



**APHL Playoff Rules
2021 - 2022**

3 Team Tournament (U11- T1, U11 – T2 & U18 – T3)

- Series 1, 2 & 3 will be two games total points
- Series 4 will be a Best of 5 Series (**OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED FOR ANY GAME**)
- APHL will advise the game dates and series format (i.e., travel)
- Game series may be altered by the APHL if unforeseen circumstance arise.
- **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS FOR TWO GAME SERIES:**
 - **2 POINTS** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION WIN
 - **1 POINT** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION TIE
 - **2 POINTS** FOR AN OVERTIME WIN
 - **0 POINTS** FOR A REGULATION LOSS OR OVERTIME LOSS
- **NO OVERTIME WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME TOTAL POINT SERIES.**
 - IF AFTER 60 Minutes of play in the first game and the game is tied it will end as a tie. (AGAIN, NO OVERTIME IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME SERIES)
 - OVERTIME will be played in the second game in the following scenarios:
 - A) After 60 minutes of play in the first game and second game both games end in a tie, then Overtime will be played to determine the series winner
 - B) If team “A” wins the first game and team “B” wins the second game OT will be played to determine a winner of the series.
 - C) If team “A” wins the first game, and at the end of the 2nd game the score is tied. **NO OVERTIME IS PLAYED. Team “A”** wins the series.

OVERTIME

- Five-minute OT, 3 on 3, stop time; if still tied, then,
- Shoot out, three players are selected and submitted to the referee. The home team will decide which team starts the alternating shootout; if still tied, then,
- A Sudden Victory alternating shootout will commence. **ANY** player can take part in the Sudden Victory portion of the shootout, including the first 3 players and the same player can be used multiple times
- Goaltenders may be switched out at any time during the shootout.
- Any Penalties that occur during regulation time and are not completed by the end of regulation time will carry over into the overtime period.

4 Team Tournament (U13-T1)

- Series 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 will be two games total points
- Series 6 will be a best of 3 series. **(OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED FOR ANY GAME)**
- APHL will advise the game dates and series format (i.e., travel)
- Game series may be altered by the APHL if unforeseen circumstance arise.
- **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS FOR TWO GAME SERIES:**
 - **2 POINTS** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION WIN
 - **1 POINT** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION TIE
 - **2 POINTS** FOR AN OVERTIME WIN
 - **0 POINTS** FOR A REGULATION LOSS OR OVERTIME LOSS
- **NO OVERTIME WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME TOTAL POINT SERIES.**
 - IF AFTER 60 Minutes of play in the first game and the game is tied it will end as a tie. (AGAIN, NO OVERTIME IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME SERIES)
 - OVERTIME will be played in the second game in the following scenarios:
 - A) After 60 minutes of play in the first game and second game both games end in a tie, then Overtime will be played to determine the series winner
 - B) If team “A” wins the first game and team “B” wins the second game OT will be played to determine a winner of the series.
 - C) If team “A” wins the first game, and at the end of the 2nd game the score is tied. **NO OVERTIME IS PLAYED. Team “A” wins the series.**

OVERTIME

- Five-minute OT, 3 on 3, stop time; if still tied, then,
- Shoot out, three players are selected and submitted to the referee. The home team will decide which team starts the alternating shootout; if still tied, then,
- A Sudden Victory alternating shootout will commence. **ANY** player can take part in the Sudden Victory portion of the shootout, including the first 3 players and the same player can be used multiple times
- Goaltenders may be switched out at any time during the shootout.
- Any Penalties that occur during regulation time and are not completed by the end of regulation time will carry over into the Overtime period.

5 Team Tournament (U11-T5, U13-T2, U13-T4 & U18-T4)

- Series 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 will be two games total points
- Series 6, 7, 9 & 10 will be a one game series (**OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED**)
- Series 8 will be a Best of 3 Series (**OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED FOR ANY GAME**)
- **After series #1 & #2 teams will be reseeded for series #3 & #6. Based on regular season final standings**
- APHL will advise the game dates and series format (i.e., travel)
- Game series may be altered by the APHL if unforeseen circumstance arise.
- **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS FOR TWO GAME SERIES:**
 - **2 POINTS** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION WIN
 - **1 POINT** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION TIE
 - **2 POINTS** FOR AN OVERTIME WIN
 - **0 POINTS** FOR A REGULATION LOSS OR OVERTIME LOSS
- **NO OVERTIME WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME TOTAL POINT SERIES.**
 - IF AFTER 60 Minutes of play in the first game and the game is tied it will end as a tie. (AGAIN, NO OVERTIME IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME SERIES)
 - OVERTIME will be played in the second game in the following scenarios:
 - A) After 60 minutes of play in the first game and second game both games end in a tie, then Overtime will be played to determine the series winner
 - B) If team "A" wins the first game and team "B" wins the second game OT will be played to determine a winner of the series.
 - C) If team "A" wins the first game, and at the end of the 2nd game the score is tied. **NO OVERTIME IS PLAYED. Team "A" wins the series.**

OVERTIME

- Five-minute OT, 3 on 3, stop time; if still tied, then,
- Shoot out, three players are selected and submitted to the referee. The home team will decide which team starts the alternating shootout; if still tied, then,
- A Sudden Victory alternating shootout will commence. **ANY** player can take part in the Sudden Victory portion of the shootout, including the first 3 players and the same player can be used multiple times
- Goaltenders may be switched out at any time during the shootout.
- Any Penalties that occur during regulation time and are not completed by the end of regulation time will carry over into the Overtime period.

6 Team Tournament (U13 – T5, U15 – T2 & Female U18)

- Series 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 will be two games total points
- Series 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 & 14 will be a one game series (**OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED**)
- Series 10 will be a Best of 3 Series (**OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED FOR ANY GAME**)
- **After series #1 & #2 teams will be reseeded for series #3 & #4. Based on regular season final standings**
- APHL will advise the game dates and series format (i.e., travel)
- Game series may be altered by the APHL if unforeseen circumstance arise.
- **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS FOR TWO GAME SERIES:**
 - **2 POINTS** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION WIN
 - **1 POINT** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION TIE
 - **2 POINTS** FOR AN OVERTIME WIN
 - **0 POINTS** FOR A REGULATION LOSS OR OVERTIME LOSS
- **NO OVERTIME WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME TOTAL POINT SERIES.**
 - IF AFTER 60 Minutes of play in the first game and the game is tied it will end as a tie. (AGAIN, NO OVERTIME IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME SERIES)
 - OVERTIME will be played in the second game in the following scenarios:
 - A) After 60 minutes of play in the first game and second game both games end in a tie, then Overtime will be played to determine the series winner
 - B) If team “A” wins the first game and team “B” wins the second game OT will be played to determine a winner of the series.
 - C) If team “A” wins the first game, and at the end of the 2nd game the score is tied. **NO OVERTIME IS PLAYED. Team “A” wins the series.**

OVERTIME

- Five-minute OT, 3 on 3, stop time; if still tied, then,
- Shoot out, three players are selected and submitted to the referee. The home team will decide which team starts the alternating shootout; if still tied, then,
- A Sudden Victory alternating shootout will commence. **ANY** player can take part in the Sudden Victory portion of the shootout, including the first 3 players and the same player can be used multiple times
- Goaltenders may be switched out at any time during the shootout.
- Any Penalties that occur during regulation time and are not completed by the end of regulation time will carry over into the Overtime period.

7 Team Tournament (U11-T3, U15-T3 & U18-T2)

- Series 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 9 will be two games total points
- Series 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 will be a one game series (**OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED**)
- Series 12 will be a Best of 3 Series (**OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED FOR ANY GAME**)
- **After series #1, #2 & #3 teams will be reseeded for series #4 & #5. Based on regular season final standings**
- APHL will advise the game dates and series format (i.e., travel)
- Game series may be altered by the APHL if unforeseen circumstance arise.
- **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS FOR TWO GAME SERIES:**
 - **2 POINTS** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION WIN
 - **1 POINT** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION TIE
 - **2 POINTS** FOR AN OVERTIME WIN
 - **0 POINTS** FOR A REGULATION LOSS OR OVERTIME LOSS
- **NO OVERTIME WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME TOTAL POINT SERIES.**
 - IF AFTER 60 Minutes of play in the first game and the game is tied it will end as a tie. (AGAIN, NO OVERTIME IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME SERIES)
 - OVERTIME will be played in the second game in the following scenarios:
 - A) After 60 minutes of play in the first game and second game both games end in a tie, then Overtime will be played to determine the series winner
 - B) If team "A" wins the first game and team "B" wins the second game OT will be played to determine a winner of the series.
 - C) If team "A" wins the first game, and at the end of the 2nd game the score is tied. **NO OVERTIME IS PLAYED. Team "A" wins the series.**

OVERTIME

- Five-minute OT, 3 on 3, stop time; if still tied, then,
- Shoot out, three players are selected and submitted to the referee. The home team will decide which team starts the alternating shootout; if still tied, then,
- A Sudden Victory alternating shootout will commence. **ANY** player can take part in the Sudden Victory portion of the shootout, including the first 3 players and the same player can be used multiple times
- Goaltenders may be switched out at any time during the shootout.
- Any Penalties that occur during regulation time and are not completed by the end of regulation time will carry over into the Overtime period.

8 Team Tournament (U 11-T4 & U13-T3)

- Series 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 11 will be two games total points
- Series 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21 will be a one game series (**OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED**)
- Series 14 will be a Best of 3 Series (**OVERTIME PLAYED IF REQUIRED FOR ANY GAME**)
- **After series #1, #2, #3 & #4 teams will be reseeded for series #5, #6, #7 & #8 Based on regular season final standings**
- APHL will advise the game dates and series format (i.e., travel)
- Game series may be altered by the APHL if unforeseen circumstance arise.
- **POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS FOR TWO GAME SERIES:**
 - **2 POINTS** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION WIN
 - **1 POINT** FOR A 60 MINUTE REGULATION TIE
 - **2 POINTS** FOR AN OVERTIME WIN
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- **NO OVERTIME WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FIRST GAME OF A TWO GAME TOTAL POINT SERIES.**
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 - B) If team "A" wins the first game and team "B" wins the second game OT will be played to determine a winner of the series.
 - C) If team "A" wins the first game, and at the end of the 2nd game the score is tied. **NO OVERTIME IS PLAYED. Team "A" wins the series.**

OVERTIME

- Five-minute OT, 3 on 3, stop time; if still tied, then,
- Shoot out, three players are selected and submitted to the referee. The home team will decide which team starts the alternating shootout; if still tied, then,
- A Sudden Victory alternating shootout will commence. **ANY** player can take part in the Sudden Victory portion of the shootout, including the first 3 players and the same player can be used multiple times
- Goaltenders may be switched out at any time during the shootout.
- Any Penalties that occur during regulation time and are not completed by the end of regulation time will carry over into the Overtime period.

COVID POLICY

- With COVID-19 cases rising across our league the APHL has implemented the following game postponement and rescheduling process in the event a team is unable to play a scheduled game.
- This game postponement and rescheduling process only applies to **COVID-19** related issues and cannot be utilized for any other purpose.

Postponement and Rescheduling Process

- A team will be eligible to request a game postponement to their appropriate commissioner, should they meet any of the criteria listed below:
 1. The team has had their team activities cancelled for a period of time due to COVID-19 Protocols.
 2. The team, after exhausting affiliation, has fewer than **eight (8) players and one (1) goaltender** available to play a game, due to either players experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or testing positive for COVID-19.
 3. The APHL Commissioner will work with the APHL President and or Vice President to re-schedule the game(s) to ensure the playoff remains on schedule. If a game(s) cannot be rescheduled the APHL Executive will decide the series winner.
 4. In the event that the APHL playoff season cannot be completed due to Covid-19 interference and Hockey Alberta Provincials are still able to continue the APHL executive will determine League Champions to represent the APHL at Hockey Alberta Provincials.