



SPORTS INFORMATION GUIDE

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ICE HOCKEY



Ice Hockey

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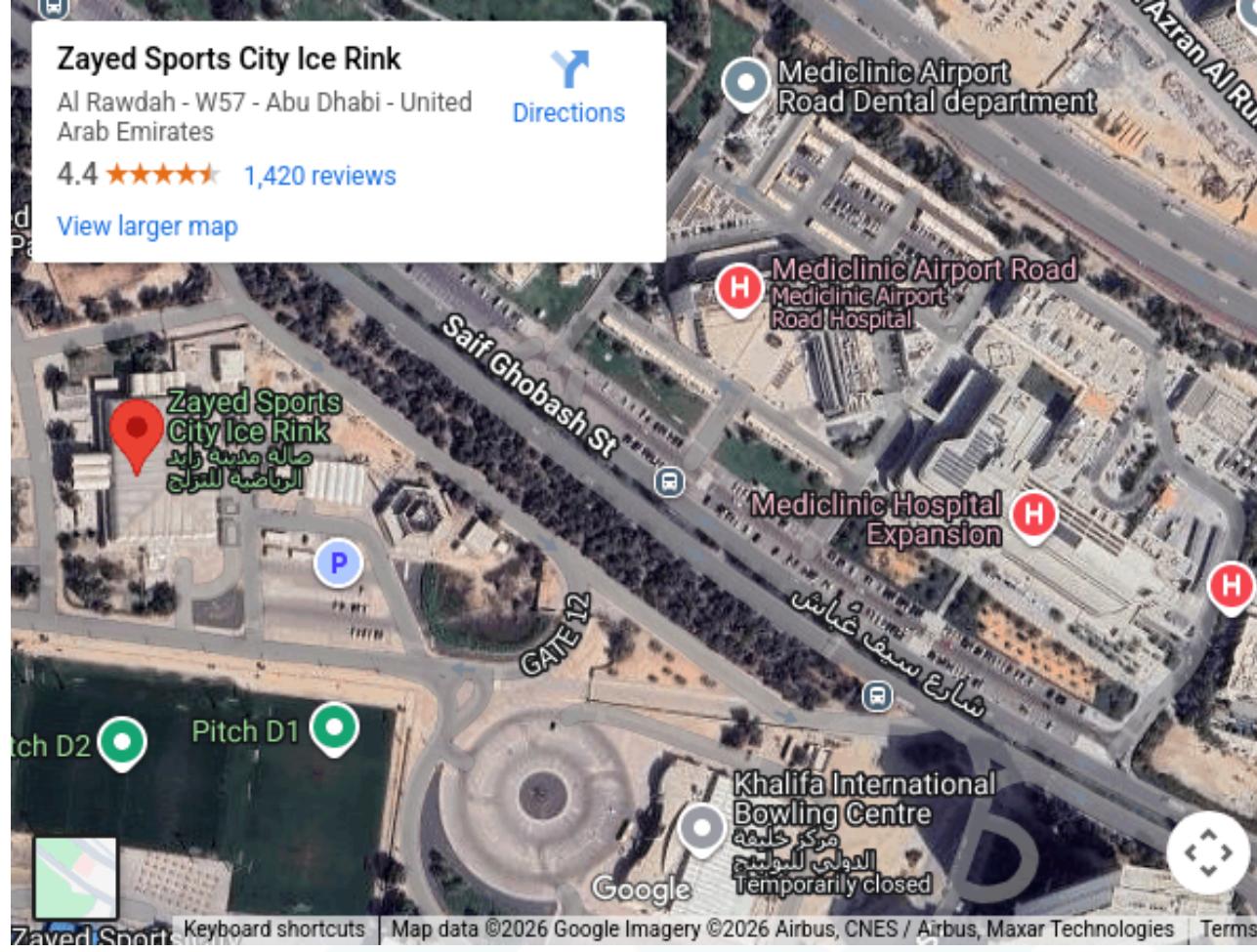
1. General Information

1.1. Date

Date	
Gender	Date
Male	February 7 - 10 2026
Female	February 11 - 14 2026

1.2. Venues

[Zayed Sports City Ice Rink](#)



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2. Competition Information

2.1. Disciplines, Events & Grading

Category	
Gender	Age
Male	20+
Female	

3. Men's Tournament 2026

3.1 Rules & Regulations

Round Robin: -

- Teams will play in two groups, A & B; each group consists of 3 teams.
- Each team will play a total of 4 Games.
- Win is worth 3 points and loser 0 points if game finishes in official time.
- If the game finishes in shoot outs win are worth 2 points and loser 1 points.
- There is no overtime in round robin games.
- Shoot out will be according to IIHF rules and regulations.
- Each game includes 5 min warm-up, 3X15 min Running time.
- Ice cleaning will be after each period.
- One time 30 seconds time out is allowed for each team during the game.

3.2 Ranking system: -

- Most points
- Head-to-Head
- Goal difference
- Goals for
- Goals against
- Penalty Minutes (Team with Less Penalty Minutes Win)

3.3 Finals format:

- Teams will be ranked according to the above-mentioned.
- The 1st ranked team plays 2nd ranked team for the gold Medal game.▪ The 3rd ranked team plays the 4th ranked team for bronze Medal game.
- The 5th ranked team plays the 6th ranked team for placing.

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3.4 General Rules & Penalties

3.4.1. Rules

- This is a non - Checking Tournament.
- Hybrid Icing is in place.
- All decisions made by a referee are absolute.
- The Minor Penalty is 2 minutes Stop time.
- Major Penalty is 4 minutes Stop time.
- Personal Misconduct is 10 minutes.
- Game Misconduct: 5-minute penalty + 20Minutes Misconduct will lead to out of current Game.
- Match Penalty: 5 minutes Penalty+20 Minutes Misconduct will lead to out of Current game and a minimum of one game suspension depending on review of tournament Committee.
- Fighting will lead automatically to the suspension of the running game plus one game.
- Cursing, screaming or threatening the referee or any other official will lead to a one game suspension.
- The tournament committee can suspend a player at any time for more than one game, if the behavior of that player needs such action.
- The tournament will run with 3-man system officiating.

3.4.2. Finals Rules & Regulations

Each game includes 5 min warm-up, 3 X 15 min Running time with ice cleaning after each period for All Div

- One time 30 seconds time out is allowed for each team during the game.
- In the case of a tie game there will be 5 minutes overtime then shoot out according to IIHF rule book.
- Teams will play 3 on 3 in overtime with sudden death.
- If tie continues shootout will take place (5 penalty shots for each team –5 different Players, then one-by-one can be played with the same player). The rotation who started first went second after the first round.
- Players in Penalty Box can't make penalty shots.



4. Women's Tournament 2026

4.1. Rules & Regulations

Round Robin: -

Teams will play in one group consists of 4 teams.

- Each team will play a total of 4 Games.
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- If the game finishes in shoot outs win are worth 2 points and loser 1 points.
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