



EFHL Playoff Information Bulletin 2023

As we approach the EFHL Playoff Season, we wanted to provide all member associations with a quick bulletin detailing some questions we have received to date.

Provincial Qualification/U9 Tournament of Champions/Association Ice Requirements:

1. EFHL teams participating in the following divisions and conferences will compete for a chance to represent the Edmonton Federation Hockey League at Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships. The Playoff Champion of the Following Divisions and Tiers.

Division	Tiers
U18	Body Checking Tiers 1, 2 Red, 3 Red/Non Body Checking Tier 1/Female A+B
U15	Body Checking Tiers 1 Red, 2 Red, 3 Red/Non-Body Checking Tier 1/Female A+B
U13	Tiers 1 Red, 2 Red, 3 Red, 4 Red/Female A+B

2. For EFHL teams participating in the blue and green conferences of the above tiers are provided with a one-time declaration to compete for Hockey Alberta Provincial Championship qualification by declaring themselves to participate in the Red Conference of their division and tier. For teams interested in “tiering up” they should contact Chris March at eflhcommissioner@gmail.com to confirm their playoff declaration by January 31, 2023. Teams that wish to remain in their current Division and Conference, do not need to contact anyone as regular season divisions and conferences will remain the same for League Championship Playoffs.
3. Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships consist of the six League Playoff Champions, Host team and one Wild Card. Hockey Alberta Wild Card draws will take place the week January 21st, the results of the draws have been provided on the website for reference.
4. Playoff format for all tiers of U11, U13 and U15 will follow a tournament style playoff with round robin games, semi-finals, and finals. U18 will consist of a double knockout tournament format.
5. The Edmonton Federation Hockey League U9 playoffs referred to the “Tournament of Champions” which began in 2019 will once again continue this year during the weekend of March 5th and 6th. Since the inception of this EFHL event, EFHL member associations will provide a two-game final weekend for all U9 EFHL teams that wish to participate in the year end Playoff Tournament. Those teams wishing to option out of the year end tournament need to ensure they email Chris March at efhlcommissioner@gmail.com prior to January 31, 2023, of their wishes to be excluded from the schedule. Additional information and schedules will be updated on the EFHL portion of the Hockey Edmonton website.
6. The EFHL schedulers will be reaching out to Ice Allocators in the coming days to begin work on acquiring the required ice to successfully facilitate the EFHL League Championships. Please look for communication after January 21, 2023.