



RHL PLAYOFF RULES AND FORMAT 2022

1. FAIR PLAY

- All teams please remember that the RHL is fair play and it is the expectation that during playoffs fair play will continue to be used. All players should see equal ice time and have equal opportunity to play in all situations.
- All playoff games will be governed with the same rules we followed in league play with the exception that there will not be any Fair Play Points calculated in games. Individual player penalty minutes accumulations however will carry forward into playoff games and any player that reaches a penalty threshold in a game will not be eligible to play the next game(s).

2. DISCIPLINE/SUSPENSIONS

- All write ups must be sent to the divisional governor immediately following the game.
- Any player or coach receiving a referee write up report is not eligible to play in another game until a ruling has been issued from League Discipline on the write up.

3. GAME REPORTING

- The HOME TEAM must submit the game sheet along with any incident reports to their Governor immediately following the game.
- The HOME TEAM must post the game results on the RHL website before midnight of same day their game is played.
- Teams should confirm with their governors if any other specific instructions exist for their games.

4. GAME PLAY

- Home team is required to ensure a copy of the playoff rules and format are in the time box at each game.
- Please remember you are considered to be an official when you are in the time box and are to be nonbiased.
- All playoff games will be stop time.
- Game formats are as follows:
 - U11/U13/U15 games will be a minimum of 90 minutes. U18 games will be a minimum of 120 minutes.
 - All games will consist of 3 – 20 minute periods. There will be a 5 minute warm up time and 1 minute between periods. 1 flood between the 2nd and 3rd period will occur on all games where 2 hours of ice is allotted and 2 floods, 1 after each period where more than 2 hours of ice is allotted– there will be no floods on games when less than 2 hrs of ice is allotted.
- Each team will be allowed 1 - 30 second time out in each game.

5. PLAYOFF FORMAT

- Dates: February 25, 2022 – March 20, 2022
- Teams that make playoffs will be in groups of 8 or less depending how many teams are in a division.
- Divisions with 8 or more teams - Top 8 teams will make playoffs.
- For U11 Mountain and Rockie Divisions
 - Round 1: All teams will play each other once February 25th-March 6th
 - Final Round: Top 2 teams after round 1 will play best of 3 series for banner March 11th-20th.

- **6 Team Playoff Format:**
 - Round 1: 2 game series (most goals, if tied overtime will occur)
 1. 1st and 2nd will have a bye weekend
 2. 3rd vs 6th
 3. 4th vs 5th
 - Round 2 : 2 game series (most goals, if tied overtime will occur)
 1. 1st vs Winner Game 4th vs 5th
 2. 2nd vs Winner Game 3rd vs 6th
 - Round 3: 3 game series (Winners of Round 2)
 1. Higher seeded team has 1st and 3rd game (if necessary)
- **7 Team Playoff Format:**
 - Round 1: 2 game series (most goals, if tied overtime will occur)
 1. 1st will have a bye weekend
 2. 2nd vs 7th
 3. 3rd vs 6th
 4. 4th vs 5th
 - Round 2 : 2 game series (most goals, if tied overtime will occur)
 1. 1st vs Winner 4th vs 5th
 2. Winner of 2nd vs 7th vs Winner Game 3rd vs 6th
 - Round 3: 3 game series (Winners of Round 2)
 1. Higher seeded team has 1st and 3rd game (if necessary)
- **8 Team Playoff Format:**
 - Round 1: 2 game series (most goals, if tied overtime will occur)
 1. 1st vs 8th
 2. 2nd vs 7th
 3. 3rd vs 6th
 4. 4th vs 5th
 - Round 2 : 2 game series
 1. Winner Game 1st vs 8th vs Winner Game 4th vs 5th
 2. Winner Game 2nd vs 7th vs Winner Game 3rd vs 6th
 - Round 3: 3 game series Winners of Round 2
 1. Higher seeded team has 1st and 3rd game (if necessary)
- **For teams that do not secure a playoff spot** consolation games will be scheduled after the first round has been completed and ice is available from the associations.

6. OVERTIME FORMAT

- Overtime will be play in all games in best two out of three series if needed.
- In two game total goal series, overtime will only be played at the end of the second game. Overtime will take place ONLY if both teams have an equal number of goals in the two games at the end of regulation time in the second game.
- If overtime is required it shall be played as follows.
 - The teams will not change ends and play a five minute stop time sudden death period. First team to score wins the game.
 - If at the end of the overtime period, the teams are still tied, each team shall select five players for shoot-out. The team scoring the most goals after each team has shot five times will be declared the winner. Any player serving a minor penalty at the end of the game will be eligible to participate in the shoot-out. Players receiving Game Misconduct(s) or Game Ejection will not be eligible. The home team shall have the choice of shooting first or second, once they make that decision they will follow that order throughout the entire shootout procedure.
 - If the teams are still tied, then each team will select five additional shooters. The five shooters selected may not include the five previous shooters. This will now be a sudden death shoot-out. The team scoring

the most goals after each team has shot one time will be declared the winner. This process continues until a winner is declared.

- If teams are still tied after both rounds of shoot-out, teams will continue to select individual shooters. After each team has shot one time, the team scoring the most goals wins. If teams are tied this process will continue until a winner is declared.

All playoff schedules will be posted as soon as possible after each weekend but will be posted by Wednesday night.

Good Luck to all teams in playoffs and we hope you have enjoyed your season

Rockies Hockey League