

DISTRICT 5 PLAY OFF RULES

I TEAM PARTICIPATION

- A. The purpose of the District play off system is to determine which team(s) will advance to the MN Hockey Regional, and State Tournaments. Teams are seeded into the District play offs according to their final league standings.
- B. In case of a tie for any position in the final league standings, district seeding will be determined by applying the following criteria in order of definition.
 - 1. Head to head competition among the tied teams, including Fair Play points. The position of each team is determined in order of highest point count.
 - 2. Most wins in league play.
 - 3. Fewest losses in league play.
 - 4. Most Fair Play Points earned in league play.
 - 5. Largest goal differential among tied teams. (six maximum per game)
 - 6. Greatest quotient; goals for divided by goals against among tied teams
 - 7. Largest goal differential for all league play. (six maximum per game)
 - 8. Greatest quotient of goals for divided by goals against in all league play.
 - 9. Flip of a coin by a league official in the presence of the District 5 Director.

II PLAY-OFF FORMAT

The play off format will be announced on a yearly basis usually in November or December, depending on league set up and number of teams.

III CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

On the Saturday and Sunday before Regional Tournaments, the District President will designate an arena to host championship day to determine the final Regional participants from District 5. (The 2007 site for Championship day will be Willmar on the weekend of February 24th and 25th.)

IV PLAY OFF ADMINISTRATION

- A. The District Director is the director of the District 5 Play off Tournament(s). The host Association Presidents are delegated the authority to run tournaments in their home arenas.
- B. President's Duties
 - 1. The President, or an approved representative, shall be present for all District 5 play off games.
 - 2. See that scorekeepers and time keepers are present.
 - 3. See that referees are informed of schedules.
- C. Host Association Duties
 - 1. Provide minor officials. Goal judges are not required, but would add to a quality play off.