

## **Playoffs**

1. The Competitive League and the House League (except Novice 4on4 and Midget House League) will conduct playoffs for all divisions according to the following formats:
  - 4 Team Division (play-offs will begin at the start of the second round of play-offs)  
Semi-finals: 1<sup>st</sup> vs. 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 5 Team Division  
First round : 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> gets a bye, 4<sup>th</sup> vs. 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Semi-finals: 1<sup>st</sup> vs. winner of 4-5  
2 remaining teams.
  - 6 Team Division  
First round 1<sup>st</sup> vs. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> vs. 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Semi-finals: Highest finishing team remaining at end of first round gets by to finals, two remaining teams playoff
  - 7 Team Division  
Highest finishing team gets bye to second round.  
2<sup>nd</sup> vs. 7<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> vs. 5<sup>th</sup> in first round  
Semi-final: Highest ranking team (bye team) playoff against lowest finishing team remaining and the two remaining teams playoff.
  - 8 Team Division  
Quarter-finals: 1<sup>st</sup> vs. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> vs. 7<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 6<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> vs. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Semi-finals: Highest ranked team playing lowest ranked team and so on until all are matched.

Divisions of greater than 8 teams  
Will be formatted by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year with the intent of including all teams.
2. All playoff rounds will be four point series.
3. The first game will be played in the home arena of the team finishing highest in the League standings during he regular season. The games will then alternate between home arenas.
4. If games one or two of a series are tied at the end of regulation time they shall remain tied (i.e. no overtime) and a third game shall be played.
5. If the third game being won by either team results in the total points being 3 points each then a fourth game shall be scheduled.
6. If the series is tied at two points prior to the start of the third game, the coach of the home team will advise the visiting coach whether or not overtime will be played.
7. Overtime must be played in the fourth game, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time.
8. Overtime in either the third or fourth game of a series will be sudden victory, conducted in a series of 5 minute stop time periods. The first period will be played with four skaters and

all subsequent periods will be played with three skaters.

9. A goaltender shall be used in all overtime periods.
10. Penalties drawn during the overtime periods with three skaters will result in adding one player to each team (the penalized player goes to the penalty box and is replaced while the non-offending team adds a one player, giving them 4 skaters vs 3 for the duration of the penalty). The penalized player will return to the ice at the expiration of his penalty and at the next stoppage of play, the teams will reduce to the number of specified skaters for the period B three (3).
11. No team shall have fewer than three skaters on the ice at any time.
12.
  - a) At the regular League meeting in February, all associations must provide the League with playoff ice times. It will be the responsibility of the team managers to schedule playoff games. In the event of conflict between team managers, the Convenor will rule.
  - b) The first game of every series MUST be played within the first four (4) days of the allocated dates (see point 13 below) regardless of the length of the series.
  - c) The higher placed team must provide one date within the first 4 days, and one date within the last four (4) days of the allocated dates, leaving the last day open for contingency scheduling (e.g. a fourth game, weather) if required. The lower placed team is then expected to accommodate a game in the period between the dates provided by the higher placed team.
  - d) Should the higher placed team not be able to provide such dates then game 1 will be hosted by the lower placed team and games 2 and 3, if necessary, would revert to the higher placed team.
13.
  - a) All teams will qualify for play-offs with divisions being split accordingly.
  - b) Three round series will be played as follows.
    - 1st round of Play-offs start
    - 2nd round
    - 3rd round
  - c) League play will be suspended during the March Break  
(Teams may play during this period providing the League and both teams are in agreement. The extension of any series beyond the dates specified must be approved by the President.
14. Absolutely no exceptions for running beyond the dates scheduled for each series in play-offs - Follow rule # 12 to ensure that the games are played in a timely fashion.
15. **Midget House League will forgo the standard playoff structure and will cede teams for a Round Robin Playoff Format**