



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

January 20, 2024

To: All CAHL Member Directors for communication to your teams

Re: Team Placement Playoff Venue Draw outcomes and Provincial Information

This letter is to update you on the Provincial placements and wildcard teams and as well Home Venue Draws for the upcoming Playoffs. Detailed information for each age group will be out shortly and after the February Directors Meeting all the draw information will be provided.

The Provincial Hosts and berths have been completed and they are shown below. In each case where a CAHL Team is hosting the provincials the Host and another team will represent the League at Provincials. Should the Host win the League Championship, then the other Finalist also attends. If the host does not win then only the League Champion attends. Where ever the CAHL has a Wildcard position, then the League Champion and other Finalist will attend.

Event	Host	Wildcard 1	Wildcard 2
U13 Tier 1	Mannville (NEAHL)	CAHL	EFHL
U13 Tier 2	Slave Lake (NEAHL)	CAHL	EFHL
U13 Tier 3	Ima (NEAHL)	APHL	CAHL
U13 Tier 4	Grande Cache (APHL)	NEAHL	CAHL
U15 Tier 1	Okotoks (CAHL)	HC	EFHL
U15 Tier 2	Provost (NEAHL)	CAHL	HC
U15 Tier 3	Delburne (CAHL)	EFHL	HC
U18 Tier 1	Stettler (CAHL)	HC	EFHL
U18 Tier 2	Olds (CAHL)	APHL	NEAHL
U18 Tier 3	Mallaig (NEAHL)	APHL	CAHL

This has worked out well for the CAHL members this season. Each Provincials will have two (2) CAHL Teams attending. However, as there are no hosts Hockey Alberta has decided that only U18 Tier 1 NBC will have a provincial tournament for Non Body Checking Teams.

Provincial dates and deadlines for announcing a CAHL Provincials entrants are:

- U13 - March 21st to 24th, 2024 (CAHL Deadline to declare entrants is March 11, 2024)
- U15 - March 21st to 24th, 2024 (CAHL Deadline to declare entrants is March 11, 2024)
- U18 - March 28th to 31st, 2024 (CAHL Deadline to declare entrants is March 18, 2024)

Additional reminders:

- Tiers round robin placements will be drawn with a random selection generator at the end of the Feb 5th meeting. We have chosen again this year [Wheel of Names](#)
- For the most part all series will be a two game total goal series.
- Any disputes will be escalated to the CAHL Vice President and President or designate for review and a final decision.

- Venue will be assigned as per the templates we have approved for this decision. See the end of this document for a few examples. Venue Draws will work for all groups of 2, 3, 4 and so on for teams in the final draws. We will do this by drawing for team position in the table and the schedule. It will be a double blind random draw for all situations.
- The two closest teams will always play each other on Friday nights. The only exception to this is in the case of 4 or more teams where they will all have to play no matter what we do.
- As mentioned at the last directors meeting. In U11 and U13 will have a pilot this year on split playoffs approved by the Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee. Since Everyone makes playoffs now, we will be offering an alternate round robin playoff for teams who in the past were eliminated from playoffs and for those who do not fit competitively in the tier following our model and review by the Governors group and Executive.

If this works as expected it should also reduce some congestion and time pressure for U13 while offering a like skilled playoff for teams who are outside the CAHL competitive models.

- U15 T3 Tier Red, Blue and Green will play off for a tier banner then a final Round T3 champion which is eligible for a Provincial Berth.
- U15 Tier 3 Yellow, Silver, Orange and White will play off for a tier Banner and then a round robin final for a T3C Banner. This playoff will not be affected by the provincial deadlines.
- U15 NBC Red and Blue will split into Tier 2 and Tier 3 and play down for a Champions banner in each group. This playoff will not be affected by the provincial deadlines.
- U18 T3 Tier Red, Blue and Green will play off for a tier banner then a final Round T3 champion which is eligible for a Provincial Berth. They need to be complete in time for the final round robin for Tier 3.
- U18 Tier 3 Yellow, Black and Orange will play off for a tier 3A Banner and then take part in the round robin final for a T3 Champions Banner with the winners mentioned above.
- U18 Tier 3 Silver and White will play off for a tier Banner and then a round robin final for a T3B Banner. This playoff will not be affected by the provincial deadlines.

Thank you for your help in making this go as smooth as possible. More information on each age division will be communicated shortly.



Terry Siverson
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3 Team Round Robin

Team	Wins	Losses
1.		
2.		
3.		

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 vs 2	2 vs 3	3 vs 1
3 Bye	1 Bye	2 Bye

4 Team Round Robin

Team	Wins	Losses
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
2 vs 1	4 vs 2	4 vs 1
3 vs 4	1 vs 3	2 vs 3

5 Team Round Robin

Team	Wins	Losses
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 vs 4	3 vs 1	5 vs 3	2 vs 5	4 vs 2
2 vs 3	4 vs 5	1 vs 2	3 vs 4	5 vs 1
5-Bye	2-Bye	4-Bye	1-Bye	3-Bye

6 Team Round Robin

Team	Wins	Losses
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
2 vs 1	3 vs 4	6 vs 4	4 vs 1	5 vs 6
3 vs 6	6 vs 1	2 vs 3	5 vs 3	1 vs 3
4 vs 5	2 vs 5	1 vs 5	6 vs 2	4 vs 2

Note these templates are available for up to 10 team playoffs. Not all shown here.