

CCYHL LEAGUE PLAYOFF RULES

ADMINISTRATION

1. A Playoff director shall be appointed by their host association to oversee the league playoffs.
2. The Tournament Playoff Committee shall handle all disputes and protests. The Tournament Playoff Committee's decision is final. The Tournament Playoff Committee for each age group shall consist of:
 - The CCYHL Age Group Representative
 - The CCYHL President
 - The Host Association Tournament Director

All protests must be filed with a \$500 cash protest fee deposited with the host association payable to CCYHL. The fee will be refunded only in the event the protest is upheld.

3. Entry and admission fees are included in the CCYHL team registration fees.
4. The December 31st, 2007 USA Hockey Team Roster will be the official CCYHL Playoff Roster.

SEEDING SYTEM

The CCYHL Competition Committee (3 representatives from different clubs) will determine seedings as outlined:

1. The top eight teams as determined by league play will be seeded into a single elimination tournament. Exceptions:

Squirt C: the top four teams in each division (8 total) will be selected.

PeeWee B Major: 8 teams will be selected and seeded from the 7 Major teams and 2 top Wales teams.

PeeWee B Minor: 8 teams will be selected and seeded from the 7 Minor teams and bottom 2 Wales teams.

Bantam B Major: 8 teams will be seeded from the 5 Major teams and top 3 Campbell teams.

Bantam B Minor: 8 teams will be seeded from the 5 Minor teams and the bottom 3 Campbell teams.

2. The CCYHL seedings are determined on the basis of:
 - Points: two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.
 - Winning Percentage: Points divided by Total League Games Played.
 - The CCYHL competition committee has final discretion on all seedings.

Example: 11-2-2 = 24 Points divided by 15 Total League Games Played = 1.600 Winning Percentage

3. The following criteria will be used as the tie-breakers or establishing seeding positions.
 - a. **Squirt B; Squirt A; PeeWee A; Bantam A; Minor A; Major A:** #1 through #8 determined as follows:
 1. Head-to-head competition. If one team has a head-to-head advantage in points (W/L/T record).
 2. Number of wins in league play. *Example: (12-6-0 beats 11-5-2).*
 3. Goal difference in head-to-head games.
 4. Goal difference in league play.
 5. Fewest goals given up in league play.
 6. Fewest penalty minutes in league play.
 7. Coin toss.

b. Squirt C

1. #1 - #4 Norris are determined and #1 - #4 Smyth are determined.
2. Head-to-head competition. If one team owns a clear head-to-head advantage in points (W/L/T record).
 - Total team points (W/L/T record) in conference play.
3. Number of wins in league play. (12-6-0 beats 11-5-2).
 - Number of wins in conference play.
4. Goal difference in head-to-head games
5. Goal difference in league play.
 - Goal differential in conference play.
6. Fewest goals given up in league play.
 - Fewest goals allowed in conference play.
7. Fewest penalty minutes in league play.
 - Fewest penalty minutes in conference play.
8. Coin toss.

Note: Since we are determining in conference seeds, we start with "overall" statistics and then use "in conference" statistics next before going to the next overall statistics tie-breaker.

c. PeeWee B Major; Bantam B Major

1. #1 - #2 PeeWee B Wales established in their respective division using 3.a above and put into a seeding selection with all PeeWee B Major teams.
2. #1 - #3 Bantam B Campbell established in their respective division using 3.a. above and put into a seeding selection with all Bantam B Major teams.
3. For the top 2 PeeWee B Wales teams the games versus PeeWee B Minor will not be used for playoff seeding amongst the Major division.
4. Winning percentage (Points divided by games played) for games played between PeeWee B Major and top 2 Wales teams will be used to establish standings. For example:
 - Major #1 = 15-5-2 = 32 points/22 games = 1.4545
 - Wales #1 = 8-3-2 versus Major and Wales only (Minor eliminated) = 18 points/13 games = 1.3846
 - Major #1 (1.4545) is seeded over Wales #1 (1.3846)
5. **The #9 team overall will be eliminated from PeeWee B Major playoffs.**
6. For the top 3 Bantam B Campbell teams the games versus Bantam B Minor will not be used for playoff seeding amongst the Major division.
7. Winning percentage for games played between Bantam B Major and top 3 Campbell teams will be used to establish standings.
8. If any teams have identical winning percentage, then we use the tie-breakers in 3.a. to determine seeding of those teams that are tied.

d. PeeWee B Minor; Bantam B Minor

1. #1 - #7 PeeWee B Minor and #1 - #5 Bantam B Minor established in their respective divisions per 3.a. above.
2. #1 Minor seeded #1 overall. This is to reward a #1 finish in Minor over a #3 finish from Wales or Campbell.

3. #3 - #4 PeeWee B Wales established in their respective division using 3.a above and put into a seeding selection with the #2 - #7 PeeWee B Minor teams.
 4. #4 - #6 Bantam B Campbell established in their respective division using 3.a. above and put into a seeding selection with the #2 - #5 Bantam B Minor teams.
 5. For the bottom 2 PeeWee B Wales teams the games versus PeeWee B Major will not be used for playoff seeding amongst the Minor division.
 6. Winning percentage (Points divided by games played) for games played between PeeWee B Minor and bottom 2 Wales teams will be used to establish standings.
 7. **The #9 team overall will be eliminated from PeeWee B Minor playoffs.**
 8. For the bottom 3 Bantam B Campbell teams the games versus Bantam B Major will not be used for playoff seeding amongst the Minor division.
 9. Winning percentage for games played between Bantam B Minor and bottom 3 Campbell teams will be used to establish standings.
 10. If any teams have identical winning percentage, then we go back to 3.a. to determine seeding of those teams that are tied.
4. The CCYHL Playoffs will begin with Seed 1 vs Seed 8, Seed 2 vs Seed 7, Seed 3 vs Seed 6 and Seed 4 vs Seed 5.
 - a. Semifinals: Winner 1 vs 8 plays winner 4 vs 5; Winner 2 vs 7 plays winner 3 vs 6 (teams are not re-seeded).
 - b. Championship: Semifinal winners.
 5. For the **Squirt C** division the games will begin with 1N vs 4S, 2S vs 3N, 2N vs 3S and 1S vs 4N.
 - a. Semifinals: Winner 1N vs 4S plays winner 2S vs 3N; Winner 1S vs 4N plays winner 2N vs 3S.
 - b. Championship: Semifinal Winners.
 6. The team with the higher seed shall be the home team in each round. In the event two teams meet with the same seed (**Squirt C only**), then a coin flip shall determine the home team.

Game Play

1. Rosters must be presented to the Playoff Site Director no later than 30 minutes prior the scheduled start of the game.
2. Only coaches, players and team listed on the teams USA Hockey's official roster shall be allowed on the bench. Coaches must present upon request proof of required USA Hockey coaching level certification.
3. Spectators must view the games from the designated area of the playoff site. USA Hockey STAR program guidelines for parent, player, coach and other spectator behavior shall be enforced by the on ice officials and the host tournament director and staff.
4. Each team should be prepared to provide a person to run the penalty box for their respective team. The host association reserves the right to provide all off-ice officials and may refuse requests for team reps to run the penalty box. If one team has a team representative, then the other team should be allowed one person as well.
5. The host association shall provide scorekeepers and clock operators.
6. Pointstreak with an accompanied paper scoresheet shall be used to score the game. If Pointstreak not available at game time, then the game should be entered as soon as possible at the conclusion of the game.

7. Each team should have both home and away jerseys available.
 - a. The higher seed will be the home team and wear their white or light jersey.
 - b. The away team will wear their dark jersey.
8. USA Hockey, CAHA and CCYHL rules will apply.
9. A three-man officiating system is recommended for all CCYHL Playoff games. If only two referees are available, then the tournament site director has the right to start and complete the game with two refs.
10. All team members and coaches must be present 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the game.
11. Each team should be ready to play ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
12. A forfeit shall be declared if one of the teams is unavailable or unwilling to play. USA Hockey rules apply to minimum number of players. If a team is late for the start of a game, for whatever reason they need to contact a member of the Playoff Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee will determine any delay to start the game.
13. There will be a 5-minute warm-up to start when the officials take the ice. Regular league game times will be used for all playoff games.
 - a. All games are 3 periods of 12-minute stop clock with no ice-make between periods.
 - b. There will be no curfew games.
 - c. There will be no run clock.
 - d. Host associations are required to allow for overtime and award presentations in their scheduling.
14. Each team will be allowed one (1) timeout per game in regulation play. There will be no timeout in overtime regardless if the team did not use their timeout in regulation play.
15. Overtime Rules:
 - a. First overtime (OT) will be four (4) on four (4) for six (6) minutes stop time.
 - b. In the case of a penalty that goes into the first OT period the teams will play 4 on 3.
 - c. Second and subsequent overtime periods will be three (3) on three (3) for six minutes stop time.
 - d. Multiple OT periods shall be played until a winner is determined.
 - e. In the case of a penalty that goes into the second OT period the teams will begin play 4 on 3 until such time as both teams are full strength then the first whistle after achieving full strength the officials will direct the teams back to 3 on 3.
 - f. In any case where a team may go down two players, we will go 5 on 3 until both teams are at full strength then at the first whistle after achieving full strength, the officials will direct the teams back to the correct lineup depending on the overtime period.
 - g. If time allows, Division Coordinators may request an ice make after the second overtime.
16. Team banner and individual medals will be awarded to the champion team; individual medals will be awarded to the runner-up team.