



## **1) Playoff Format**

Divisions with 2 teams will play a “Best of 3” Series. First team to win two games is declared the champion

Divisions with 3 teams will play a “Round Robin” Series. Each team will play the other 2 one time. The team with the Best record will be the Home Team in the finals and the second best team will be the away team. If there are ties please review the tie breaker format. If three teams are tied and one team will be awarded 1st place using the tie breaker rules. The other 2 teams will play the “optional game” to determine a 2nd place team. The 1st and 2nd place team will then compete for the finals. If the 1st place team as not lost any games during the playoffs and loses the first game in the finals a second “optional Final” will be played.

Divisions with 5 teams will play a double elimination bracket. Once a team loses twice they are out of the playoffs. Initial team matchups are determined by draw by RSDMBHA board. If a team is undefeated going into the finals and loses, another game is played between those same finalists to satisfy double elimination requirement.

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## **2) Playoff Rules**

Regulation time follow the same rules as the regular season but in the event of a tie after regulation time the following rules apply:

- a) There will be one five (5) minute stop time sudden death period played.
- b) Timeouts are not permitted by either team.
- c) Teams do not change ends.
- d) If the game is not decided during the sudden death period, the outcome shall be decided by a shootout.
- e) Teams are required to provide the referees with their first three (3) shooters right after the overtime session is over (typically written on the back of the game sheet). The visiting team completes their list first. Coaches will be required to have there 3 shooters ready before overtime is completed.

## **3) Shootout Format**

- i. The Away Team shoots first.
- ii. The outcome of the game cannot be decided until each team has sent their first three(3) shooters or until one team can no longer achieve at least a tie by the end of the first three (3) shooters (ie the goal differential for one team is greater than the number of shooters remaining for the other team).
- iii. Each team alternates sending one (1) shooter at a time.



iv. After the first three (3) shooters, if the score is still tied, each team continues to alternate shooters - the game ends as soon as one team scores and the other team doesn't.

v. No player on either team may shoot twice until the entire roster of at least one team has been depleted. (ie if one team has 14 players on their roster and the other has 16 players on their roster, the round ends after 14 shooters on each team have participated).

Once the roster has been depleted and if the game is still tied, teams may send shooters for the second round in any order but no player on either team may shoot twice within the same round.

#### **4) Playoff Tie Breaker Rules**

In the event that two or more teams are tied during the round robin format the following rules will apply and if 3 teams are tied once 1 team is eliminated the remaining 2 teams return to the top of the list until another tie breaker is achieved.

1. Head to head wins
2. Fewest accumulated goals allowed by team
3. Fewest accumulated penalties taken by team
4. Most accumulated goals for by the team
5. RSDMBHA board members will determine the winner by way of a coin toss.

#### **5) Reporting Results**

Winning teams are to report the scores as soon as possible after the completion of the game to Ben Barnes at [gamesheets@rbha.ca](mailto:gamesheets@rbha.ca) and immediately text results to George Bal @ 604-644-9339.

#### **6) Affiliated Players (AP) Rules**

There are NO AP's allowed for playoffs.

#### **7) Payment of Referees**

Referees will be paid for playoff games after the conclusion of the playoffs. Coaches/ managers are not to pay referees. If two referees are not present for any of your playoff games please inform Pat Sihota by email to [ref\\_chief@rbha.ca](mailto:ref_chief@rbha.ca).

#### **8) Playoff & Provincial Eligibility**

For internal association playoffs all rostered players that are on the insurance list are eligible to play. For the Provincial championships, one (1) goalie may be AP'd from within or the lower division. All teams entering the provincial championships must have an official team players list along with game sheets showing each player on at least 5 different sheets.

Any questions or concerns please contact [info@rbha.ca](mailto:info@rbha.ca)

Thank you and good luck.

