



# Women's mini-hockey tournament 06.04.2024

## Announcement and rules

### 1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Propagating ice hockey and active lifestyle.
- 1.2 Making ladies' ice hockey more popular.
- 1.3 Improving the skills of amateur hockey players.
- 1.4 Providing more opportunities for ladies to play in tournaments.
- 1.5 Finding out the winners of the mini-hockey tournament.

### 2. TIME AND PLACE

- 2.1 The women's mini-hockey tournament will take place on **April 6, 2024**.
- 2.2 The women's mini-hockey tournament will be held in **Viljandi Ice Rink** (Puidu 8).
- 2.3 The women's mini-hockey tournament will start at **12.00**, the predicted ending time is **16.00**.
- 2.4 The detailed timetable of the tournament will be announced after receiving all registrations, but no later than on **April 4**.

### 3. MANAGEMENT OF THE TOURNAMENT

3.1 The women's mini-hockey tournament will be conducted according to the rules of the International Ice Hockey Federation: FAIR PLAY AND RESPECT by the rules of beginners where slapshots and body checking are not allowed.

3.2 The women's mini-hockey tournament is organized by the Viljandi Hockey Club.

3.3 The organizer will form the Tournament Directorate, which approves the participants, organizes the games and conducts the awarding of the best teams.

3.4 The overall management of the tournament will be performed by the Tournament Directorate.

### 4. PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT

4.1 All teams that have sent their entries by **March 29, 2024**, and have paid the participation fee **150 EUR by bank transfer** right after the confirmation e-mail from us (the bank details can be found in the end of this announcement), are allowed to take part in the women's mini-hockey tournament. The entries must also contain the list of players.

4.2 The players of one team must wear similar team shirts, that could be with player numbers.

4.3 All ladies from the **age 14** are allowed to take part in the women's mini-hockey tournament.

4.4 It is not allowed to use male players in the tournament (incl. goalkeeper).

4.5 One club may be represented by several teams.

4.6 Players are not allowed to play in more than one team in the tournament.

4.7 Goalkeepers are allowed to play in more than one team in the tournament.

4.8 The deadline for the entries to the tournament is **March 29, 2024**.

### 5. SENDING THE ENTRIES

5.1 The entries to the tournament must be sent by **March 29, 2024** to the e-mail [eve@viljandihoki.ee](mailto:eve@viljandihoki.ee)

5.2 One team may consist of up to **9+1** participants, one of which is a goalkeeper.

5.3 Players may not be entered in more than one team; goalkeepers can be entered in more than one team.

## 6. GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT

6.1 Up to **8 teams** can take part in the women's mini-hockey tournament.

6.2 In case of 6-8 teams the games of the tournament will be held in two groups.

6.3 In case of 1-5 teams the games of the tournament will be held in one group.

6.4 When the tournament will be held in one group, all teams will play with each other, after that the winner will be determined in the final game between the best two teams according to the obtained points (see the point 10).

6.5 In case of two groups with 8 teams the scheme after the group games will be as follows:

GROUP A	GROUP B
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3
A4	B4

¼ finals:

A1 – B4

A2 – B3

A3 – B2

A4 – B1

Semifinals:

The winner of A1 – B4 plays with the winner of A3 – B2

The winner of A2 – B3 plays with the winner of A4 – B1

Final:

The winner of A1 – B4 vs A3 – B2 will play with the winner of A2 – B3 vs A4 – B1.

6.6 The playing time is **10 minutes**. Time will not be stopped during the game, except in cases of longer pauses in the game – serious injury of a player, penalty shots etc. If the injury of a player does not hinder the rest of the team to play, the game must be continued. Team's coach or other concerned person must deal with the injured player.

6.7 The participants of the women's mini-hockey tournament are responsible for their own health issues.

6.8 The organizers are not responsible for traumas or injuries of the participants or the people attending the tournament inside or nearby the Viljandi Ice Rink. The organizers are also not responsible for their lost items.

6.9 The games of the women's mini-hockey tournament will be held in one zone, surrounded by rink boards in three sides and a mini-board located at the zone marking blue line.

6.10 Three players and a goalkeeper of one team are allowed to participate simultaneously in the game.

6.11 In case of injury of the goalkeeper, four players are allowed to play in the game.

6.12 In cases when two teams shearing the same goalkeeper should play with each other, one of the teams can use four players, or, in case of mutual quick agreement, to use the goalkeeper of another team, not playing at the moment.

6.13 The team members not playing at the moment wait for the change behind the mini-board on the same side with their team.

6.14 Player changes can be done at all times. The changes must be performed on the side of the team in the area covering the half of the zone length and one meter from the mini-board.

6.15 Slap shots and body checking are not allowed.

6.16 In case of rule violations, the penalty shots will be called. During the penalty shot the rest of the players, except the opponent team's goalkeeper, must wait behind the mini-board.

6.17 The goalkeeper is not allowed to hold the puck for more than 5 seconds. Otherwise, there will be a mistake whistled and the puck will be given to the opponent team. When the goalkeeper holds the puck, the opposite team must pull away and the goalkeeper releases the puck.

6.18 Faceoff is conducted at the center of zone. The faceoffs will take place only when the game starts. After scoring a goal, the scoring team must return to their side and the other team gets the puck. When the puck leaves the playing area, judge will throw the puck back to the game approximately in the middle of the opposite board.

6.19 Behind the mini-board, between the two teams, the timekeeper and the Secretariat are situated.

6.20 One referee is used in the games.

6.21 Games will be played in two zones simultaneously.

6.22 Teams that are not playing may warm up in neutral zone without pucks and not interrupting the playing teams and the Secretariat.

## **7. DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFYING**

7.1 The team will be awarded 0:5 lose:

7.1.1 in case the team will not show up in the game by the right time;

7.1.2 in case the team leaves the ice prematurely;

7.1.3 in case the team has less than 3 players in the game.

7.2 The team will be disqualified:

7.2.1 in case the financial duties are not fulfilled;

7.2.2 in case of crude violation of the code of sport ethics, rules of the tournament or discipline by the team.

## **8. REFEREES OF THE TOURNAMENT**

8.1 All games will have one on-ice referee and a secretary-timekeeper.

8.2 The referee's decisions during the games are final and protests are accepted neither by the players nor by the executives of the teams.

## **9. FINANCIES OF THE TOURNAMENT**

9.1 The entry fees will be used for:

9.1.1 ice rental;

9.1.2 referees' fees;

9.1.3 prizes.

## **10. FINDING OUT THE WINNERS AND THE FINAL STANDINGS**

10.1 The final standings of the teams will be determined according to the sum of earned points:

10.1.1 for each win – 2 points;

10.1.2 for each even brake – 1 point;

10.1.3 for each lose – 0 points.

10.2 In case two or more teams earn the same amount of total points, the higher standing will be given to the team, who has:

10.2.1 earned more points in the game between these two teams;

10.2.2 has better goals ratio in the game between these two teams;

10.2.3 has better goals ratio in all games;

10.2.4 has scored more goals in all games.

10.3 In case all the above indicators are equal, the winner will be found out by penalty shots. Each team is represented by three shooters, the team that scores more goals in one shot series is the winner.

10.4 In case the final game ends up in a tie, the winner will be found out by penalty shots. Each team is first represented by three shooters, the team that scores more goals in one shot series is the winner. If the first shooting round results in no winner, there will be one more shooter from each team in the following rounds and the winner will be determined by "sudden death" – until one of the teams scores and the other one does not.

## **11. AWARDING**

11.1 Three best teams of the women's mini-hockey tournament are awarded with medals and small gifts. The rest of the participants are awarded with small gifts.

11.2 The winner of the women's mini-hockey tournament is awarded with the traveling cup of the tournament. The winning team must engrave their name to the cup. The winning team holds the cup until the next year's tournament in which the cup will be awarded to the next winner.

11.3 The women's mini-hockey tournament is the successor of the Fuuriad mini-hockey tournament, which has been held four times before, and the tournament is awarded with the same traveling cup.

**Bank details:**

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Details: Women's mini-hockey tournament 2024, name of the team