

Black Gold League U12/U10 S3 Championship Overview

Goal/Expectations:

The goal of the U12 / U10S3 Northern Championships is to provide the athletes with a wonderful and exciting finally to their ringette season.

At a minimum, a hosting association(s) must provide enough ice so that the minimum number of games required to be played based on the size the division. Beyond that, the event can be as simple as just running the games or as big as the volunteers are willing to make it.

It is BGL's hope that associations will treat the championships similar to that of a tournament. We strongly encourage support and engagement from the association, rather than relying on a specific team to be responsible for the entire event. This event may be used to fundraise for the association, similar to a tournament. Championship apparel is encouraged (not required) with the host committee design/logo. The BGL logo maybe used or if there are creative types on the committee a new logo can be designed; the limits are only set by the imagination of the host committee.

Commitment to Host:

- The number of teams participating in the Championship weekend will be determined by the size of the division. The intent is that each pool within each level is provided a separate Championship. This assumes hosts can be found.
- Deadline for Association to submit applications to host U10S3 and U12 Championships is December 15th 2023. Applications / interest can be submitted by emailing the BGL Scheduler.
- Associations must be able to provide adequate ice to host the required games. The number of game/ice slots will be determined by the size of the division.
- An association may host 1 or more levels (ie U12A) or neighbouring associations can work together to host a division (ie U10S3).
- Host will be selected by BGL Executive by Dec 31st at the latest. The sooner a host association is approved the more time that host will have to plan their event.
- Championship dates March 8-10th and March 15-17th 2024.

Commitment to Attend:

- Only Teams that participate in the league during the season may participate in the League Championship Tournaments. All teams must be registered with Ringette Alberta by December 1st of the current playing season. All players must be registered with Ringette Alberta.
- The Deadline for registered teams to declare to the individual leagues their commitment to attend League Championships is December 31st. Only teams who complete their commitment to attend on time, pay their fees and have approved Team Roster Forms (TRFs) by January 31st will be eligible to participate in the championships.

Host grant:

BGL will provide each Host Association a grant to cover the cost of the ice. 50% of this will be sent prior to the event once team fees are collected with the remaining 50% to be sent once the Post Event Summary is provided. Payments can be arranged with the BGL Treasurer.

Fees:

The team fee to participate in this year's U12 League Championships will be \$800 per team and must be received by the BGL Treasurer by January 31st, 2024.

Medals/Banners:

BGL will provide and cover the cost of all championship medals and banners. When possible BGL will have a representative at the medal games to hand out medals and championship banners. In the event a representative is not available, it is requested that a member of the Association executive board or Host Committee member present the medals on behalf of BGL. Medals are only to be presented to players.

Scheduling:

1. Format: The format of each event (round robin, pools, # of games, playoffs) will be determined by the BGL Executive based on the number of teams and ice availability.
2. Games: Games will be scheduled by the BGL Scheduler. The format Games are outlined in the League Championships Technical Manual.
3. Pools: If required, teams in a Championship will be placed into pools following the Ringette Alberta Pools guidelines found on their website in the Provincial Championships Technical Regulations manual.
4. Associations must submit specific ice slots for the event by January 26th.
5. All games will use electronic game sheets. Game Sheet codes will be generated and supplied by the BGL Statistician.

Officials:

- **On Ice Officials:**
Associations that host league championships are also responsible for booking the officials and MUST follow Section M of the Technical Manual to secure these officials, including having all officials pre-approved by Ringette Alberta. BGL will be responsible for the payment of the officials to ensure consistency for all championships
- **Minor Officials:**
Minor Officials (game sheet, score clock, shot clock, and penalty box) are the responsibility of the participating teams for round robin games. It is recommended that the Host Committee provide volunteers for the medal games, although not necessary.

Tie Breakers:

BGL Championships will follow the same Tiebreaker rules that are listed in the BGL Operations Manual.

These steps shall be followed in sequence until the tied teams have been ranked in order in the standings. Once one team has been ranked, the procedure reverts back to (a). The top team shall be ranked first. If all tied teams have not played an equal number of games amongst the tied teams, the tie breaker procedure will start at step d. (this may apply for seven (7) and twelve (12) team League Championship formats).

- a) Among the tied teams, the winner of more game(s) between the tied teams during the round robin will be declared the highest position.
- b) If still tied, the team having the greatest positive difference between goals for and against in games between the tied teams in the round robin will be declared the highest position.
- c) If still tied, the team having the fewest total goals against in games between the tied teams during the round robin will be declared the highest position.
- d) If still tied, the team having the greatest positive difference between goals for and against in all games during the round robin, including cross-over games, will be declared the highest position.
- e) If still tied, the tied team with the fewest total goals against in all games during the round robin, including cross-over, will be declared the highest position.
- f) If still tied, the team having the fewest penalty minutes in games between tied teams will be declared the highest position.
- g) If still tied, the team with the fewest of penalty minutes in all round robin games, including cross-over games.
- h) If still tied, a randomly drawn team.

Overtime:

If a consolation, quarter final, semi-final or final game is tied at the end of regulation time:

- a. A maximum of one, five-minute sudden victory overtime periods will be played.
 - i. No additional timeouts are granted for overtime
 - ii. The possession to start the first overtime period will be decided by the tossing of a coin by an on-ice official.
 - iii. If still after the overtime periods, the game will be decided by a shoot-out.
- b. The procedure for the shootout is as follows:
 - i. The selection of shooters will occur at the start of the shoot-out within the two-minute time limit at the end of the overtime period.
 - ii. Coaches will select five shooters from all players for their team listed on the game sheet for that game. Ejected or suspended players are not eligible to participate in the shoot-out.

- iii. Players serving a penalty at the end of the overtime period will be eligible for the shootout.
- iv. Home team will shoot first.
- v. The five players from each team will alternate shots until each shooter has shot. Goalies will stay in the net where they ended the overtime period.
- vi. If the teams are still tied after this shootout, then a sudden victory shootout will occur. The same five players will again alternate shots and when one team scores and the other does not, the game will be deemed over.

Post Event Summary:

At the conclusion of the event, it is mandatory for the host association (championship committee) to complete the Post Event Summary. All the details of this are found on the BGL website under the Bylaws – Operations manuals tab. If you have any questions please contact the BGL Scheduler at Scheduler@blackgoldleague.com