

# **NEAHL U11 2024-25 Playoff Format**

## **Tier 1**

Divisional Playoff – March 7,8,9

East & West – 4 team double elimination tournament.

North – 5 team modified tournament. \*\*\*see below for more information

League Final – March 14,15,16

3 winners of divisional playoffs plus host in a 4 team double elimination tournament. If host wins divisional playoffs, only a 3 team double elimination tournament.

## **Tier 2**

Divisional Playoff – March 7,8,9

West – 5 team modified tournament.

East – 3 team double elimination tournament x 2.

League Final – March 14,15, 16

3 winners of divisional playoffs plus host in a 4 team double elimination tournament. If host wins divisional playoffs, only a 3 team double elimination tournament.

## **Tier 3**

Divisional Playoff – March 7,8,9

West – 4 team double elimination tournament, 3 team double elimination tournament.

East – 4 team double elimination tournament, 3 team double elimination tournament.

League Final – March 14,15, 16

4 winners of divisional playoffs plus host in a 5 team modified tournament. If host wins divisional playoffs, only a 4 team double elimination tournament.

## **Tier 4/5**

Top 4 teams in East and top 3 teams in West will play in tier 4 playoffs. Bottom 5 teams in East and bottom 6 teams in the West to play in tier 5 playoffs.

## **Tier 4**

Divisional Playoff – March 7, 8, 9

West – 4 team double elimination tournament

East – 3 team double elimination tournament

League Final – March 14,15, 16

2 winners of divisional playoffs plus host in a 3 team double elimination tournament. If host wins Divisional Playoff, second place team from host's division will play in League Final.

## **Tier 5**

Divisional Playoff – March 7, 8, 9

West – 5 team double elimination tournament

East – 3 team double elimination tournament x 2

League Final – March 14,15, 16

2 winners of divisional playoffs plus host in a 3 team double elimination tournament. If host wins Divisional Playoff, second place team from host's division will play in League Final.

## **Tier 6**

Top 5 teams in West and top 3 teams in East will play in "6A" playoffs. Bottom 5 teams in West and bottom 3 teams in East will play in "6B" playoffs.

## **6A**

Divisional Playoff – March 7, 8, 9

West – 5 team modified tournament.

East – 3 team double elimination tournament

### League Final – March 14,15, 16

2 winners of divisional playoffs plus host in a 3 team double elimination tournament. If host wins divisional playoffs, second place team from host's division will play in League Final.

### **6B**

#### Divisional Playoff – March 7, 8, 9

West – 5 team double elimination tournament

East – 3 team double elimination tournament

### League Final – March 14,15, 16

2 winners of divisional playoffs plus host in a 3 team double elimination tournament. If host wins divisional playoffs, second place team from host's division will play in League Final.

### **Hosting Rules**

Any team can apply to host divisional playoffs.

League Final hosts must be either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in division to be eligible to host. If no 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> teams apply, it will be opened up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams. This will be based on standings as of January 13<sup>th</sup>.

For Divisional Playoffs (tier 2, 3, 6), 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will play in separate tournaments. Remainder of teams will be split based on travel to host sites as determined by Governor.

Hosting facility must be able to accommodate ice time requirements.

#### 3 Team Double Elimination Tournament

1 Game Friday night

2 Games Saturday (must be at least two hours between games)

2 Games Sunday (second game is only played if team with one loss wins first game. Must be at least 2 hours between games)

#### 4 Team Double Elimination Tournament

2 Games Friday night

3 Games Saturday (must be at least two hours between games 2 and 3)

2 Games Sunday (second game is only played if team with one loss wins first game. Must be at least 2 hours between games)

#### 5 Team Modified Tournament

5 Games Saturday

1 Game Sunday

1, 4, 5 seed play in a round robin playing each other once. Winner goes on to final.

2 and 3 play in a two game total goal series with winning team going to final.

#### Regular Season Standings Tie-Breaker

For the standings/seeding, we should follow the tiebreakers prescribed in Alberta One, and either just state that we are following Alberta One or else list all of the Alberta One tiebreakers:

If 2 teams tied:

1) most wins between the 2 tied teams in regular season play

2) most wins in regular season play (skip if teams did not play an equal number of games)

3) highest points percentage in regular season play

4) highest goal ratio in regular season play

5) fewest penalty minutes average per game in regular season play

6) coin toss

#### Miscellaneous

\*\*\*host team is bottom seed if they do not win their way into League Final.