

U18 2025 Playoff Format

Round 1 - Feb 17th – Feb 23

Round 2 - Feb 24 – Mar 2

Round 3 - Mar 3 – Mar 9

Round 4 - Mar 10 – Mar 16

March 17th to March 26 NO HOCKEY GAMES Prior to U18 Provincials.

Seeding

Seeding is based on regular season standings. Due to many divisions/tiers having subdivisions and unequal number of games, standings will be based on highest points percentage using the formula: $\text{Points} / \text{Total Possible Points to be earned} \times 100 = \text{Points \%}$.

In the event two or more teams are tied in the standings, the following tie breakers will be applied in order between the tied teams. When more than two teams are tied, at each tie breaker, the teams shall be ranked based on the criteria, and only teams that remain tied will move to the next tie breaker.

(1) The team with the most wins in Regular Season in games played between the two tied teams. (This tiebreaker only applies to two tied teams. If three or more teams are tied, proceed to next tiebreaker).

(2) The team with the highest win percentage during Regular Season using the formula: $\text{Total Regular Season Wins} / \text{Number of Regular Season Games} \times 100 = \text{Win \%}$

(3) The team with the highest goal ratio in Regular Season using the formula: $\text{Goals For} / (\text{Goals For} + \text{Goals Against}) \times 100 = \text{Goal Ratio \%}$.

(4) The team with the fewest penalty minutes per game average in Regular Season using the formula: $\text{Total Regular Season Penalty Minutes} / \text{Number of Regular Season Games played} = \text{Penalty Minute average per game}$.

(5) If any teams are still tied, a coin toss shall take place.

Two Game Total Point Series

Two game total point series are home and away. The higher seeded team has choice of venue for game 1 (ie if they choose home for the first game, they will be away for the second game, and vice versa). At the end of the series, the scores of both games are added, and the team with the highest score wins the series. (e.g. Game 1: Team A scores 3, Team B scores 2. Game 2: Team A scores 1, Team B scores 3. Total Points: Team A 3+1=4; Team B 2+3=5. Team B wins the series.)

If there is a ten or more goal differential after game 1, the losing team has the option to withdraw from the series without penalty and not play the second game.

In a two game total point series, game 1 or game 2 can potentially end in a tie because the series is decided by total points. Overtime is played after the second game if the teams are tied in total points at

the end of regulation play in the second game. Overtime will follow Alberta One Rural Leagues Playoff Overtime Rules.

Best of 3 Series

First two games are home and away. The higher seeded team has choice of venue for game 1 and game 3 (ie if they choose home for the first game, they will be away for the second game, and vice versa). If the distance between associations is 300 km or more, the higher seeded team has the first option to host all games in the series.

Overtime

All games in a best of 3 series must be played to a win. Two game total point series must be played to a total points win if the teams remain tied after the second game regulation time.

Overtime will follow Alberta One Rural Leagues Playoff Overtime Rules:

- i) 5 minute 5 on 5 sudden victory overtime period
- ii) 4 minute 4 on 4 sudden victory overtime period
- iii) 3 minute 3 on 3 sudden victory overtime period
- iv) shootout

Please see Alberta One regulations for detailed rules including overtime penalty regulations and shootout procedures. Associations should have the overtime rules available for officials when hosting playoff games.

Tier 1 (7 teams)

Round 1

(2 game total points)

1st – Bye
2nd vs 7th – Winner A
3rd vs 6th – Winner B
4th vs 5th – Winner C

Round 2

(2 game total points)

1st vs C – Winner D
A vs B – Winner E

Round 3

(Best of 3 games series)

D vs E – League Champ

Tier 2 (West 5 teams / North 5 teams / East 4 teams)

Round 1

(2 game total points)

West

1st – Bye (WA)

2nd vs 5th – WB

3rd vs 4th – WC

North

1st – Bye (NA)

2nd vs 5th – NB

3rd vs 4th – NC

East

1st vs 4th – EA

2nd vs 3rd – EB

Round 2

(2 game totals points)

WA vs WC – AA

WB vs NB – BB

NA vs NC – CC

EA vs EB – DD

Round 3

(2 game total points)

AA vs DD – AAA

BB vs CC – BBB

Round 4

(Best of 3)

AAA vs BBB – League Champ

Tier 3 (West 4 teams / East 4 teams / North 5 teams)

Round 1

(2 game total points)

West

1st vs 4th – WA

2nd vs 3rd – WB

East

1st vs 4th – EA

2nd vs 3rd – EB

North

1st Bye – NA

2nd vs 5th – NB

3rd vs 4th – NC

Round 2

(2 game totals points)

WA vs WB – WC

EA vs EB – EC

NA vs NC – ND

NB – Bye

Round 3

(2 game total points)

WC vs NB – AAA

EC vs ND – BBB

Round 4

(Best of 3)

AAA vs BBB – League Champ

Tier 3B (West 5 teams / East 6 teams)

Round 1

(2 game total points)

Round 2

(2 game totals points)

Round 3

(2 game total points)

Round 4

(Best of 3)

West

1st Bye

2nd Bye

3rd Bye

5th vs 4th – WA

1st vs WA – WAA

2nd vs 3rd – WBB

WAA vs WBB – AAA

AAA vs BBB – League Champ

East

1st – Bye

2nd – Bye

3rd vs 6th – EA

4th vs 5th – EB

1st vs EB – EAA

2nd vs EA – EBB

EAA vs EBB – BBB