

2019-20 EMPIRE-SNOWBELT THRUWAY SERIES

10U Squirt / 12U Peewee / 14U Bantam

Rules and Information

Updated: September 19, 2019

Championship Sunday – February 23, 2020

All Championship Sunday games held at Bill Grays IcePlex in Rochester, New York.

Semi-Finals (10U/12U/14U)	Sunday, 2/23/2020 (AM)
Finals/Consolation (10U/12U/14U)	Sunday, 2/23/2020 (PM)

Suggested Competition Weekends

October 26-27, 2019	December 7-8, 2019
January 11-12, 2020	February 8-9, 2020

Thruway Series game scheduling commences September 20, 2019 and must conclude by September 30, 2019 (1 week prior to Empire scheduling meeting).

ALL Thruway Series play to conclude on or before Sunday, February 9, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: Competition Weekends are suggested dates, to create the feel of a distinct Thruway Series competition with dedicated weekends. However, teams may schedule Thruway Series games on any mutually-agreed upon home or away date.

10U Squirt Red – Teams/Divisions

Empire Division - Squirt Red (3)
Monroe County
Perinton
Rochester

Snowbelt Division - Squirt Red (6)
Clinton
Cortland
Fulton
Ithaca
Rome
Whitestown

12U Peewee Red – Teams/Divisions

Empire Division - Peewee Red (5)
Monroe County 1
Monroe County 2
Perinton
Rochester
Webster

Snowbelt Division - Peewee Red (4)
Fulton
Rome
Valley
Whitestown

14U Bantam – Teams/Divisions

Empire Division - Bantam (4)
Livingston
Monroe County
Rochester
Webster

Snowbelt Division - Bantam (3)
Southern Tier
Valley
Whitestown

Game/Penalty Timing and Points Structure

	<u>Periods</u>	<u>Minors</u>	<u>Majors</u>	<u>Misconduct</u>	<u>Fair Play Limit</u>	<u>Points</u>
Squirt	12/12/12*	1:30	5:00	10:00	5:00/game	2/win; 1/tie
Peewee	12/12/15**	2:00	5:00	10:00	9:00/game	2/win; 1/tie
Bantam	15/15/15***	2:00	5:00	10:00	13:00/game	2/win; 1/tie

* minimum 75 minute ice slots for Squirt games

** minimum 80 minute ice slots for Peewee games

*** minimum 90 minute ice slots for Bantam games

Miscellaneous Rules and Information

- Fair Play Point = 1 point/game, based on above per-game penalty minute thresholds
- USA Hockey Rules govern suspensions/hearings/penalties
 - Any required hearings held by home Conference or applicable governing body.
 - If a player is suspended by home Conference, they are suspended for the next game and the missed game counts as the suspension game, regardless of whether the next game is regular Conference play or Thruway Series play
 - No penalty-minute limits/thresholds in Thruway Series play
- All participating players must be on the participating Red team's official USA Hockey roster (including ALL alternates)
 - Exception:
 - Empire goalie substitution rules govern Empire goalie substitutions
 - Snowbelt goalie substitution rules govern Snowbelt goalie substitutions
- Warmup Period/Curfew Clock: at discretion of Home Team/rink
 - Curfew clock is rare in Snowbelt, but common practice in Empire
- Timeouts
 - NONE at Empire rinks
 - ONE (1) 60-second timeout at Snowbelt rinks

- Teams in Empire Division play teams in Snowbelt Division; all play is cross-divisional play
 - Scheduling Matrix will be provided once all Snowbelt teams are confirmed
 - May not be equal home-and-home if one League has more teams
 - Standings will be kept and posted by Thruway Series Webmaster (and Snowbelt Scheduler) Scott Jesmore

- Game Score Reporting
 - Scoresheets will be submitted to Thruway Series Webmaster not more than one (1) week after completion of game (email/fax/scan is acceptable)

AND
 - Game results will be submitted online by Home Team within forty-eight (48) hours of game completion, using online form provided by Webmaster

- Thruway Series standings will be based purely on Thruway Series play
 - no Empire or Snowbelt league standings will count
 - no individual player or goaltender statistics will be kept

- Tie-Breakers for Empire and Snowbelt Division final standings
 1. Highest number of Wins
 2. Highest number of Fair Play Points
 3. Highest Goal Differential (Goals For minus Goals Against)
 4. Highest Number of Goals For
 5. Highest Seed within Home League Final Standings (Snowbelt or Empire)
 6. Coin Toss

- Mercy Rule
 - Running clock after 7 goal advantage in 3rd period
 - Return to stop clock if gap narrows to less than 7 goals

- CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY: Top two (2) teams in each Division, at each age level, after Thruway Series Regular Season play will qualify for Championship Sunday.
 - 2 game guarantee on Championship Sunday
 - Requires additional expense if team qualifies
 - SEMI-FINALS
 - Empire Division 1st vs. Empire Division 2nd
 - Snowbelt Division 1st vs. Snowbelt Division 2nd
 - CONSOLATION
 - Empire Semi-Final Loser vs. Snowbelt Semi-Final Loser
 - FINAL
 - Empire Semi-Final Winner vs. Snowbelt Semi-Final Winner
 - ALL players participating in Finals receive Thruway Series finalist or champion puck
 - Winning team receives Thruway Cup trophy