



2023-24 MID-STATES CLUB HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR VARSITY PLAYOFF RULES

1. A typed or printed roster noting the starting lineups must be submitted to the scorekeeper 10 minutes prior to the game time.
2. The home team will be the team with the highest seed and wear light colored jerseys.
3. All games will be three periods of 12 minutes stop time. The Game will be played until completion unless there is an injury, rink issue or curfew. The Rules Official will ask the rink manager prior to the start of game regarding any "Curfews" and will convey the information to Coaches and Referees. Rule 1-P-5, A and B (Early Termination- Running Clock are the exception to the preceding sentence and will be enforced. The time can be adjusted for injuries according to the time adjustments in the Rule Book.
4. The ice will not be cleaned between periods and will not be cleaned before any overtime period.
5. If at the end of regulation time the game is tied, the teams will have a two-minute break. The goalies will change ends. The game will proceed with a five-minute sudden death, stop time period. The first goal scored wins the game. The Sudden Death period is a continuation of the present game and all penalties carry over to the Sudden Death period. Game Misconducts and/or Match Penalties carry over to the Sudden Death period and the shoot-out.

If at the end of the sudden death period a tie still exists, the procedure will be as follows:

- a. The coaches will submit to the referee a list of three players and their numbers to take penalty shots. The three players will stand on the ice in front of their respective penalty benches in the order given to the referee. The home team shall have their choice as to which team shall shoot first. The team with the most goals wins.
- b. If at the end of three shots for each team there is still not a winner, the coach will furnish the referee with the numbers of 3 different players who will take the three attempts as instructed above.
- c. Sudden Death Shootout: If a winner has not been determined at the end of two shoots the coach will submit his list of three players (he can use any of his players). The teams will shoot alternately in a sudden death shoot out. The first team that scores an unanswered goal for each pair of shooters will be the winner. If after the third pair of players have completed and no winner has been determined, the Sudden Death shoot out process will continue. The coach may submit any eligible player as part of his list of three shooters. The shoot out procedure will proceed as before until a winner is determined.

The shoot out period shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force. Players still serving their penalty at the end of the game just prior to the shoot out are not eligible to participate in the shoot out. Game Misconducts and/or Match penalties do carry over to the shoot out and those players are not eligible to participate in the shootout procedure.

A player, who is serving in the penalty box with the player who has been assessed a minor and misconduct penalty, is allowed to participate in the shootout. The player who has been assessed the penalties in the preceding sentence will not be allowed to participate in the shootout. If the penalized player is a goalie then two players, neither being the penalized goalie, will be in the penalty box. One of these players needs to be designated before play resumes as serving the penalty for the goalie and will not be allowed to participate in the shootout. The other player in the penalty box in this situation will be allowed to participate in the shootout.

A player, who is serving a bench minor penalty for the coach or the team, is not allowed to participate in the shootout.

A player serving a penalty for a goalkeeper is not allowed to participate in the shootout.

If during the procedure a team participated in a premature celebration which interrupts the procedure the referee is instructed to penalize the offending team by not allowing the next shooter for that team to participate.

During the Championship Game instead of a shootout at the end of the first Sudden Death period, we will play a second and a third five-minute sudden death period. (The goalies will change ends just like a regular game) before going to the shootout tie breaker in 5a. 5b. and 5c. There will be a one-minute break between sudden death periods.

- d. Time outs: Each team will be allowed one (1), one (1) minute time out during the game and during the sudden death periods. No time outs during the shootout series.
6. Each possible series deciding game will be covered by a Rules Official (who is not necessarily a referee). All other games will be supported by a Rules Official hotline, which will be published nightly on the Midstates website. The Rules Official will be at the scorer's bench and will be the final authority on the application, interpretations and enforcement of the rules. He will not rule on judgment calls, which are the sole responsibility of the referee. The referee will act as the Rules Official if one is not present (duties outlined in Paragraph 6) and as the final authority on any appeals when the Rules Official is not present. The bench minor rules will apply if the appeal of the referee involves the questioning of a judgment call. Rule 10-G-7 applies.

The Rules Official will make the final decision on a protest at the time of the occurrence, but he may consult with anyone he feels will help him in the decision-making process.
7. A coach through his captain, may ask for a rules interpretation from the Rules Official by first asking the referee to speak to the official. If the request is a questioning of a judgment call, the referee will assess a bench minor penalty for delay of game. All requests must be made at the time of the occurrence, before play resumes.
8. An automatic fine of \$200.00 per penalty will be assessed to a team for each player, coach or other team representative receiving a game misconduct or match penalty. In addition to the penalty already assessed a game suspension will be assessed by the Board of Directors to a player, coach, or other team representative receiving a game misconduct for fighting, leaving the bench and participating in an altercation (including the penalty box), obscene gestures, removing a player's helmet, first to intervene in an altercation or any match penalty. All above fines and suspensions will be doubled, if they occur in the Final of a Round Robin series, the third period of a Play In Game series, a Mini Game, the Second Game of a Quarter-final or Semi-final series or a Championship Game. All fines must be paid at the time directed by the Board of Directors. If the fine is not paid by the deadline, the team and the player, coach or team representative receiving the game misconduct or match penalty will be immediately suspended until such fine has been paid in full. The Board of Directors reserves the right to assess suspensions and/or fines, in addition to any suspension and/or fine that have already been imposed.
9. Rule 9-G-4 of the Rule Book is in effect. Except the fine is to be paid within 24 hours of the offense in order to remain eligible to continue in the playoffs.
10. Rules 4-JV-1 and 4-JV-2 remain in effect. If any swing player or coach receives a suspension penalty in a JV game, he must also sit out the next scheduled varsity playoff game. The reverse is also true.
11. Rule 2-JV-3 AND 2-JV-4 applies.
12. Playoff games cancelled due to a lack of players will result in a forfeit(s) and will not be rescheduled.