



League and Playoff Information

Refer to the League and Playoff Formats grid to identify the season and playoff formats of your league. Tentative playoff schedules are included as part of your regular season schedule, which may involve an off-night. Teams must be prepared to play on any of these dates during regular league hours.

******Reminder: The \$30 service fee must be provided BEFORE the beginning of the game. The game will not begin until the \$30 is received from both teams. Teams that have not paid the \$30 will be subjected to the Default rule.**

All Leagues

Season Ranking Method:

2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss.

For teams that have the same number of points, the tie breakers are as follows (in order of use):

1. Team with the best winning % (points obtained out of points possible)
2. Team with the *most wins*.
3. Team with the *best goal differential*.
4. Team with the *most wins head to head*.
5. Team with the *best goal differential head to head*.
6. Team with *least penalty minutes*.

Playoff Formats

There are multiple types of playoff formats used varyingly by league and round:

One-Game Series. If the teams are tied at the end of the game, a 10-minute sudden death overtime period will be played. If no one scores, *penalty shots* will decide the winner. Take note that the 10-minute overtime is part of the same game and a team's one timeout may be used either in the game or the overtime. All penalties and ejections carry over into overtime.

Two-Game Series (total points: 2 for a win, 1 for a tie). If the teams are tied after the two games, a 10 minute Mini-Game will be played to decide the series.

Mini Game. This is a 10-minute or 25-minute game played to decide a deadlocked series. It is played in its entirety (not sudden death). If this game ends in a tie, a 10-minute sudden death overtime will be played. If there are no goals scored, we will then proceed to *penalty shots*. This mini game is considered a separate game for purposes of penalties, suspensions, timeouts, etc.

Three-Game Series. Best 2 out of 3 games. Each game is treated as a *One-Game Series* in that it is decided via overtime and penalty shots if necessary if the teams are tied at the end of regulation time. The team winning two games wins the series.

Penalty Shots. Each team selects 3 shooters. The *Home* team selects who will shoot first. The teams alternate shooters until all 3 have shot or until one team is assured to score more goals than the other. If, after 3 shooters, teams are tied, then they alternate shooters until one team gains an advantage. All players on a team must shoot before a player can shoot a second time. In the mixed league (X) the team must alternate between male and female shooters throughout (with players of each gender only able to shoot a second time once all players of that gender have shot). A female shooter begins the shootout for each team.

Special Playoff Rules

Home Team. The home team for the series is the team that ranked higher in the season. The home team will alternate each game (including the Mini-Game). The Home team is entitled to the choice of which team changes shirts in the event of a color conflict.

Game 2 default. If for any reason, Game 2 of a series is defaulted by the team leading the series, then the series shall be decided by a 25-minute *Mini-Game* to be started 30 minutes after the scheduled start of Game 2. If a team is not ready to start the mini-game at that time, it defaults the series immediately.

An *eligible player* may play in a playoff game at any point during the game. This rule is an amendment to Rule #7 (*Playoff Eligibility*) for the playoffs.

Suspensions. Any suspendable action taken by a team or player upon elimination will be considered more severe than having occurred during the regular season and will receive a greater suspension than usual as a result. Suspensions will be carried over to the next season.