

## **HOCKEY WINNIPEG**

### **2024/2025 PLAYOFF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Hockey Winnipeg will conduct the 2024/2025 Playoffs as a Round Robin tournament with the champion being declared through a one (1) game semi-final (where applicable) and a best of three (3) game final

All normal rules and regulations currently in place as per the Hockey Winnipeg 2024-2025 Rules and Regulations will be used for all rounds of playoffs with the exception of overtime. Overtime will be played as required in all rounds.

The team that finished higher in the Regular season will be determined as the home team.

#### **ROUND ROBIN**

Overtime rules: **These pertain to A Hockey only, AA Female will follow the rules as stated in our rule book.**

Overtime will consist of a five (5) minute three (3) on three (3) period with teams changing sides of play.

Teams will be allowed to change on the fly or during stoppages of play.

The balance of any penalties that have not expired during the regular playing time shall be served during overtime. The non penalized team will play with four (4) skaters to the penalized team of three (3) skaters. At the first stoppage of play after the penalty expires the teams will both revert to three (3) on three (3). At any point a time a penalty is called in overtime, the teams will revert to four (4) on three (3) skaters.

Should there still be a tie at the conclusion of overtime, then it will revert to a shoot-out. Each team will be allowed three (3) shooters as identified by the coach. Visiting team will shoot first. Any player that is still serving a penalty will not be able to participate in the shoot-out. If still tied after first round of shoot-out, then it will be single shooter elimination. This will continue until a winner is declared. All players must partake in the shootout before a player is allowed to shoot a second time. Once a team has used all players in the shootout, both teams will be allowed to use players a second time.

During round robin play each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win, two (2) points for an overtime win, one (1) point for an overtime loss, and zero (0) points for a loss.

At the conclusion of the round robin, the first-place team in each pool will advance to the semi-finals or finals (if applicable). The remainder of the teams are eliminated from playoffs.

First place in the pool will be determined by the team with the most points as the result of the round robin. If there is a tie, then first the head-to-head record will be considered as the tie breaker. If required, second will be goal differential (max of five 5 goals per game) will be the determining factor. Thirdly, if required, will be the regular season standings.

## **SEMI-FINALS**

The first-place team from each pool will advance to the semi-finals. Teams will be seeded 1 through 5 (as required) based on the points earned in the round robin to determine semi-final seedings.

There will be situations in which the pools do not have an even number of teams. In this case, an average of points will be used to determine standings for seeding. See scenario below for example.

In the event of a tie to determine team placement, a goal differential average in the round robin (max of five 5 goals per game) will be used. If there is still a tie then regular season standing will be used to determine the higher seeded team.

The team that finished higher in the semi-final seedings will be determined as the home team.

Each semi-final will a single game elimination with the winning team moving on to the finals.

Games will be played until a winner is determined. Teams will play three (3) on three (3) until a winner is declared. The duration of any overtime periods shall be the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> period with teams changing sides of play. The balance of any penalties that have not expired during the regular playing time shall be served in overtime. A two (2) minute rest period, with no flooding of the ice, shall be permitted at the end of regular playing time and at the end of each overtime period.

## **FINALS**

The finals will be a best of three (3) series with the season champion being declared at the conclusion.

The higher placed team will be determined as the home team. Teams will alternate between home and away for consecutive games.

Games will be played until a winner is determined. Teams will play three (3) on three (3) until a winner is declared. The duration of any overtime periods shall be the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> period with teams changing sides of play. The balance of any penalties that have not expired during the regular playing time shall be served in overtime. A two (2) minute rest period, with no flooding of the ice, shall be permitted at the end of regular playing time and at the end of each overtime period.

## **SCENARIOS**

Unbalanced number of team between pools.

Pool A – 4 Teams

Pool B – 4 Teams

Pool C – 5 Teams

Pool D – 5 Teams

To determine seeding for Semi-Finals the two teams advancing from Pools C and D would have more points than the teams from Pools A and B by virtue of playing an additional round robin game. Therefore, an average point system will be used. This will take the total points earned in the round robin divided by the number of games played.

Example

Pool A – top team played 3 round robin games earning 3 points in game 1, 3 points in game 2, and 3 points in game 3; the average would be 3. Goals against 10, average is 3.33

Pool B – top team played 3 round robin games earning 3 points in game 1, 3 points in game 2, and 3 points in game 3; the average would be 3. Goal differential is 9, average is 3.

Pool C – top team played 4 round robin games earning 3 points in game 1, 3 points in game 2; 2 points in game 3 and 1 point in game 4; the average is 2.25. Goal differential is 12, average is 4

Pool D - top team played 4 round robin games earning 3 points in game 1, 3 points in game 2; 2 points in game 3 and 1 point in game 4; the average is 2.25. Goal differential is 10, average is 2.5.

Semi Final would be

1<sup>st</sup> place Pool B vs 4<sup>th</sup> place Pool D

2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool A vs 3<sup>rd</sup> place Pool C