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## **P.C.A.H.A. 2025-2026 BULLETIN #17**

**DATE:** January 22nd, 2026  
**TO:** The Presidents,  
PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues  
**FROM:** Melanie Earland  
PCAHA President  
**SUBJECT:** **Hosts for PCAHA "Final 4" Championship Playoffs (2025-2026)**

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Please find attached the approved list of host Associations for the PCAHA "Final 4" championship round-robin playoffs to be held in March, 2026. These playoff series involve the final four teams in each "A" playoff grouping, U13 through U18 (not including Female).

Host Associations were assigned based on the probability of the Association having a team in Final 4. Please check the division, category, and dates for the playoff that your Association has been awarded/assigned. If you wish to swap division/category with another Association please contact the other Association to arrange the swap and advise me and the respective Managing Director(s) of the outcome as soon as possible.

Please also find enclosed a copy of the Playoff Guidelines - Hosted Round-Robin Playoffs. The following points should be noted:

- Six (6) icetimes are required for each championship series
- A minimum of three (3) full stop time periods must be provided for each game. When assigning icetimes, sufficient leeway must be built in so that three full periods can be played for all games. Section G(7)-Note (b) [shortened third period] does not apply.
- In U11, U13, and U15, the minimum game format is three 15 minute stop time periods.
- In U18 and U21, the minimum game format is two 15-minute stop time periods plus a 20 minute stop time third period.
- The same period format must be used for all games in the championship series.

Please ask your Ice Scheduler to contact the respective Managing Director with the schedule of ice times as soon as possible and no later than **February 2, 2026**.

Thank you for your assistance.

cc. Managing Directors, League Managers, Executive Committee, files



**“A” CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS - “FINAL 4”**  
**HOST ASSOCIATIONS – 2025-2026**

<b>Division/Category</b>	<b>Host Association(s)</b>	<b>Dates</b>
U18 - BC Hockey Tier 1	RICHMOND JETS MHA	February 27 - March 3*
U18 - BC Hockey Tier 2	PORT MOODY AHA	February 27 - March 3*
U18 - BC Hockey Tier 3	SQUAMISH MHA	February 27 - March 3*
U18 - BC Hockey Tier 4	No Final 4 (1 team)	
U15 - BC Hockey Tier 1	NORTH SHORE WINTER CLUB MHA	February 27 - March 3*
U15 - BC Hockey Tier 2	SOUTH DELTA MHA	February 27 - March 3*
U15 - BC Hockey Tier 3	MISSION MHA	February 27 - March 3*
U15 - BC Hockey Tier 4	Non-hosted double round robin	To be completed by March 3*
U13 - BC Hockey Tier 1	SEMAIHMUO MHA	February 27 - March 3*
U13 - BC Hockey Tier 2	VANCOUVER MHA	February 27 - March 3*
U13 - BC Hockey Tier 3	ALDERGROVE MHA	February 27 - March 3*
U13 - BC Hockey Tier 4	CLOVERDALE MHA	February 27 - March 3*

\*-Must be completed on or before March 3, 2026, to leave March 4th, 2026, open for a Tiebreaker Game, if required. (If a Tiebreaker Game is required, the game shall be played at the home of the team winning a coin toss).

**PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

<b>PLAYOFF GUIDELINES - "FINAL 4" HOSTED CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
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**TYPE: GUIDELINES.**  
Issued: January, 1986.  
Revised: January, 1990.  
Revised: July 3, 1991.  
Revised: Dec. 11, 1996.  
Revised: May 28, 2006.  
Revised: Oct. 26, 2014.  
Revised: Sep. 25, 2020.

**A. Host Association Guidelines:**

1. Arrange for sufficient icetime (see below).
2. Supply the PCAHA Managing Director with a game schedule at least 4 weeks in advance of the first game.
3. Designate timekeepers and scorekeepers well versed in the operation of the time clock, and familiar with penalty and scorekeeping procedures.
4. The cost of the ice and referees shall be the responsibility of the host association.
5. Fund raising, such as 50/50 draws and concession sales, are for the sole benefit of the host association. (Participating teams shall not be permitted to conduct 50/50 draws, etc.).
6. No admission may be charged.
7. Arrangements should be made for national anthem and opening ceremonies before the opening game (if possible).
8. No individual awards are permitted.
9. The presentation of the PCAHA championship banner shall occur after the final game. No other presentations shall be made without the specific approval of the PCAHA Executive Committee.

**B. Icetime Requirements:**

1. **Schedule of Games (4 teams):** For a four team playoff, six icetimes are required (the "home" team in each game is the first listed):

Game 1..... 4th vs. 1st	Game 5 ..... 3rd vs. 4th
Game 2..... 2nd vs. 3rd	Game 6 ..... 1st vs. 2nd
Game 3..... 2nd vs. 4th	
Game 4..... 1st vs. 3rd	

**Note:** (i) Teams shall not be required to play twice on the same day (exception, see 3(b), below).  
(ii) The Managing Director may vary the above schedule depending on the icetimes provided and travel considerations.

2. **Schedule of Games (3 teams):** For a three team playoff, six icetimes are required (the "home" team in each game is the first listed):

Game 1..... 1st vs. 3rd	Game 4 ..... 3rd vs. 1st
Game 2..... 3rd vs. 2nd	Game 5 ..... 2nd vs. 3rd
Game 3..... 2nd vs. 1st	Game 6 ..... 1st vs. 2nd

**Note:** (i) No two games shall be played on the same day. (ii) The Managing Director may vary the above schedule depending on the icetimes provided and travel considerations.

3. **Game Times:**

- (a) Approved hours for starting playoff games are as follows:<sup>1</sup>

<b>Day</b>	<b>Earliest</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Saturday and Sunday .....	7:00 A.M.	9:30 P.M.
Monday through Friday .....	6:00 P.M.	9:30 P.M.

**Note 1** - For U11 (Atom) and U13 (PeeWee), Sunday through Thursday, the latest start time is 8:00 P.M. and 8:30 P.M., respectively.

**Note 2** - For U18 (Midget) and U21 (Juvenile) the latest start time is 10:00 P.M. Associations shall make their best efforts to start not later than 9:30 P.M. for U18 (Midget).

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<sup>1</sup>-see PCAHA Section G(3)-G(4).

Playoff Guidelines - Hosted Round-Robin Championships (cont.)

**Note 3** - Associations are to allocate ice times which are reasonable in relation to the ages of the players involved and to the distances visiting teams must travel.

- (b) No team shall be required to play two games in one day, except for situations in which the location of the playoff requires teams to stay overnight in hotels, in which case a specific exception to this policy may be approved by the PCAHA Executive Committee upon application by the host Association. Where an exception has been approved, no team shall be required to play its second game of the day against a team that is playing its first game of the day, and a minimum of two hours shall be allowed between the end of a team's first game and the scheduled start of that team's second game.

4. **Period Times:**

- (a) Games shall be played on the basis of three full, stop-time periods. The host Association shall provide sufficient icetime for each game to allow the completion of a minimum of three full, stop-time periods. The third period shall not be shortened.<sup>2</sup>

- (b) Period times shall be as follows:<sup>3</sup>

<u>Nominal Duration</u>	<u>Warm-up</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Break</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Break</u>	<u>Third</u>
1 hour	5	10	none	15	none	15
1¼ hours	5	15	none	15	none	15
1½ hours	5	15	none	15	2	20
1¾ hours	5	15	none	15	ice clean	20
2 hours	5	20	none	20	ice clean	20
2¼ hours	5	20	ice clean	20	ice clean	20
2½ hours or more	5	20	ice clean	20	ice clean	20

All games in the series shall be played using a consistent format for icetime length and period times<sup>4</sup>. Where a host Association decides to use 20-minute periods or a combination of 15- and 20-minute periods, the same period times shall be used for all games in the series.

Where 20-minute period times are proposed, the host Association shall discuss the game format with the Managing Director at least 4 weeks in advance of the start of the series.

- (c) Notwithstanding any additional icetime, the maximum game time shall be three 20-minute stop-time periods.
- (d) Where indicated, the 2-minute break or ice clean between periods shall be at the discretion of the referee subject to available icetime to complete the game.<sup>5</sup>

5. **Ice Clean:** There shall be an ice clean before each game.

6. **Overtime:** There shall be no overtime.

7. **Meaningless Games:** A playoff game in a round-robin series where the outcome is meaningless may be cancelled, at the discretion of the PCAHA Supervisor in charge of the series.<sup>6</sup>

8. **Tiebreaker:** Playoff standings shall be determined utilizing the format in Section M, except that the Sportsmanship Point shall not apply.<sup>7</sup> If a tiebreaker game is required the game shall be played at the home of the team winning a coin toss.

<sup>2</sup>-PCAHA Section N(10)(e).

<sup>3</sup>-PCAHA Section G(7). Section G(7)-Note(b) [shortened third period] shall not apply.

<sup>4</sup>-PCAHA Section N(10)(e), last sentence.

<sup>5</sup>-PCAHA Section G(7)-Notes (a) and (c).

<sup>6</sup>-PCAHA Section N(10)(c).

<sup>7</sup>-PCAHA Section N(10)(a).