



W.O.A.A. PLAYOFF RULES – REP. & LOCAL LEAGUE (2025-26)

Setup of Playoffs

- 1) The format and deadlines for series and Round Robin play can be found on the drawsheets. Games must be scheduled to be completed no later than the deadline date. Teams are responsible to ensure their home scheduled games are updated on theOneDB.
- 2) In most cases, the preliminary round will consist of a Round Robin with ideally 6 – 10 games for each team. Upon completion of the round robin, a number of teams will advance to play further as determined by the group Convenor on the draw sheet.
- 3) Teams that cannot come to an agreement to schedule games or series within the set deadline will have the games set up by the Convenor. Only under extenuating circumstances will an extension be considered and allowed. This must be approved by the appropriate W.O.A.A. Convenor.
- 4) All **series** will be a **four point series, with all four games scheduled to be completed by the given deadline**. The team with **first ice** and **at least 48 hours notice**, will be the **site of Game 1**.
 - a) For **Local League divisions** consisting of only **one pool**, the higher team in the pool standings will be the site of the extra home game for Semi-Final series. Where there is a one game playoff, the higher place team in the pool will be the site of the game. A coin toss will determine the site of the extra home game for all final series.



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- b) For **Rep. divisions** consisting of **more than one pool**, the home site of the third game (or in the case of a single game playoff) will go to the first place team of a pool for the Semi-Finals. For all Finals series, the site of the third game will go to the team who finished higher in the regular season standings.
- c) For **Local League divisions** consisting of **more than one pool**, the home site of the third game (or in the case of a single game playoff) will go to the first place team of a pool for the Semi-Finals. For all Finals series, the site of the third game will be determined by a coin toss (i.e. virtual coin toss on theOneDB) or other agreed to method (unless specified otherwise on the drawsheet – i.e. when 1A vs. 2B and 1B vs. 2A, then 1A and 1B will be the site of the third game of their respective Semi-Final series).
- 5) A W.O.A.A. Playoff Agreement is **required** to be **completed** and **submitted** to the respective Convenor and W.O.A.A. Office before the start of the first W.O.A.A. Playoff game of a **series** (i.e. not needed for Round Robin or single game playoff).
- 6) Failure to fulfill your W.O.A.A. obligations will result in the enactment of W.O.A.A. Playoff Commitment and Team/Centre Sanctions. Any team failing to fulfill their Playoff commitments will be suspended from further competition for the remainder of the current season, including tournaments. A team, suspended for any reason, before they complete their Playoffs will have all of their games (played & unplayed) removed from the Round Robin schedule. No results from games with a suspended team will be used in final calculations.



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- 7)** All teams must have in their possession (at each game) their approved electronic OMHA Team Roster. All Team Officials (coaches, managers, trainers) must be registered on an approved electronic OMHA Team Roster. These must be presented upon request as per OMHA Regulation 2.6 (f) & (g).

Games

- 1)** Both teams are entitled to a 30 second time out each game.
- 2)** Teams will play a 10 minute sudden victory overtime period if a game is tied at the end of regulation time for both the Round Robin and series play unless additional periods are ordered by Convenor.
- 3)** It is the HOME team's responsibility to ensure that scores from ALL W.O.A.A. Playoff games are recorded on TheOneDB. If teams are using electronic gamesheets through Gamesheet Inc., scores should automatically report to TheOneDB. Please ensure at the end of the game that the gamesheet has been submitted electronically on the iPad.
- 4)** The W.O.A.A. Division Convenor should be contacted by the leading team when there could be a possible W.O.A.A. Playoff Championship trophy presentation.
- 5)** Please refer to the OMHA Manual of Operations Regulation 7.2 for accepted period lengths.



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Referees

- 1) It is the home team's responsibility to supply registered and qualified game officials (refer to OMHA Manual of Operations Appendix B [Rep] and Appendix C [Local League]. **NOTE: Exception to Appendix. In all U11 Local League Playoff games, at least one referee must be Registered Level 2 or higher.**
- 2) No members of immediate families may officiate any game for W.O.A.A. Playoffs in which a family member is participating as per the W.O.A.A. Minor Hockey Manual of Operations Section M-2.
- 3) Playoff rates for Rep. and Local League game officials are per the OMHA Manual of Operations, Regulation 12.4. These rates must be adhered to or suspensions will result.

Round Robin Standings Tiebreakers – Two Way Tie

- 1) Round robin record between tied teams.
- 2) If still tied - Goals For / (Goals For + Goals Against) in games between tied teams only.
- 3) If still tied - Most wins in all Round Robin games.
- 4) If still tied - Goals For / (Goals for + Goals Against) in all Round Robin games.
- 5) If still tied - One game playoff if one team is advancing to next round and one team is being eliminated. A coin toss (or other method) will determine home site for that game.

Round Robin Standings Tiebreakers – Three or More Teams Tied

- 1) Use in order, 1-5 from above. If one method places one or more teams in higher positioning then that positioning stands; and the remaining tied teams will revert to the next tiebreaker method.



W.O.A.A. PLAYOFF COMMITMENT

- 1) All W.O.A.A. U10-U18 Rep. teams (i.e. "A" & "B") and U21 Rep. teams (i.e. "B") are required to participate in W.O.A.A. League Playoffs.
- 2) All W.O.A.A. U11-U18 Local League teams are required to participate in W.O.A.A. League Playoffs.

Team/Centre Sanctions

Any team failing to fulfill their W.O.A.A. Playoff commitments (subject to review of the Minor Hockey Committee) may face the following sanctions:

- 1) The Team will be suspended from further competition for the remainder of the season, including tournaments.
- 2) Team Officials rostered to a team failing to fulfill Playoff commitments will be suspended for five (5) games each, commencing the first regular season game the following hockey season and may be staggered as determined by the League Convenor.
- 3) A team suspended for any reason, before they complete their Playoffs will have all their Playoff games (played and un-played) removed from the schedule. No results from games with a suspended team will be used in final calculations.