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2026 Crystal Cup Pond Hockey Challenge

Tournament Format



- Games are two 15 minute straight time periods (5 min. break between).
- The rink measures approximately 70 ft. by 140 ft.
- The goals are 6 ft. inside length by 10 in. inside height.
- No goaltenders, no goalie sticks or goalie equipment.
- All players are required to wear hockey skates (no figure skates, goalie skates, long blades or toe guards).
- All players are required to have home and away jerseys. Pennys available upon request.
- All other protective equipment including helmets are mandatory.
- Entry fee is **\$300 + \$100** deposit per team, all players must be **18 years or older** to play.
- \$100 deposit to be returned when teams meet volunteer requirements (8 hours).
- All players are to sign waivers before playing.
- Teams are limited to 6 players with a max. of 5 dressed and 4 on the ice at one time.
- Teams may substitute players at any time 'on the fly'.
- The tournament clock and horn manages all games.
- Games & periods will start and end at the sound of the horn.
- Games begin with home team puck possession at center ice.
- The 2nd period starts with visiting team having puck possession.
- Players to clean ice with shovels and brooms following each game.
- During Round Robin there will be no overtime: win = 2 pts. and tie = 1pt.
- Champion team in each division is the one with the most points.
- Championship Games:
 - There will be no overtime in elimination games.
 - Elimination games will consist of 3 shots from end-to-end with both teams alternating shots then 1 for 1.
 - One foot must remain on back board prior to player shot.
- Cash prizes awarded to 1st (\$1000), 2nd (\$500) for Crystal Cup participants. 1st (\$500), 2nd (\$250) for Coal Cup and Sapphire Cup participants.
- Top 2 teams receive trophies in each division.

NOTE: Registration begins **December 15, 2025** and closes on **February 6, 2026** (No exceptions). Registration and payments are being accepted at the **Tourist Information Centre in the Pomeroy Sports Centre**, 9324 96 Street, Fort St John. Payment methods accepted are cash, cheque, debit and credit card. Payment by credit card may be made over the phone by calling 250-785-4592 ext. 2.

All players and teams must ready to play **at least 15 minutes prior** to game time. There will be no delay in start time if players or teams fail to show up. All teams are subject to forfeit.

Alcohol is only to be consumed in designated licensed area.

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Playing Rules



All games are officiated based on honour system. If games get out of hand, an executive member will officiate.

- Absolutely no raising of the puck.
- All minor penalties will result in a goal and loss of puck possession.
- Absolutely no body checking (Minor penalty).
- General hockey infractions such as tripping, hooking, slashing, elbowing, etc are considered infractions at this event (Minor penalties).
- Major penalties or any action that jeopardizes the safety of players, volunteers or spectators will result in that player's ejection from the tournament with no substitution allowed for that player's team.
- In extreme instances or actions involving more than one player from a team, the entire team can be ejected from the tournament.
- Any abuse of officials (monitors) will be considered a Major penalty. This includes yelling, swearing and excessive arguing about calls.
- There will be no off-sides or icings.
- Goals must be scored from the 'attacking' side of center ice.
- Players cannot fall or lay on the ice to protect the goal (Minor).
- Players cannot lay their sticks down on the ice to protect the goal (Minor).
- See "*Clarification of Goaltending*" information for further details regarding goaltending.
- Slap shots are expressly PROHIBITED, resulting in loss of possession (Minor).
- Raising the puck above knee-level will result in loss of puck possession (Minor).
- Sticks cannot be raised above the waist (Minor).
- Puck contact with a stick above the waist results in loss of possession (Minor).
- Teams must give half ice advantage after a goal is scored or after an infraction takes place.
- When attacking player crosses center ice, pursuit can take place.
- Hand passes are prohibited and will result in loss of puck possession (Minor).
- Goals 'kicked in' will be disallowed and result in loss of puck possession (Minor).
- The organizers reserve the right to prohibit any player from participating in a game should they be deemed a safety risk to themselves or anyone else.

NOTE:

If the puck leaves the designated playing surface, players have the option to collect the puck if within close range. Buckets of pucks will be available at each player bench. The team to last touch the puck will lose possession and, upon restart, will give the opposing team possession at the spot closest to where the puck left the area of play. Defenders must give the in-bounding team two stick lengths to initiate play again.

The organizers reserve the right to add, edit or delete rules as identified in this document. If changes are made, teams will be informed prior to any games being played.

Clarification on Goaltending



Not Allowed



This is goaltending
Use of the body/stick to completely cover the area of the net opening



This is goaltending
Use of stick shaft to cover the area of the net opening (directly in front of net)



This is goaltending
Two or more players using feet/sticks directly in front of the net

Allowed



This is not goaltending as long as the player stays on his feet



This is not goaltending because of the distance the player is away from net (not directly in front)



This is not goaltending
One player who stays on his feet is OK

Team Registration

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Payment

\$400 Per Team <or> **Platinum/Crystal/Diamond Sponsored Team:**

Company Name _____

Division Choices

☐ Crystal Cup (18+)

☐ Sapphire Cup (Women's)

☐ Coal Cup (40+)

Team Name _____

Player 1 (Team Captain & Main Contact) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Age _____ Highest Level of Hockey Played _____

Player 2 _____ Phone _____

Age _____ Highest Level of Hockey Played _____

Player 3 _____ Phone _____

Age _____ Highest Level of Hockey Played _____

Player 4 _____ Phone _____

Age _____ Highest Level of Hockey Played _____

Player 5 _____ Phone _____

Age _____ Highest Level of Hockey Played _____

Player 6 _____ Phone _____

Age _____ Highest Level of Hockey Played _____

Cheques can be made out to "Crystal Cup Society"

Scheduling and Roster Contact:

Gillies MacDonald 250 793 9585

Minimum 4 players per team with a maximum of 6 with 5 players to be dressed per game. No individual registrations accepted, players must be on a team.

Please see **thecrystalcup.ca** for all rules, regulations and updates to the event.

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Waiver of Responsibility



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I understand and agree that my participation in any physical activity is strictly voluntary. I further agree that in the event of a personal injury or property loss, as a result of my participation in such physical activity, I accept full responsibility and I will not hold the tournament committee, volunteers, contractors, agents, sponsors or the instructors liable.

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Team name

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Event Location & Directions



Follow the Alaska Highway (Highway 97) west from Fort St. John, BC until you reach the community of Charlie Lake. Turn right at the lights just past the Charlie Lake Store and take an immediate left onto Lakeshore Drive. Park in the designated area in the parking lot to the right of Lakeshore Drive. It is not recommended that you park on the lake itself. The event staging area is on Charlie Lake to the right of the boat launch/dock.

