



## **U22 ELITE PLAYOFF INFORMATION**

The playoff format for this season will comprise of three league championships that will be held from April 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This will align with values of the OWSA in ensuring that all players at this caliber have the same opportunity to continue to play hockey.

A detailed schedule with times and location will follow later in the season.

The first championship series will be known as the Gold League Championship where the teams that end the regular season from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> will compete in this Final 8 weekend. (Red Division)

There will be 2 pools created amongst these 8 teams. Pool A will consist of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> placed teams and Pool B will consist of the teams that ended up 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Each team will play everyone in their respective pools and the top team with the best record in each pool will then advance to the Championship game on Sunday. The teams that have the 2<sup>nd</sup> best record in their respective pools will play for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game also on Sunday.

Teams will play Friday and Saturday and will only be able to qualify for the Sunday games re above.

The length of all games will be the same as during the regular season. The same rules that govern the regular season will apply this weekend.

The second championship series will be known as the Silver League Championship where teams that end the regular season from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> will compete in this Final 9 weekend (Red Division)

There will be 2 pools created amongst these 8 teams. Pool A will consist of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and Pool B will consist of the teams that ended up 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Each team will play everyone in their respective pools and the top team with the best record in each pool will then advance to the Championship game on Sunday. The teams that have the 2<sup>nd</sup> best record in their respective pools will play for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game also on Sunday.

Teams will play Friday and Saturday and will only be able to qualify for the Sunday games re above.

The length of all games will be the same as during the regular season. The same rules that govern the regular season will apply this weekend.

The third championship series will be known as the Bronze League Championship where teams that end the regular season from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> (Red Division) and teams in the Blue Division that end up 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> after the regular season.

There will be 2 pools created amongst these 8 teams. Pool A will consist of the 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> teams in the Red Division, along with the teams that ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Blue Division. Pool B will consist of the teams that ended up 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> in the red division, along with teams that ended up 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Blue Division

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Teams will play Friday and Saturday and will only be able to qualify for the Sunday games re above.

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Overtime rules will be sent out on a later date.