



Illinois West Division

Division of the Illinois High School Hockey League

2022-2023 Playing Rules & Regulations

I. Playing Rules - Suspensions

Illinois West will use the USA Hockey Rule Book almost exclusively. Fighting, Misconducts and Game Misconduct suspensions will be the same as the USA Hockey Rule Book with the following exception required under AHAI rules:

Any player who receives a penalty for fighting will be suspended for the balance of that game plus the next three (3) regularly scheduled Illinois West games of that team.

All suspensions given in Illinois West game must be served in the next Illinois West game(s). If there is another practice or tournament game before the suspension has been served in the number of Illinois West games required under the suspension, these additional games would require that the player/coach to serve the required USA Hockey/AHAI suspensions.

- A. A fight off the ice not under the jurisdiction of the officials may be reported in writing to the Chairman of the Rules & Ethics Committee or the Illinois West President. This includes any lobby or parking lot disturbances.
- B. A player receiving four (4) penalties of any duration during a game shall be automatically suspended for one game. A player who accumulates four (4) penalties in a game a second time will be assessed an automatic two (2) game suspension in addition to the balance of the game in which the penalties occur. A third four (4) penalty game by the same player in the same season will cause automatic suspension from the Illinois West League for the balance of both the regular and playoff season. These suspensions are in addition to any suspensions accumulated under the regular USA Hockey/AHAI Playing Rules.
- C. If a team receives twelve (12) penalties in a game, the Head Coach of that team shall be suspended for the next Illinois West game of that team. If the infraction occurs a second time during the same season (including playoffs) the Head Coach shall be suspended for the next two (2) Illinois West games of that team. If the same infraction occurs a third time during the same season, the Head Coach shall be suspended until a hearing before the Division's Board of Directors.
- D. If a coach receives a Zero Tolerance Penalty during a game and receives a game misconduct, Illinois West will issue a 3-game suspension. A second Zero Tolerance Penalty resulting in a game misconduct in a season will require the coach to meet with the Illinois West Board of Directors before the next league game. Illinois West reserves the right to review the penalty to determine if any leniency can be considered.
- E. Permanent suspension of a player from the Illinois West Division may be affected if it is determined that he/she has maliciously and/or intentionally damaged any property or parts thereof of any facility.
- F. The Board of Directors of Illinois West shall have the authority to discipline any member player, team, or coach at its discretion.
- G. Any fight during the handshake line may result in supplemental discipline by the Illinois West Board to the Head Coach(s) and or Player(s) involved. A minimum of one game for all players involved and their respective head coach shall be added to any USA Hockey and/or AHAI penalties arising from the incident.

II. Game Rules & Minor Officials

- A. All Illinois West games (games organized by the Illinois West League) shall be officiated by on-ice officials certified by AHAI and USA Hockey and scheduled through the AHAI Officiating Committee.
- B. The ice will be resurfaced every two (2) periods for all Illinois West Varsity games. There will be no ice cut for JV games. Players coming back to the ice after an ice resurfacing shall go directly to the bench except for the starting lineup for that period. There shall be no gathering of players at their goals or at the bench area. Officials and announcers will warn the teams to go to their benches. If any team or player refuses when told to proceed to the bench by the Referee, a minor penalty shall be assessed for delay of game.
- C. The home team is responsible to bring the pucks for both teams for warm-up before the game.
- D. Each team shall have two MATCHING sets of numbered jerseys, each with appropriate patches and nameplates as determined by the Illinois West Division. One set of matching jerseys shall be in the school colors, or colors selected by the Club, the other set shall be predominately white (3rd jerseys are not to be used as away jerseys).
- E. All Illinois West Varsity games shall be a minimum of three seventeen (17) minute stop-time periods. JV shall be a minimum of three fifteen (15) minute stop time periods. Time-outs shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds and shall be limited to one (1) per game for each team.
- F. Should a team accumulate a five (5) goal lead at the end of the second period, or at any time during the third period, the resumption of play at the center ice face-off spot shall commence running time for the duration of that game regardless of any further goals scored by any team. Penalty times shall be the same as for stop time. (There are NO EXCEPTIONS.)
- G. Should a team (a minimum of six players) fail to show for a Illinois West game at the scheduled game time, they shall replay the game at their expense as outlined in section F.2 below. There are no forfeits - all games must be played.
 - 1. No team shall be permitted to forfeit a game for any reason other than as a result of "AN ACT OF GOD" (i.e. weather). Forfeit carries a \$500.00 fine that must be paid to the Illinois West Treasurer before that team will be allowed to play the next Illinois West game.
 - 2. A make-up game must be played by mutual agreement of the teams involved and the Illinois West's Executive Board. The cancelling team is responsible for providing the ice. (Any team that fails to appear or cancels a scheduled game less than 72 hours before the scheduled game shall be subject to a fine of \$500.00 plus all costs incurred by the team which was to host the canceled game.) The team which cancelled or failed to appear will be responsible for all costs incurred even if the cancellation is within the appropriate time frame if the scheduled ice sheet and on-ice officials cannot be cancelled. This rule applies to those teams who are members of the Illinois West.
- H. Each Varsity game will have four (4) on ice officials assigned. Each JV game will have two (2) officials assigned. In the event there are only two (2) or three (3) on ice officials for any Varsity game that game will proceed as scheduled.
- I. At the start of the game after the five (5) minute warm-up, teams will have up to one (1) minute for the teams to have their players at the face-off circle for the puck to be dropped. After one (1) minute has elapsed, the puck will be dropped, even if all the players are not on the line. When ice is resurfaced, and the teams return to the ice they will immediately go to their bench and the starting line-up shall go to center ice for the face-off. Teams will have up to thirty (30) seconds to line up. After thirty (30) seconds has elapsed, the puck will be dropped. There will be a two (2) minute rest in between periods where there is no ice resurfacing. At the end of the two (2) minutes, the Officials will blow the whistle and the teams will have up to thirty (30) seconds to line up for the face-off. After that time has elapsed, the puck will be dropped. At each stoppage of play, the official that will be dropping the puck shall mark the location of the ensuing face-off. The Referee in the Four Official System or the Referee marking the face-off location in the Two Official System is responsible to be aware of the change of players for both teams. The Referee will give the Visiting team eight (8) to ten (10) seconds of time to make their line change, after which the Referee will raise his/her hand above their head to signify the home team may now make a change immediately. The Home team is allowed five (5) to eight (8) seconds of time to make their changes after which the Referee will lower his/her hand to signify that no further changes are allowed. When the Referee signifies that the line-change procedure is complete, the Linesman or the Official dropping the puck will blow the whistle to signify that the puck will be dropped in five (5) seconds. The puck will be dropped sooner if both teams are ready or if no player changes were made. The responsibility rests with each team to make sure player changes are made without delay. The goals of this rule are to resume

play quickly and eliminate unnecessary conversation with the officials. Linesman or Referees will be instructed to drop the puck to resume play even if both centers are not set and ready. If players are "off-side" when the puck is dropped, play shall be stopped, the team that is off-side will have its center removed, and no changes of players will be permitted. If the same team that has caused the offside causes another stoppage due to players not lining up correctly, a minor penalty shall be assessed against the offending team. There will be no in-game warm-up for goalies for any reason (*including injury*). *Spare goalies are to be warmed up during the pre-game skate. There will be no in-game warm-up for goalies for any reason (including injury). Spare goalies are to be warmed up during the pre-game skate.*

1. In addition to the players, only the head coach, assistant coach(s), and/or trainer are permitted on the bench in accordance with USA Hockey/AHAI Rules. There are only a total of four (4) non-playing individuals permitted on the bench during any Illinois West regular season or playoff game. The head coach is responsible for all personnel on the bench. (The Bench includes the penalty box.)
 2. Each team shall furnish personnel to be scorekeeper and/or work the clock and as security personnel, if necessary. All security jackets shall be yellow in color. If required, the team most familiar with the clock shall furnish the timekeeper and the other team shall work the score sheet. Both teams are responsible for providing at least two people in yellow security jackets at all games. If the crowd so requires, additional security personnel in yellow jackets should be provided by the home team.
 3. All jerseys must have the USA Hockey/AHAI Stop Sign attached as required to the rear of the Jersey directly above the numbers.
 4. The first named team on the schedule will be the home team. It is generally expected that the home team will wear the dark colored jerseys.
 5. The second named team on the schedule will be the visiting team. It is generally expected that the visiting team will wear the light-colored jerseys.
 6. Each team will provide to the scorekeeper prior to each game, two (2) new pro pucks.
 7. Only one (1) person from each club will be permitted in the score box during Illinois West games and it is required that each team have a representative in the score box during all games.
- J. Regular season games that end in a tie after regulation.
1. 3 on 3 5-minute running clock sudden death overtime period will be used to determine a winner.
 2. If after the sudden death overtime, the game is still tied, a sudden death shoot out will take place. First team to score an unanswered goal shall be the game winner. The home team has the choice to shoot first or last.
 3. Overtime/Shoot-out winner shall receive two (2) points for the overtime/shootout win. The team losing the overtime/shootout shall receive one (1) point.
 4. No player in the penalty box at the end of regulation may play in the overtime until the penalty is fully served. Any player in the penalty box at the end of the overtime may not participate in the shootout
 5. No player may shoot twice until all eligible players have shot.
 6. The winning goal scored in OT shall count as a goal scored for stat purposes. Saves shall in OT shall be counted for stat purposes. Saves and goals in a shootout shall not be credited for stat purposes.

III. Team Responsibilities

- A. Each Club (coach, manager, team representative, trainers, players and Club officials) shall be cooperative in the administration of Illinois West, shall obey all Illinois West Rules and Directives from the Illinois West Board of Directors or be subject to disciplinary action.
- B. Each Club shall have one vote in Illinois West matters that require a club vote, unless otherwise provided for in the Illinois West Rules & By-Laws.
- C. Each Club participating in Illinois West or in a tournament organized by Illinois West shall be an affiliate of AHA! and USA Hockey and shall comply with all the requirements for such affiliates. Each Club is responsible for registering its team(s) with USA Hockey and AHA! and for fulfilling all of the required registration procedures according to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of USA Hockey and AHA!.
- D. Each club shall obtain a completed Zero Tolerance form from each player and that player's parents. Such form shall be held by each Club and available for inspection as required by Illinois West or other appropriate body.
- E. Playoffs - For a player to be eligible to play for a team in the Illinois West playoffs, the player must have played in sixty (60%) percent of the Illinois West regular season games which includes the tiering and seeding rounds, for which he/she is eligible, for the team the player will play for in the Illinois West playoffs. The regular season is deemed to have ended prior to the start of the round robin playoff games. Any movement from JV to Varsity must be approved by Illinois West's Executive Board and is subject to the 10 up rule. There is no movement from Varsity to JV. Any team wishing to question a player's eligibility must be done from head coach to head coach. If and only if the head coaches are unable to resolve shall the Illinois West Board get involved and decide on a player's eligibility.
- F. Players must be full-time students within the first eight (8) weeks or 1st semester of the schools for which they are playing. Players must fulfill this requirement at the time they are placed on a team's roster. Players who graduate from high school during the season are no longer eligible to participate in their team's activities and must be removed from the team's roster.
- G. Any team playing and/or dressing an ineligible player will forfeit each game in which the ineligible player played or dressed. The game will be recorded in the Illinois West's standing as a loss and the offending team's goals and assists will be deleted from the standings.
- H. Any coach knowingly playing a suspended and/or ineligible player will receive an automatic expulsion from the Illinois West for the balance of the Regular and Playoff season.
- I. Twenty (20) players may be suited for a game. Rosters will be up to a maximum of thirty (30) players and will include the players name, jersey number, address, phone number and year in school.
- J. Initial rosters are due to AHA! prior to the first Illinois West game played by a team. Players may be added to the roster up to and including October 15th, but no name may be deleted from the roster once it appears.
- K. All coaches and/or managers must submit a completed Officiating Evaluation Form to the AHA! Officiating Committee on the on-ice officials' performance for all games. The Officials Evaluation Form must be submitted to the AHA! Officiating Committee within seven (7) days of the day the game was played or a fine (the amount to be determined by Illinois West) may be assessed to the offending team not submitting the form.
- L. Each Club assumes all responsibility for actions of that Club's members including players, player's parents, coaches, and any other representative of that Club. Illinois West assumes no liability for any activity related to each Club. Illinois West specifically rejects any liability for actions of the Club, its members, fans or anyone associated with said Club.

IV. Illinois West Responsibilities

- A. Illinois West shall provide on-ice officials for all Illinois West playoff games, All-Star games and tournaments organized by Illinois West. All on-ice officials shall be scheduled through the AHA! Officiating Committee.

- B. An Official Game Report Form for all Illinois West and Playoff games will be forwarded to the proper Officials Supervisor within 24 hours after conclusion of a game where an incident occurs. Failure of any official to furnish the Illinois West with an Official Game Report shall result in termination of that Official's services for the remainder of the regular and playoff season upon review by the Illinois West Board of Directors.
- C. All teams who qualify must participate in a playoff tournament at the conclusion of the regular season of Illinois West play. The format of the playoffs is to follow the historical precedent of dividing all the teams in the Division at each level into two brackets based on how the teams finished in regular season play, with the top teams playing in the Scholastic Cup and the lower half playing in the Founder's Cup. If there are an odd number of teams, the extra team is generally to play in the upper half. Tie-breaker rules will be established prior to the start of the season by Illinois West
- D. The Illinois West playoffs consist of a tournament with Varsity and Junior Varsity brackets for the Scholastic Cup and Founder's Cup brackets. Illinois West Board of Directors shall determine the proper format for each playoff bracket. Number of games and format shall be based on number of teams and available ice from year to year.
- E. Illinois West will furnish the following at a minimum:
 - 1. One (1) banner for each of the Division first place and runner-up clubs in the Illinois West standings.
- F. The Illinois West Board of Directors will consist of up to 5 members including officers who shall comprise the Executive Board (the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer). The Directors and Officers shall each be entitled to one (1) vote in all Illinois West matters except the President who shall be entitled to vote only in the case of a tie. The Illinois West Board of Directors shall be responsible for any rule changes, player suspensions, game protests, complaints on officials, and all other matters concerning the guidance and maintenance of the Illinois West Division. The Illinois West Board of Directors shall interpret and determine all Illinois West rules and render decisions and/or directives as necessary. Supervision of coaches is up to the sole discretion of each Team's Board of Directors.
- G. Illinois West and all of its' Clubs shall be affiliates of AHAI and USA Hockey and shall comply with all requirements for affiliates.
- H. The IHSHL shall obtain Directors and Officers Liability Insurance through its affiliation with AHAI and USA Hockey. In the event that such insurance coverage is not available, the Illinois West Division will purchase Directors & Officers Liability Insurance for the Illinois West Board of Directors. The Clubs are responsible for obtaining their own Directors & Officers Liability Insurance either through AHAI and USA Hockey or through purchasing such coverage.
- I. No Club may enact any rules that contradict or attempt to supersede rules applying Illinois West wide.
- J. Illinois West and all of its' Clubs will adhere as closely as possible to the Illinois High School Association eligibility rules, except to the rules referring to coaching (a hockey coach need not be a faculty member of the school for the team he/she is coaching).
- K. Illinois West shall furnish each club with:
 - 1. Playing Rules for each player, coach, and manager via the Illinois West website.
 - 2. Schedules for each team.
 - 3. Listing of the Board of Directors and Division Supervisors.
 - 4. Participation Forms (Hold Harmless, Doctor's Authorization and Hospital Release).Download via the Illinois West website.
- L. The Divisions will assist each club in obtaining the following:
 - 1. USA Hockey/AHA! roster forms for each team.

Illinois West Teams

Illinois West Teams		
	Varsity	JV
1	Cobras	Cobras
2	DuPage	DuPage
3	Glenbard	Glenbard
4	Hinsdale Central	Hinsdale Central
5	Lincoln Way	Lincoln Way
6	Lyons Township	Lyons Township
7	Maine	Maine
8	Naperville North	Naperville Central
9	Neuqua Valley	Neuqua Valley
10	OPRF	OPRF
11	Oswego	Oswego
12	Plainfield	Plainfield
13	Sandburg	Sandburg
14	Spartans	Spartans
15	Waubonsie	Waubonsie
16	Wheaton West	Wheaton West

General Rules

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- All USA Hockey Rules Apply unless otherwise noted below.
- All AHA rules apply unless otherwise noted below.

Game Play Rules

- All Varsity games shall consist of three (3) 17-minute periods. All Junior Varsity games shall consist of three (3) 15-minute periods.
- All Varsity games shall have a 4-man referee system. All Junior Varsity shall be a 2-man system. A Varsity game maybe played with a 2-man or 3-man system as an exception when that IOHA sets that specific game in that way.
- Home team supplies the pucks for both teams for warm-ups.
- There will be no ice cut at the JV level.
- (Varsity) If game is started on a clean sheet of ice an ice cut shall take place between the 2nd and 3rd period. Games started on a used sheet of ice an ice cut will take place between the 1st and 2nd periods.
- If there is a 5 goal or more differential beginning the 3rd period or anytime during the 3rd period, there will be a running clock. The clock will continue running time for the duration of that game regardless of any further goals scored by any team. Penalty times shall be the same as for stop time. (There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

- **Additional Illinois West specific rules**

- All players, coaches and parents must sign a Zero tolerance policy agreement before the 1st season game is played.
- Any game misconduct penalty obtained in a WEST game must be served in a WEST game.
 - If a team receives 12 penalties in a game, the Head Coach of that team shall be suspended for the next Illinois West game of that team. If the infraction occurs a second time during the same season (including playoffs) the Head Coach shall be suspended for the next two (2) Illinois West games of that team. If the same infraction occurs a third time during the same season, the Head Coach shall be suspended until a hearing before the Division's Board of Directors.
 - A player receiving 4 penalties of any duration during a game shall be automatically suspended for one game. A player who accumulates 4 penalties in a game a second time will be assessed an automatic 2 game suspension in addition to the balance of the game in which the penalties occur. A third 4 penalty game by the same player in the same season will cause automatic suspension from the Illinois West League for the balance of both the regular and playoff season. These suspensions are in addition to any suspensions accumulated under the regular USA Hockey/AHAI Playing Rules.
 - If a coach receives a Zero Tolerance Penalty during a game and receives a game misconduct, Illinois West will issue a 3-game suspension. A second Zero Tolerance Penalty resulting in a game misconduct in a season will require the coach to meet with the Illinois West Board of Directors before the next league game.
 - Illinois West reserves the right to review the penalty to determine if any leniency can be considered.
 - Permanent suspension of a player from the Illinois West Division may be affected if it is determined that he/she has maliciously and/or intentionally damaged any property or parts thereof of any facility.
 - The Board of Directors of Illinois West shall have the authority to discipline any member player, team, or coach at its discretion.
 - Any fight during the handshake line may result in supplemental discipline by the Illinois West Board to the Head Coach(s) and or Player(s) involved. A minimum of one game for all players involved and their respective head coach shall be added to any USA Hockey and/or AHAI penalties arising from the incident.
- All players must participate in 60% of WEST games to be eligible for the WEST playoffs.
- Specific playoff rules shall be set prior to end of season.
- West reserves the right to modify these rules at any time. No modifications shall take place without notice to all member clubs.
- Full League Rules are posted on the West website.

Regular Season Games

The regular season will consist of 2 parts the tiering round and seeding round as explained below.

Tiering round

Games must be completed by November 23rd

At both the Varsity and JV levels all teams will play each other 1 time for a total of 15 games.

Tie breakers for tiering round are as follows.

- In order: It is points, wins, head-to-head competition for placement determination
- The place of finish shall be determined based on two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie. Games that end in a tie at the end of regulation will go to a 5 minute 3 on 3 sudden death overtime. If still tied there will be a sudden death shootout. The winning team will receive (2) points while the losing team in the overtime/shoot-out will receive one (1) point.
- If two (2) or more teams are tied in points, their position of finish will be determined by the number of wins. If still tied after that, the next breaker would be head-to-head competition with the team with the most (points, wins) will determine their finish placement.
- If a tie still exists, their position of finish would be determined by goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in games between the tied teams, including the winning overtime/shoot-out goal.
- If a tie still exists, their position of finish would be determined by total goal allowed in all games between the tied teams.
- If a tie still exists, their position of finish would be determined by least number of penalty minutes in all games between the tied teams.

Seeding round

Games must be completed by January 29th

At both Varsity and JV following the tiering round, teams will be divided into 3 groups for the seeding round.

Group 1 – Teams 1 - 6 from the seeding round

All teams will play each other 2 times 1 home and 1 away (10 games)

Group 2 - Teams 7 - 11 from the seeding round

All teams will play each other 2 times 1 home and 1 away and 1 crossover game with group 3 (9 games)

Group 3 – Teams 12-16 from the seeding round

All teams will play each other 2 times 1 home and 1 away and 1 crossover game with group 2 (9 games)

At the conclusion of the seeding round the teams will advance to the playoff round robin as shown below.

Same playoff round robin applies to both Varsity and JV.

West Cup		McKeague Cup	
Seed		Seed	
1	1 st place group 1	1	3 rd place group 2
2	2 nd place group 1	2	4 th place group 2
3	3 rd place group 1	3	5 th place group 2
4	4 th place group 1	4	1 st place group 3
5	5 th place group 1	5	2 nd place group 3
6	6 th place group 1	6	3 rd place group 3
7	1 st place group 2	7	4 th place group 3
8	2 nd place group 2	8	5 th place group 3

Tie breakers for seeding round are as follows.

1. In order: It is points, wins, head-to-head competition for placement determination
2. The place of finish shall be determined based on two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie. Games that end in a tie at the end of regulation will go to a 5 minute 3 on 3 sudden death overtime. If still tied there will be a sudden death shootout. The winning team will receive (2) points while the losing team in the overtime/shoot-out will receive one (1) point.
3. If two (2) or more teams are tied in points, their position of finish will be determined by the number of wins. If still tied after that, the next breaker would be head-to-head competition with the team with the most (points, wins) will determine their finish placement.
4. If a tie still exists, their position of finish would be determined by goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in games between the tied teams, including the winning overtime/shoot-out goal.
5. If a tie still exists, their position of finish would be determined by total goal allowed in all games between the tied teams.
6. If a tie still exists, their position of finish would be determined by least number of penalty minutes in all games between the tied teams.

Playoffs

Varsity and JV will be split based on the seeding round final standings 1-8 and 9-16

Top 8 playoff (West Cup)

A	Game 1	+	Game 2	+	Game 3	Total
1		+		+		
4		+		+		
5		+		+		
8		+				

B	Game 1	+	Game 2	+	Game 3	Total
2		+		+		
3		+		+		
6		+		+		
7		+				

Teams in Pool A and B play a 3-game round robin from 2/3-2/12. Regular OT season rules apply.

Top 2 from each pool advance to West Cup Semis (3 game series). Regular OT season rules apply.

A first place vs. B second place

B first place vs. A second place

Winners advance to West Cup Championship (3 game series). OT for all games is 5 on 5 10 min period

if still tied then 3 on 3 10 min periods until there's a winner.

Bottom 8 playoff (McKeague Cup)

A	Game 1	+	Game 2	+	Game 3	Total
9		+		+		
12		+		+		
13		+		+		
16		+				

B	Game 1	+	Game 2	+	Game 3	Total
10		+		+		
11		+		+		
14		+		+		
15		+				

Teams in Pool A and B play a 3-game round robin from 2/3-2/19. Regular OT season rules apply.

Top 2 from each pool advance to McKeague Cup Semis (1 game). Regular OT season rules apply.

A first place vs. B second place

B first place vs. A second place

Winners advance to McKeague Cup Championship (1 game). OT for all games is 5 on 5 10 min period

if still tied then 3 on 3 10 min periods until there's a winner.

Tie breakers for playoff round robin are as follows.

1. In order: It is points, wins, head-to-head competition for placement determination
2. The place of finish shall be determined based on two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie. Games that end in a tie at the end of regulation will go to a 5 minute 3 on 3 sudden death overtime. If still tied there will be a sudden death shootout. The winning team will receive (2) points while the losing team in the overtime/shoot-out will receive one (1) point. .
3. If two (2) or more teams are tied in points, their position of finish will be determined by the number of wins. If still tied after that, the next breaker would be head-to-head competition with the team with the most (points, wins) will determine their finish placement.
4. If a tie still exists, their position of finish would be determined by goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in games between the tied teams, including the winning overtime/shoot-out goal.
5. If a tie still exists, their position of finish would be determined by total goal allowed in all games between the tied teams.
6. If a tie still exists, their position of finish would be determined by least number of penalty minutes in all games between the tied teams.
7. After that, placement in the regular season standings would determine the winner. The higher position team would receive the highest placement.

Illinois West overtime rules

Regular season, Round Robin, and West Cup Semi-finals games that end in a tie after regulation.

7. 3 on 3 5-minute running clock sudden death overtime period will be used to determine a winner. Overtime is running clock except for Injuries and penalties; clock will restart with puck drop and remain running.
8. If after the sudden death overtime, the game is still tied, a sudden death shoot out will take place. The home team has the choice to shoot first or last.
9. Overtime/Shoot-out winner shall receive two (2) points for the overtime/shootout win. The team losing the overtime/shootout shall receive one (1) point.
10. No player in the penalty box at the end of regulation may play in the overtime until the penalty is fully served. Any player in the penalty box at the end of the overtime may not participate in the shootout
11. No player may shoot twice until all eligible players have shot.
12. The winning goal scored in OT shall count as a goal scored for stat purposes. Saves in OT shall be counted for stat purposes. Saves and goals in a shootout shall not be credited for stat purposes.

All West Cup finals games and McKeague Cup final game that end in a tie after regulation.

1. 5 on 5 10-minute sudden death overtime period will be used to determine a winner. Overtime is running clock except for penalties and Injuries.
2. If after the first sudden death overtime, the game is still tied, sudden death 3 on 3 10-minute periods will continue until there's a winner. Overtime is running clock except for Injuries and penalties; clock will restart with puck drop and remain running.