HOCKEY CLUB CHIASSO
Tornei Internazionali Giovanili
2026/2027

TOURNAMENT RULES
UNDER 9

(Binding version is the original Italian version)

1. Category and Participants

Boys born after **01/01/2018** and girls born after **01/01/2017** are eligible to participate in the tournament. Upon request by the organizers or the technical committee, every player must be able to present a valid identification document.

2. Schedule and Tournament Format

The tournament takes place in two main stages: Single Preliminary Round-Robin Group and Direct Finals Stage.

a) Single Preliminary Round-Robin Group ("All-Play-All"):

- 10 teams participate in a single group.
- Each team plays against all other 9 teams.
- Games are played over two 15-minute periods.
- Each 15-minute period is counted as a separate game for the standings. Therefore, in each 2-period matchup, two points are at stake for the first period and an additional two points for the second period (for a total of 18 "games/periods" counted for each team across the single group stage).

b) Direct Finals Stage:

- At the end of the Single Group stage, based on the final standings determined by the points accumulated period by period, the final placement games will be played:
  - **9th - 10th Place Final** : 9th Place vs 10th Place
  - **7th - 8th Place Final** : 7th Place vs 8th Place
  - **5th - 6th Place Final** : 5th Place vs 6th Place
  - **3rd - 4th Place Final** : 3rd Place vs 4th Place
  - **1st - 2nd Place Final** : 1st Place vs 2nd Place

3. Game Format and Rink Management

a) Games are played simultaneously on 3 cross-ice rinks separated by dividers.

b) Games consist of two 15-minute periods, separated by a 3-minute intermission without returning to the locker rooms. Five minutes are scheduled between games for rink transitions.

c) The game clock runs continuously and stops on all rinks solely in the event of an injury.

d) Face-offs take place at center ice at the start of each period, after every goal, and upon resumption of play following an injury stoppage. Every other resumption of play takes place by tossing the puck into the corner.

e) The podium finals (1st–2nd and 3rd–4th place) will be played using the same format and rink dimensions.

4. Team Composition and Line Changes

a) Games are played 3-on-3 (3 skaters + 1 goaltender). During the game, replacing the goaltender with a fourth skater is permitted.

b) Each team may consist of a maximum of 17 players (including goaltenders).

c) Line Changes: Every 60 seconds, a buzzer signals a flying line change that takes place without stopping the clock. Every skater must leave the ice immediately without touching the puck.

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Otherwise, the referee will warn the coach. If the situation is repeated, the team will be penalized with a penalty shot.

d) Failure to complete a full change of all skaters will result, after a first and final warning, in the forfeiture (5–0) of the period/game in progress.

5. Scoring, Standings, and Tie-Breakers

a) **Single Group Scoring** (awarded per individual period):
   - **Win of an individual period:** 2 Points
   - **Tie of an individual period:** 1 Point
   - **Loss or forfeit of an individual period:** 0 Points (forfeit score: 0–5)

b) **Single Group Tie-Breaking Criteria**: In the event of a tie in points between two or more teams at the end of the single group stage, the following criteria will be applied in order:
   1) Points in head-to-head matchups (considering the periods played between the tied teams)
   2) Overall goal differential across all periods
   3) Highest total number of goals scored
   4) Drawing of lots

c) **Final Games:** The finals are played over two periods. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time in the final games, the match will proceed immediately to a **shootout (3 penalty shots per team)**. If the tie persists, sudden-death shootouts will continue (no player may take a second penalty shot until all teammates have taken one).

6. Officiating and Penalties

a) The technical committee assigns one referee and one judge to each game. The referee officiates the game, awards goals, and assesses penalties. The referee's decisions are final.

b) Penalizable actions are those set forth in the SIHF / FTHG rulebook. In particular, the following are not permitted: slap shots, body-checking, touching the puck after the buzzer, entering the ice before the buzzer, and any unsportsmanlike conduct.

c) Penalties: There is no penalty box. The penalized player is sent off until the end of the 60-second shift without substitution (shorthanded play). In the event of fouls on a clear scoring opportunity or serious infractions, the referee awards a penalty shot, which will be taken at the end of the period.

7. Awards Ceremony

All participating teams will be awarded during the final ceremony on Sunday afternoon. The attendance of all teams and their coaching staff at the closing ceremony is **mandatory**.

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