

# 2019-2020 CUHL PLAYOFF FORMAT



## HOST PAIRS FOR ROUND-ROBIN SCHEDULING:

-Once divisions are set after the seeding round, the CUHL selects two clubs from each division as host sites. We let the clubs know right away what division they will be hosting and who they are partnered with. This will be done as geographically comfortable as possible (ie: Wilmette/Winnetka, Jr. Blues/Jr. Express, etc).

-The two clubs work together to build a schedule that works for 8 teams. Each club will be responsible for providing 6 slots. 4 slots must be on a single weekend day (opposite that of the partner club). Playoffs will run from Friday through Tuesday.

Example: Avalanche and Jr. Falcons hosting D3 upper.

Avalanche Ice – Friday evening (2 slots), Saturday morning (1 slot), Saturday afternoon (3 slots)

Falcons Ice – Sunday morning (4 slots), Monday (1 slot), Tuesday (1 slot)

-This format means any given team will not play twice in one day and will have only one weeknight game.

-Club pairs turn in their division playoff schedules to the league by December 1. This gives clubs almost 3 months to make sure the ice is booked with their scheduler and facility. Teams will know what to expect well in advance of playoffs.

**-Any divisions with 9 teams will have a 8 vs 9 play-in game. This will be hosted by the 8<sup>th</sup> seed, but the ice/ref cost will be split between both clubs. The 8-9 game will have to be played on the Monday through Wednesday before the round robin. Most of these clubs will know a week or two in advance that they are finishing in play-in position.**

### Sample Timeline for 2019-20 Travel Playoffs

Friday, 11/1 – Regular season begins

Friday 11/8 – Playoff host club pairs are notified

Sunday 12/1 – Host Pair playoff ice due to CUHL

Sunday 2/16 – Regular season ends

Monday 2/17 through Wednesday 2/19 – 8<sup>th</sup> vs 9<sup>th</sup> Play-in games

Friday 2/21 through Tuesday 2/25 – Round Robin

Sunday 3/1 – Super Sunday

### Tie-Breaking Procedures for 2019-20 Playoffs

1) Head-to-Head Competition (2 tied teams)

2) Total Points Accumulated in games involving 3 tied teams

3) More Total Regulation Wins

4) Fewer Total Regulation Losses

5) Fewer Total Goals Allowed

6) More Total Goals Scored (Max. plus 5 per game)

7) Team with more Shutouts

8) Team to score first in game involving 2 tied teams

9) Team to score earliest in games involving 3 tied teams



**Playoff Rule - No Tied Games (NHL shootout rule shall apply) If regulation time ends with the score tied then the teams shall immediately go into a three-round shootout. If still tied after three rounds then the shootout continues in extra rounds until one team scores when their opponent doesn't. Home team chooses whether to shoot first or last. In the Championship Game Only teams shall play a **10 minute** sudden-death overtime period (goalies do not switch ends) before going to the shootout.**

**If a tie in points occurs in the playoff standings, the following tie-breaking system shall be followed:**

- 1. Head-to-Head Competition (two tied teams)**
- 2. Total Points Accumulated in games involving three tied teams**
- 3. More Regulation Time Wins**
- 4. Fewer Regulation Time Losses**
- 5. Fewer Total Goals Allowed in All Games**
- 6. More Goals Scored in All Games (max. +5 differential per game)**
- 7. Team with more shutouts.**
- 8. Team to Score First in Game Involving Tied Two Teams**
- 9. Team to Score the Earliest in Games Involving Tied Three Teams**