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PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION **PEEWEE "A", BANTAM "A", MIDGET "A", AND JUVENILE "A"** **PLAYOFF GUIDELINES - 2017-2018 SEASON**

Part 1 - General

1. These Playoff Guidelines shall apply to playoffs for HC-carded teams in the PeeWee, Bantam, Midget, and Juvenile divisions, not including Female teams.
2. Please make reference to the 2017-2018 playoff formats for each division and category issued by the respective Managing Director.
3. Playoffs in each division and category shall be supervised by the League Manager or other person designated by the Managing Director.
4. As a general rule, a minimum of 48 hours notice of any playoff game will be given. However, where circumstances are beyond the league's control, teams must be prepared to play whenever requested.
5. Every effort shall be made to start games on time and to avoid delays to best utilize the available icetime.
6. Game starting times shall be as per PCAHA Section G(3).
7. Period times shall be as per PCAHA Section G(7). Please note that Section G(7)-Note (b) (possible shortened third period) applies to all playoff games with the exception of the following:
 - (i) Games in any Championship "Final 4" hosted round-robin series, and
 - (ii) Games following the Tiebreaker Game format - Section N(13)¹.
8. Teams shall be prepared to present registration documents and/or personal identification for all players and team officials at the request of the Playoff Supervisor.²
9. Protests shall be handled according to PCAHA Section K(2). Please note that game protests during playoffs must be in writing on Association letterhead signed by the Association President (or in his/her absence, a Vice-President) and filed with the Managing Director within 24 hours of the completion of the game in question.

Part 2 - Championship Playoffs

- (a) In PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget, all eligible "A" teams shall participate in playoffs leading to qualification for the BC Hockey Championship within their respective BC Hockey Tier, unless withdrawn from championship playoffs under Section N(3)(h).
- (b) In Juvenile, all eligible "A1" teams shall participate in playoffs leading to qualification for the BC Hockey Juvenile Championships, unless withdrawn from championship playoffs under Section N(3)(h). All Juvenile "A2", "A3", etc. teams shall compete in a separate PCAHA Championship playoff.

¹-Includes: ● Single Game Elimination Series Format #1, ● the 4th game (if necessary) of a Four-Point series; and ● a Tiebreaker Game used to break a tie in the final standings at the end of regular season or at the end of a round-robin playoff series per Section M(2)(e).

²-Section N(2)(b).

PCAHA Playoff Guidelines - PeeWee-Juvenile "A" - 2017-2018 Season (cont.):

2. The playoff format outlined in PCAHA Section N(3)(f)(iii) has been modified by the PCAHA Executive Committee to reflect numbers of teams, as follows:
 - (a) Where there are only two (2) teams in a playoff group, the format for the championship series shall be a Four Point Series. *[Does not apply during 2013-2014].*
 - (b) Where there are only three (3) teams in a playoff group, the format for the championship series shall be a Hosted Double Round-Robin Series. *[Does not apply during 2013-2014].*
3. For the playoff group Championship "Final 4" Hosted Round-Robin series, the followings schedules of games shall apply:
 - (a) **Schedule of Games (4 teams):** For a four team playoff, the round-robin schedule shall be as follows ("home" team is the first listed):
 - Game 1 4th vs. 1st
 - Game 2 2nd vs. 3rd
 - Game 3 2nd vs. 4th
 - Game 4 1st vs. 3rd
 - Game 5 3rd vs. 4th
 - Game 6 1st vs. 2nd
 - (b) **Schedule of Games (3 teams):** For a three team playoff, the round-robin schedule shall be as follows ("home" team is the first listed):
 - Game 1 1st vs. 3rd
 - Game 2 3rd vs. 2nd
 - Game 3 2nd vs. 1st
 - Game 4 3rd vs. 1st
 - Game 5 2nd vs. 3rd
 - Game 6 1st vs. 2nd
 - (c) The Managing Director shall be authorized to vary the above 4 team and 3 team schedules if the available icetimes provided by the host Association would otherwise require a team to play twice in one day. The Managing Director shall also be authorized to vary the above schedules as may be necessary to accommodate travel requirements of the participating teams.
4. In Juvenile, the playoff group champion with the higher placing at the BC Hockey Championship shall be declared the overall PCAHA Champion.

Part 3 - "A" Presidents Series

1. "A" Presidents Series playoffs are defined as playoffs not leading to qualification for BC Hockey Championships. Presidents Series formats shall, if possible, be round-robin format, based upon available icetimes.
2. Games shall be played on regular (league game) icetimes or the equivalent. G(7)-Note (b) shall apply.
3. In a round-robin Presidents Series, the winner shall be decided by the final standings determined according to Section M. The Sportsmanship Point shall apply.
4. No overtime shall be played in any round-robin game.

If you have any questions, please contact your League Manager or Managing Director.