:TonyL@Floridaeverblades.com)

**Payment**

**Checks - TL HOCKEY ENTERPRISES LLC  
Venmo - @TLESS**

8U  
\$950

10U • 12U  
\$1,750

14U • 16U  
\$1,950

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

*REFUNDS WILL BE HALF PRICE OF REGISTRATION FEE*  
*\*NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN WITH LESS THAN 45 DAYS NOTICE\**

# 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES



The schedule and rules that are posted at the tournament are official and final.

The tournament games will be played under USAH Rules unless otherwise noted in these rules.

Each team is required to put a representative in their respective penalty box.

The schedule and rules will be distributed to all team managers prior to the tournament.

Tournament Rosters may be submitted but are limited to no more than 2 additional players outside their organization or will be subject to approval by tournament director. Team submitting an official tournament roster must also submit their most recent official regular season (T-1) roster. Players cannot play down regardless of age and skill. Ex: 10U aged player is officially rostered on a regular season 12U team. That player cannot play down from 12U. Independent organizations subject to approval by Tournament Director.

## Game Times:

8U – 24 minute run time games (intermediate nets)

10U – 12U are scheduled for 3 periods of 13-minute stop time

14U – 18U are scheduled for 3 periods of 15-minute stop time

14U AA and 16U AA will have ice cut at the end of the second period in the semifinal and final games only.

All games are played until someone WINS; sudden goal overtime for all games (excluding 8U division). One timeout per team. No additional timeouts in overtime but timeouts can be rolled over if not used in regulation. Long change will be used for all overtime periods.

The clock will be running time when the score differential is 5 goals at any point after the first period.

Once the score differential is 3 and under the clock will revert to stop time.

Teams will not get more than 5 goals for or against in standings.

The clock will be running time when teams combine for 20 penalties in a game.

All games that are tied at the end of the third period will be played until someone wins (excluding 8U). 10 minutes will be placed on the score clock. Each sudden goal overtime period will be 10 minutes. Points are not accumulated for being tied at the end of the 3rd period. 2 points for a win and 0 points for a loss.

**Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes before game time.** The first game each day is exempt from this rule. If the ice is available, the scheduled game will begin early. If a team does not have enough players to start a game, the clock will run and a goal will be assessed against that team every 2 minutes. If the team is still not ready by the end of the first period, the game will be scored a forfeit. It is the responsibility of a team representative to notify their team if the game is going to start early. That can be determined by how much time is left in the game before compared to your scheduled start time. Or ask a tournament official.

Forfeits - If a team forfeits any of its games in the round robin play, all its games played or not played yet may be recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending teams. Forfeiting team will be subject to removal from the tournament

Tiebreaker Rules - If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their positions in the standings shall be determined by the following tie-breaking formulas. If one tie-breaker establishes a distinct position for one or more teams, each team is placed in its new applicable position and the sequence is complete. Once a team or teams are placed in their new position, if the position of two or more teams remained tied, the remaining tied teams shall start the tie breaking process over again from the beginning.

## Standings Determination

- 1) Most wins
- 2) Head to head competition will determine which team advances when applicable
- 3) Plus/minus goal differential
- 5) Least goals allowed
- 6) Fewest penalty minutes during the tournament
- 7) Coin toss

Standings Determination for Semifinals and Finals to include all games played prior to Quarterfinals or Semifinals.

The ZERO Tolerance rule will be strictly enforced. Parents or coaches screaming or yelling (at players, Tournament staff or any Officials, on or off the ice) will be barred from Hertz Arena for the duration of the tournament. Each team and coach have the responsibility to control their parents. Officials or Hertz Arena management will stop play to remove unruly spectators from the arena. The rules of the arena will also be enforced – this includes a clean locker room. Any damage caused will be the responsibility of that team. Locker room keys will be given out for the first games of the morning by the recreation office located just outside the lobby of the green and blue rinks. All games following, locker room keys will be given out by the ushers on hand. Car keys are the only way to check out locker room keys. Car keys will be returned once rooms are checked and cleaned. No spectators or parents will be allowed along the hallways of the locker rooms and will be blocked off by the ushers.

**Tournament Director decision is final.**