

Thames Valley Rec Cup 2010 Competition Rules

Administration:

All administration will be carried out by Steve Tysoe, Secretary, Met Police Ice Hockey Club, assisted by the match co-ordinators of each participating team.

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Format:

The format for this season will be as follows:

8 teams get split into two groups:

Group 1: Team1 / Team2 / Team3 / Team 4 each play each other twice (home and away) (home team pays for ice time and referees, provide off ice officials and a DJ)

Group 2: Team5 / Team6 / Team 7 / Team 8 each play each other twice (home and away) (home team pays for ice time and referees, provide off ice officials and a DJ)

Group stage matches will be organised between the respective teams and completed by the end of March 2010. (It should be noted that the Met Police Peelers do not have home ice so their 'home' games will be played on their opponents ice, with them footing the bill.)

2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 for a loss, etc. Winners of each Group decided on points, then goal difference, then least amount of penalty points, then earliest goal scored in the competition.

Top four teams then go into Semi Finals for the Cup:

Cup Semi- final 1: Group1 Winner v Group2 runner up - Home and away Game, aggregate scores - To be completed by the end of May 2010.

Cup Semi-final 2: Group2 Winner v Group1 runner up. - Home and away Game, aggregate scores - To be completed by the end of May 2010.

The lower four teams then go into Semi Finals for the plate:

Plate Semi- final 1: Group1 3rd place v Group2 4th place - Home and away Game, aggregate scores - To be completed by the end of May 2010.

Plate Semi-final 2: Group2 3rd place v Group1 4th place - Home and away Game, aggregate scores - To be completed by the end of May 2010.

The Plate final is provisionally booked for Saturday 5th June 2010 at 5.30pm at Slough Ice Arena.

The Cup final is provisionally booked for Saturday 12th June 2010 at 5.30pm at Slough Ice Arena.

These finals will be confirmed once all registration fees have been received.

Once the Administrator has drawn up the groups list, it will be the responsibility of each match coordinator to book their home match ice time and register the match through the EIHA REC website in the normal way. All match registrations should request a two-person referee team where possible / available. Please email your match dates to the competition administrator at Fritzcrackerz@aol.com within 48hrs of booking them.

Sufficient ice time should be booked to provide 3 x 20minutes period on stop clock, 10 minutes warm up prior to the game, 5 minutes break between periods 1 and 2 and a 15 minute resurface between periods 2 and 3. (Note: One team in previous competition cut short their matches due to lack of funds. This is not acceptable and teams should levy sufficient match fees on their players to foot the bill for their home matches.)

Each match will be shown as an event on the Facebook Group – ‘Thames Valley Rec Cup’

During the group stages, it will be the responsibility of each home team to provide MOTM awards for both teams, and bottled water / drinks for the on-ice officials. MOTM awards will be nominated by the opposing team’s captain and assistant captain.

During the group stages, it will be the responsibility of the home team to provide an off ice official team, comprising of:

- 1 scorekeeper
- 1 timekeeper
- 1 penalty box manager
- 2 goal judges
- 1 announcer / DJ

At the end of each game, the score sheet should be scanned and emailed to the competition administrator at Fritzcrackerz@aol.com within 48hrs of the end of the game. The hard copy should be sent to the EIHA Rec Section in the normal way.

During the finals matches, it will be the responsibility of all teams to provide two persons each to form the off ice official team for all four matches, except the DJ/announcer, who will be arranged by the competition administrator.

Eligibility:

The competition is for invited rec teams in the Thames Valley Area with players currently registered as Rec players with the EIHA.

All players MUST be registered with their respective teams through the EIHA Rec Section prior to commencement of their matches, as per EIHA Rec Section rules.

It is for team managers to check opposing teams rosters prior to the start of each match.

No player may play for more than one team in this competition.

Semi Finals / Finals

Players must have been registered with their respective team prior to 1st March 2010 to be eligible to play in the semi finals or finals matches.

Game Rules / Adjudication:

The competition will be played non-checking format.

All games will be played in accordance with the current EIHA Rec section rules.

Tony Wood, EIHA Rec Section Committee Member, has kindly agreed to act as an Independent adjudicator in the event of any disputes arising from this competition. Any decision he makes, whether or not made with reference to the EIHA Rec Section Disciplinary Committee, will be binding and final.

Match squads can consist of up to 17 players including two netminders. Teams with only one netminder must nominate a back up from their other players at registration at the start each match.

Teams with an injured netminder may 'borrow' a netminder from another, independent rec team, subject to the adjudicator's approval.

Each team will be provided with 10 minutes warm up time, with pucks, prior to the start of their game.

Each team is required to be dressed and ready to take to the ice five minutes before their allotted face off time of their game. Failure to comply will result in a bench minor penalty being called.

Any team not fulfilling a fixture without good cause, or prior agreement of the Competition Administrator, will forfeit the game and a score of 5-0 will be awarded to the opposing team.

Any team icing an unregistered player, determined by their roster, printed on the day of the match, will forfeit the game and a score of 5-0 will be awarded to the opposing team.

Any team not producing a roster, printed from the EIHA REC website on the day of the match, will incur a 5-minute major penalty at the beginning of the match.

Match suspensions and other disciplinary sanctions incurred in a TVR cup match must be served in subsequent TVR cup matches. i.e. they can not be cancelled out by challenge matches or any other competition / tournament.

Presentations:

Presentations will take place after the end of the Cup final, except the Plate which will obviously be presented at the end of the plate final.

Individual awards will be made at the end of the Cup Final and will include Top Scorer, Spirit Award and Best Netminder. Should funds permit, there may be medals as well.

Steve Tysoe – Competition Administrator 26/08/2009
Tony Wood – Independent Adjudicator 26/08/2009
Tony Boynton – Rec Section Chair 26/08/2009