



# PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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## **PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION** **U11 "A" PLAYOFF GUIDELINES - 2024-2025 SEASON**

### **Part 1 - General**

1. These Playoff Guidelines shall apply to PCAHA U11 "A" playoffs.
2. Please make reference to the 2024-2025 playoff formats issued by the Managing Director.
3. Playoffs shall be supervised by the League Manager or other person designated by the Managing Director. All questions should be directed to your League Manager or the U11A Managing Director.
4. As a general rule, a minimum of 48 hours notice of any playoff game will be given. However, where circumstances are beyond the league's control, teams must be prepared to play whenever requested.
5. Every effort shall be made to start games on time and to avoid delays to best utilize the available icetime.
6. Game starting times shall be as per PCAHA Section G(3).
7. Period times shall be as per PCAHA Section G(7). Please note that Section G(7)-Note (b) (possible shortened third period) applies to all playoff games with the exception of the following:
  - (i) Games in the Conference Championship ("Final 4") round-robin series, and
  - (ii) Games following the Tiebreaker Game format - Section N(13)<sup>1</sup>.
8. The Sportsmanship points **WILL** be counted in any portion of the playoffs where there is a round robin and that round robin does not lead to a Championship, as per the PCAHA rule book.
9. Protests shall be handled according to PCAHA Section K(2). Please note that game protests during playoffs must be in writing on Association letterhead signed by the Association President (or in his/her absence, a Vice-President) and filed with the Managing Director within 24 hours of the completion of the game in question.

### **Part 2 - Championship Playoffs**

1. All teams shall remain within their respective regular season Flight and play off for a PCAHA Conference Championship in that Flight.
2. For FVC and GVC flights, there shall be no cross Conference Playoff round. The final level of playoffs shall be the Conference final.
3. In the cross-over and final games, the home team shall be deemed to be the team with the higher standing in league play. However, in the event that home ice is not available within a suitable period of time, the Managing Director may rule that the game be played at the home of the team with the lower standing.

### **Part 3 - Presidents Series Playoffs**

1. Teams not advancing to the Championship Series shall participate in a Presidents Series playoff. Presidents Series playoff formats shall follow the format prescribed in the appropriate Flight of

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2. Games shall be played on regular (league game) icetimes or the equivalent. G(7)-Note (b) shall apply.
3. In a round-robin Presidents Series, the winner shall be decided by the final standings determined according to Section M. The Sportsmanship Point shall apply.
4. No overtime shall be played in any round-robin game.
5. In the cross-over and final games, the home team shall be deemed to be the team with the higher standing in league play. However, in the event that home ice is not available within a suitable period of time, the Managing Director may rule that the game be played at the home of the team with the lower standing.

**SPECIAL U11A TIEBREAKER GAME**

Where the playoff format for a particular Flight requires a winner to be determined, the following game format shall apply:

- (a) A winner shall be decided in this game. As there is a possibility that the two teams could be tied at the end of regular play, the Coaches of each team shall designate five (5) players, in order, plus one (1) alternate player to participate in a Shoot-out. The jersey numbers of these five (5) players, in order, plus one (1) alternate shall be noted on a piece of paper submitted to the scorekeeper prior to the start of the game.
- (b) The game shall be played on the basis of a regular league game ice time, with period times determined according to PCAHA rule G(7).
- (c) At the end of the second period, if there is insufficient time remaining to play a full third period as listed after allowing for time for a possible Shoot-out, the third period shall be shortened to a specific number of stop-time minutes determined by deducting five (5) minutes for a possible Shoot-out from the time remaining in the ice slot and dividing the remainder in half. This shall be done regardless of the score at the end of the second period.
- (d) If the game is tied at the end of the third period, a Shoot-out shall be held to determine the winner as follows:
  - (i) If one of the designated five (5) shooters is injured, they shall be replaced by the alternate shooter prior to the start of the Shoot-out.
  - (ii) The goaltender in net at the conclusion of the game shall participate in the Shoot-out. No goaltender substitution is permitted except for injury.
  - (iii) Alternating penalty shots shall be taken, beginning with the first designated player of the visiting team.
  - (iv) The team scoring the most goals after the initial five (5) penalty shots in the Shoot-out shall be declared the winner. The game shall be recorded as a one goal victory for the winning team.
  - (v) If each team scores an equal number of goals in the first round of five (5) penalty shots each, then each team shall designate an additional five (5) players (including the alternate if they were not used as a substitute in the initial five (5) players). These players shall participate in a "sudden victory" Shoot-out with each team taking alternate shots until one team scores and the other fails to score. This procedure shall be repeated until a winner is decided. No player shall participate again in the Shoot-out until all players on the team (excluding the goaltenders) have participated.

**NO TIMEOUTS**

Timeouts are not permitted in any game played under the Special U11A Tiebreaker Game rules.