

2015 PLAYOFFS

QUALIFYING FOR PLAYOFF RANKING IN REGULAR SEASON

General

- 1) The decision for the number of teams qualifying in the playoffs is made in October.
- 2) Considering the number of teams in a division, the top 4, 6, or 8 teams make the playoffs.
- 3) The AAA, and Nipigon teams are not involved in the playoffs.
- 4) Playoff match-ups follow weakest seed playing strongest seed convention.

Playoff Formats

- 1) Top four teams in the playoffs: play a Semi-Final series first: 4th vs 1st, 3rd vs 2nd
- 2) Top eight teams play Quarter-Finals: 8th vs 1st, 7th vs 2nd, 6th vs 3rd, and 5th vs 4th.
Winners of each series are recast from high to low seed: 4th to 1st.
The four winners play the Semi-Final match-ups: 4th vs 1st, 3rd vs 2nd.

2015 Division Playoffs

- 1) Bantam B: top 4 teams make playoffs
- 2) Bantam A: top 4 teams make playoffs
- 3) Bantam AA: top 4 teams make playoffs
- 4) Midget B: top 4 teams make playoffs
- 5) Midget A: top 8 teams make the Quarter-Finals
- 6) Midget AA: top 4 teams make playoffs

Regular Season Rankings and Tie-Breaker Rules

- 1) Teams are ranked by most points at the end of the regular season.
- 2) If teams have the same number of points, the most wins is the first tie-breaker.
- 3) If two teams have the same number of points and wins, the results of the head-to-head games between just the two teams determine most points and wins.
- 4) If two teams have identical points and wins in head-to-head competition, the highest goals for/goals against (GF/GA) ratio in the head-to-head competition determines top finisher.
- 5) If the two teams are still tied, the highest goals for/goals against (GF/GA) ratio in the entire regular season determines top finisher.
- 6) If the two teams are still tied, the fewest penalty minutes in the head-to-head competition is used as a tie-breaker. All misconducts count as ten minutes each in this calculation.
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- 8) If the teams are still tied, a coin toss by the team representatives determines the higher finisher.
- 9) If three (or more) teams have the same number of points and wins, the results of only the regular season games played between these three (or more) teams are used to recalculate the standings.
- 10) The teams are re-ranked according to the tie-breaker rules as for two tied teams (points, wins, fewest penalty minutes, coin toss).
- 11) If rankings for three or more teams must be determined by a coin toss, the team representatives flip coins until only one team has a different result from the others to "win". Coin toss continues until all teams are ranked, and the final two teams will call the coin toss.