



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

January 26, 2024

To: To the Attention of All CAHL Member Associations and CAHL U13 Teams

Re: CAHL U13 Playoff Impacts and Plan for this Season

This letter is to advise you of the intended process moving forward this season. We will be following Alberta One for the guide to complete this for this season.

Specifically, for U13:

- In the current season we are all aware how the Hockey Alberta One mandates have impacted the CAHL by restricting us to only 6 tiers in the CAHL age divisions. I have already spoken at length about this season with the Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee and this will be corrected next year with additional tiers again being utilized in U11 and U13 thereby spreading out the skill levels as we used to do.
- As directed in the Hockey Alberta One Committee review, all teams make playoffs so in an effort to make all of this come together new playoff formats will be shown here.
- All playoff series will be two game total point series or round robin play as shown in the following pages.
- The U13 VP and Governors Group will advise the tiers that need to meet certain target dates where needed. The requirement is to make all series be completed in a weekend they are assigned. This will be directed by the Governors group to ensure we are done on time.
- As requested in the Tiering Round and Appeals meetings and directed by the Appeal Committee's decisions we will be offering split playoffs in the tier groupings. These groups will be formed segments of the tier showing competitive balance, from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season. These decisions will be recommended by the CAHL Lead Governors of the age divisions for each tier and then finalized by the Governor in Chief, the CAHL Vice Presidents and myself.

The following will details the playoff plans for each tier:

- **U13 Tier 1** will have banners for the winner Tier 1 Champion Banner presented. There also will be a finalist banner for the runner up, both teams will be going to provincials in Mannville.
- **U13 Tier 2** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and a Tier 2 Champion Banner presented. There also will be a finalist banner for the runner up, both teams will be going to provincials in Slave Lake.

Additionally, as directed by the appeals committee decision, a Tier 2A banner will be also provided in a round robin format. This group will be formed segments of the tier showing competitive balance, from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.

- **U13 Tier 3** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and a Tier 3 Champion Banner presented. There also will be a finalist banner for the runner up, both teams will be going to provincials in Irma.

Additionally, as directed in the tiering meetings, a Tier 3A and a Tier 3B will be also provided in a round robin format. These groups will be formed segments of the tier showing competitive balance, from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.

- **U13 Tier 4** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and a Tier 4 Champion Banner presented. There also will be a finalist banner for the runner up, both teams will be going to provincials in Grande Cache.

Additionally, as directed in the appeals committee decisions, Tier 4A and a Tier 4B will be also provided in a round robin format. These groups will be formed segments of the tier showing competitive balance, from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.

- **U13 Tier 5** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and a Tier 5 Champion Banner presented. Additionally, a Tier 5A and a Tier 5B will be also provided in a round robin format. These groups will be formed segments of the tier showing competitive balance, from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.

- **U13 Tier 6** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and a Tier 6 Champion Banner presented. Additionally, a Tier 6A will be also provided in a round robin format. This group will be formed segments of the tier showing competitive balance, from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am available if you would like to discuss any of this.

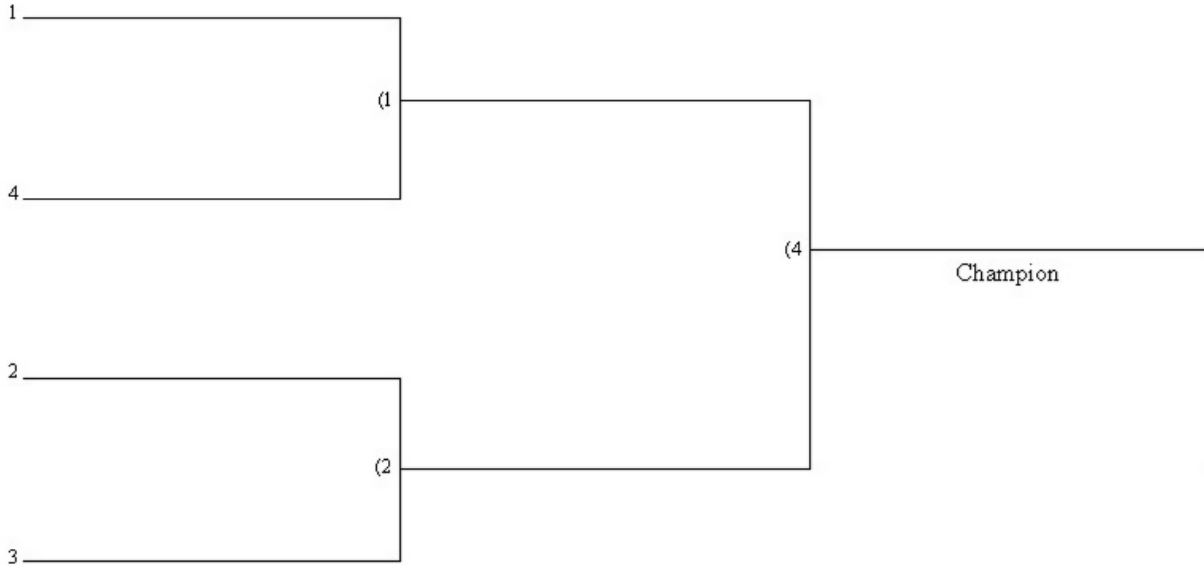
Thank you,



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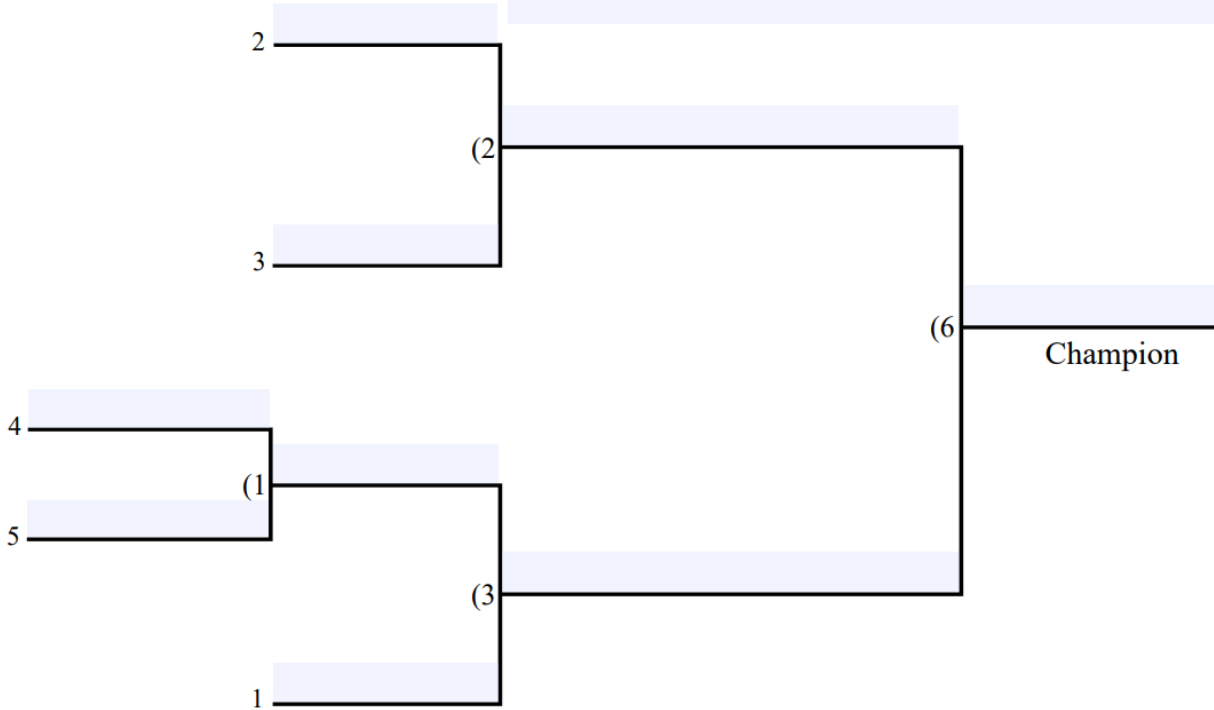
NOTE: All Three Team Playoffs will be either single or double round robin formats as determined by the CAHL Executive

Four Team Playoff

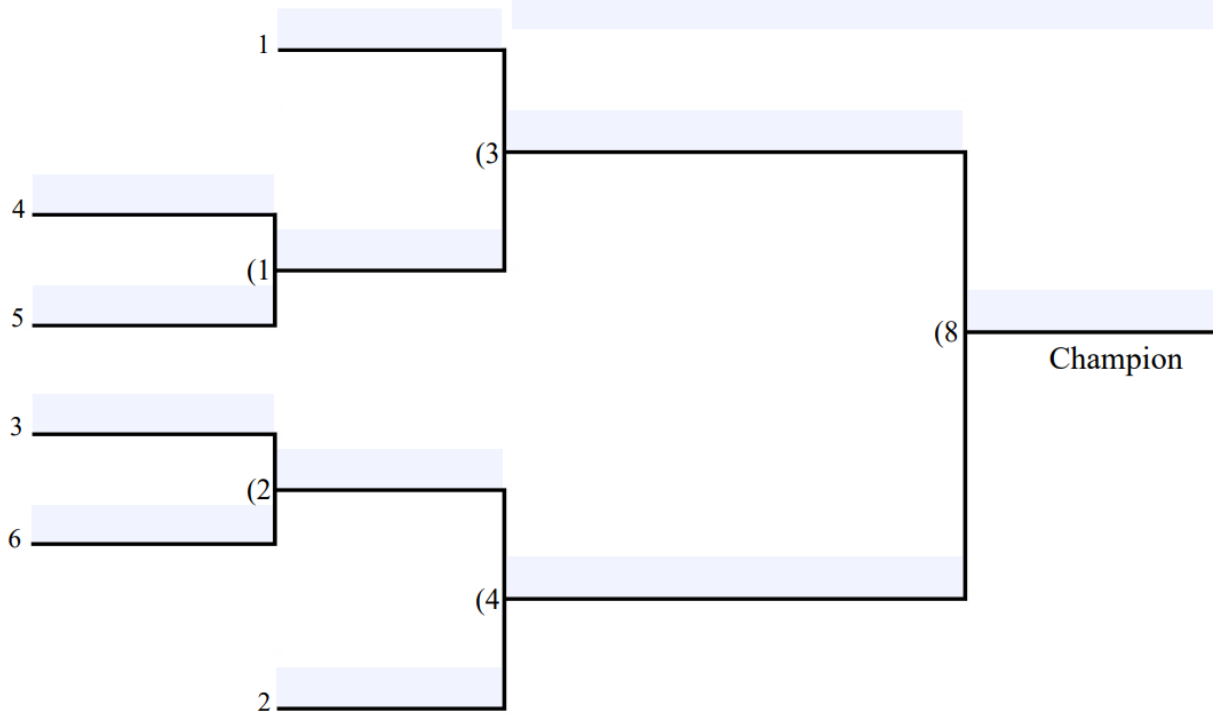


Winner's Bracket

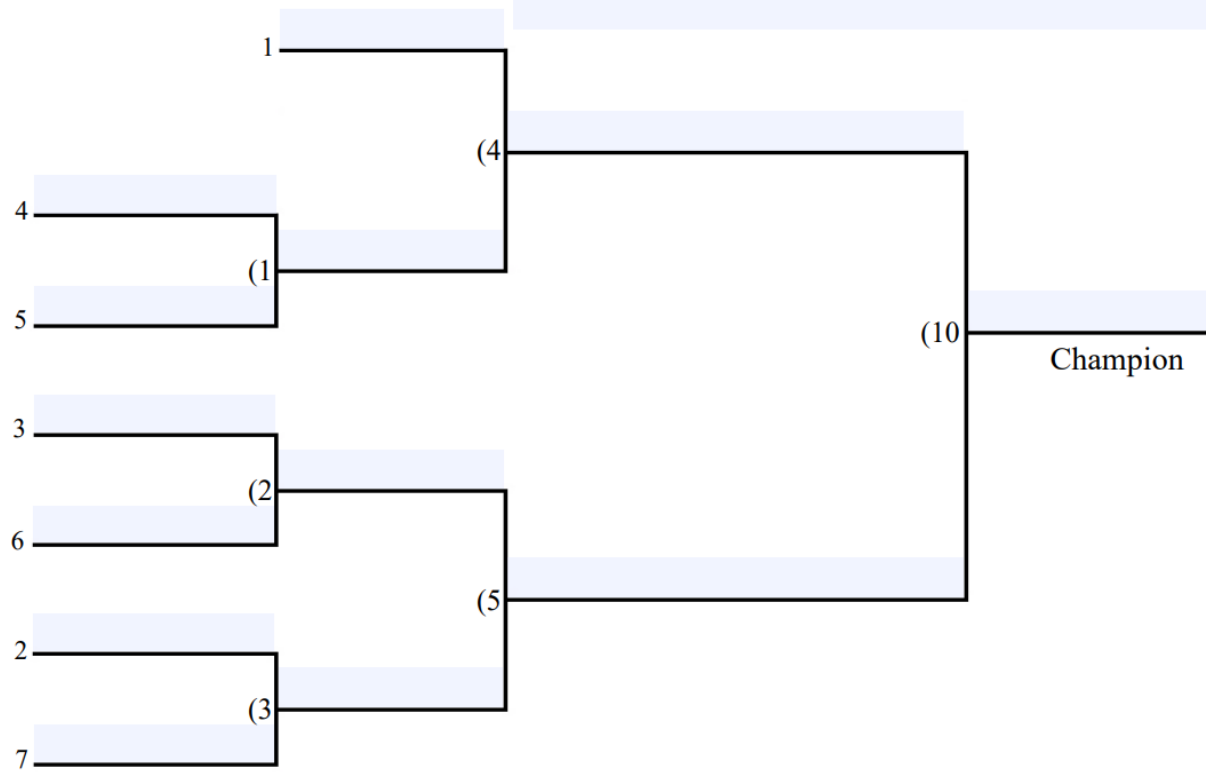
5 Team Playoff



Winner's Bracket



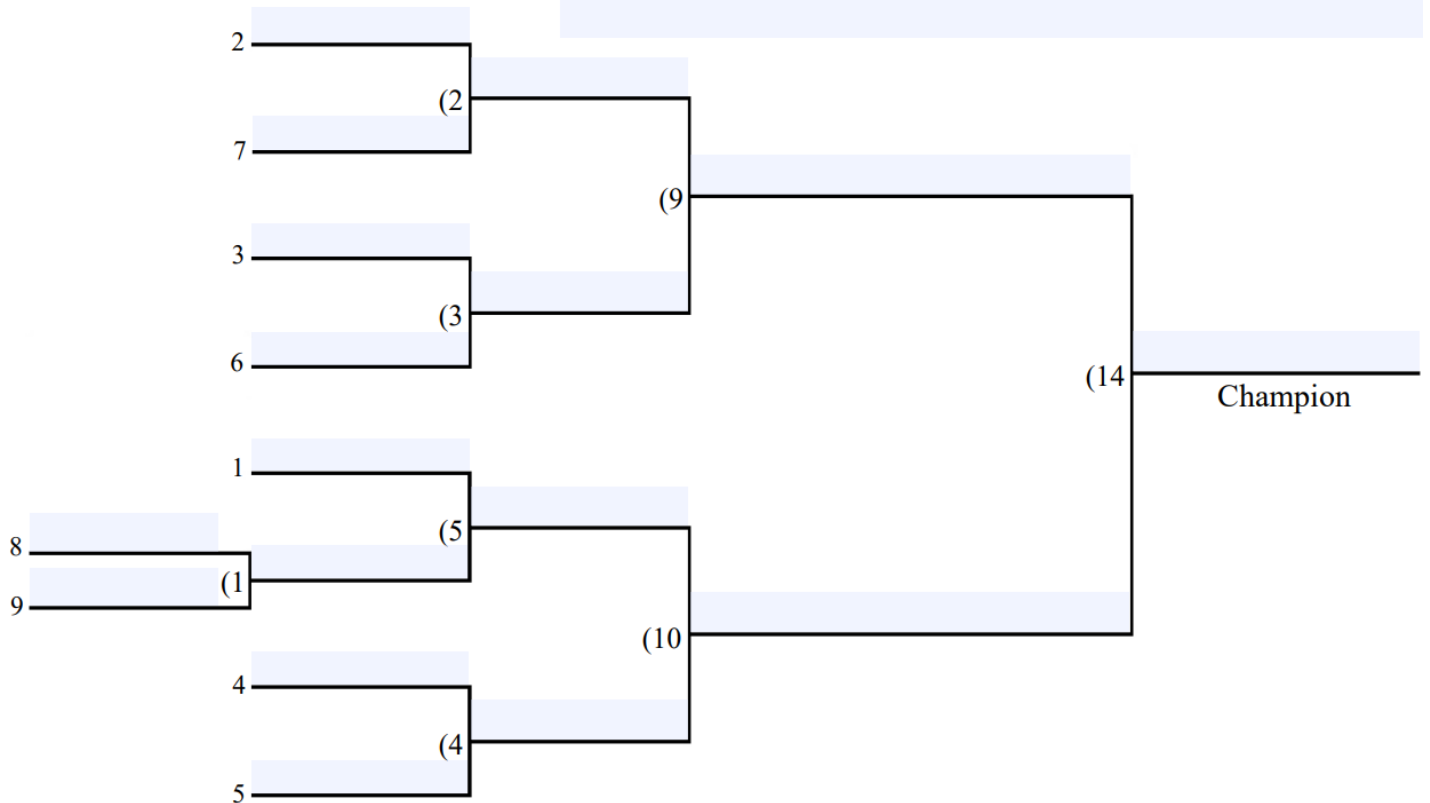
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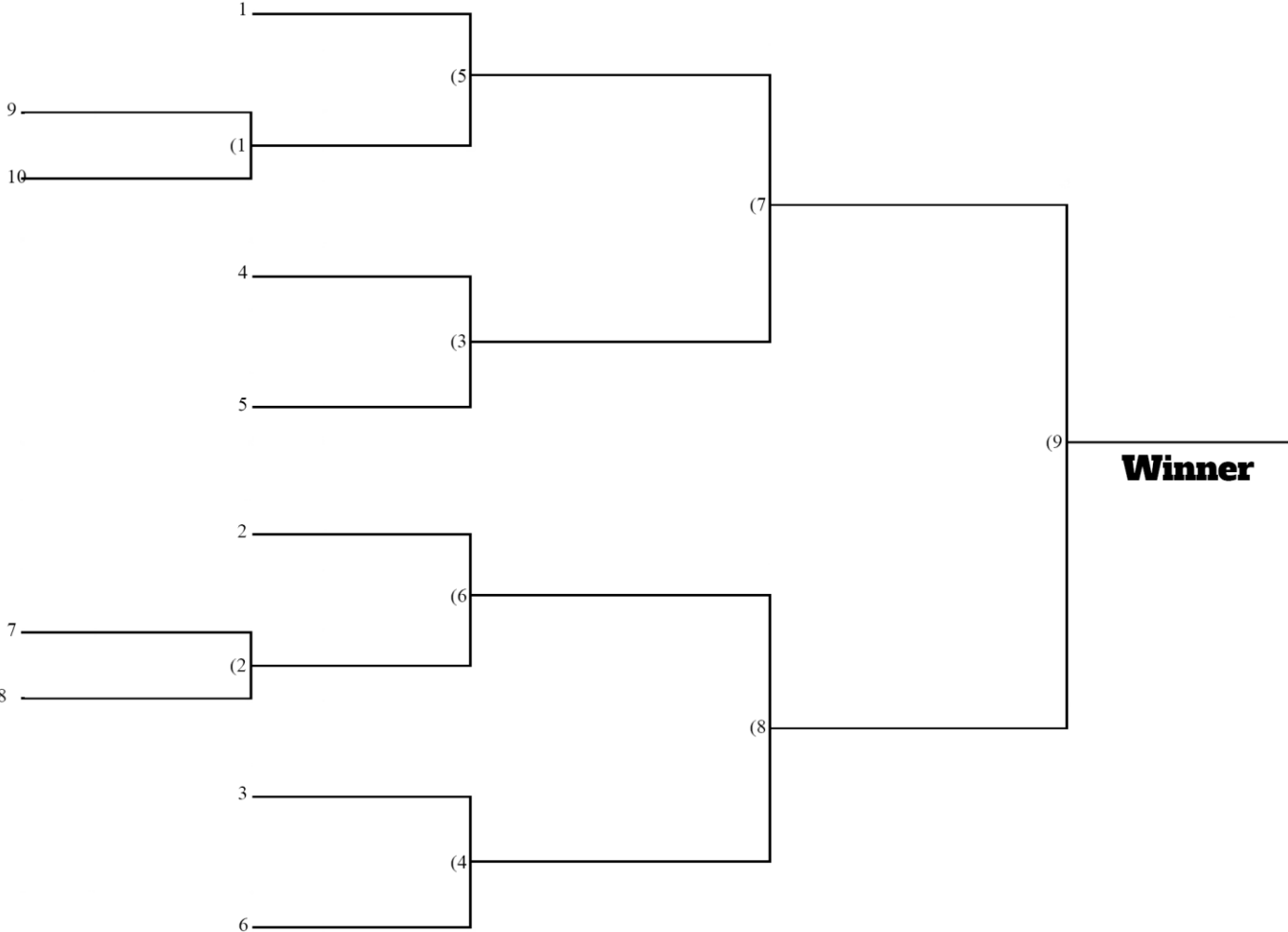
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10 Team Single Elimination



The following tables will identify the home teams in the schedule by the first number is the visitor and the second number is the home team. So for 1 vs. 2, 2 is the home team.

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

These templates are available up to 10 team round robin playoffs only a few are shown here as examples.