

**ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**HAYES-SUBURBAN DIVISION**  
**2022 PLAYOFF PROCEDURES & RULES**

*Round Round*

1. Game Instructions:
  - a. Varsity: 16 minute periods
  - b. JV: 15 minutes periods
  - c. All Levels: 2 minute break will be allowed between periods when NO ice is being made
  - d. Varsity: Ice shall be resurfaced after the second period.
  - e. One (1) Time Out is allowed per team for the duration of the entire game
  - f. NO TIES (see overtime procedure)
2. Mercy Rule: In all games where a five (5) goal difference is attained after the second period of play or at any time during the third (3rd) period; the clock will run continuously regardless of score. The only stoppage of the game clock will be if necessary for the timekeeper to load the penalty times, on-ice injury, or at the discretion of the referee.
3. Team 20 Penalty Rule: If one team accumulates twenty (20) total penalties in one game, the game will be stopped and the opposing team shall be declared the winner with a 1-0 victory.
4. Rosters are frozen.
5. Players must have a 50% attendance of league games played by team to be eligible for playoffs.
6. Unless otherwise indicated, all USA Hockey rules apply.

**OVERTIME PROCEDURES**

***VARSITY & JV DIVISIONS (except Finals)***

1. A "Four on Four" five (5) minute stop time "SUDDEN DEATH" overtime period will commence after a two (2) minute break. First team to score a goal in overtime period wins the game.
2. Teams will defend the goal CLOSEST to their player bench. (3rd period format).
3. All penalties that occurred in regulation time shall continue into the overtime period.

**SHOOTOUT PROCEDURES (if still tied after SUDDEN DEATH)**

***VARSITY & JV DIVISIONS (except Finals)***

1. "Best of Five" Shootout
  - a. Goaltenders will defend the net closest to their team's bench
  - b. Home team has the right to shoot first or defer
  - c. Any skater serving a minor penalty that did not elapse during play MAY NOT take part in the shoot out
  - d. Any skater serving a major or a misconduct penalty that did not elapse during the overtime period may NOT take part in the shootout.
  - e. No winner after Five shootout attempts then a "sudden death" shoot out
2. "Sudden Death" Shoot out
  - a. Each team will have an attempt until a winner is determined
  - b. All eligible skaters must shoot once before any player is repeated regardless of roster size

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**Championship Round  
All are BEST of THREE (3) GAME SERIES**

1. Game Instructions:
  - a. Varsity: 16 minute periods
  - b. JV: 15 minutes periods
  - c. All Levels: 2 minute break will be allowed between periods when NO ice is being made
  - d. Varsity: Ice shall be resurfaced after the second period (if rink permits).
  - e. One (1) Time Out is allowed per team for the duration of the entire game
  - f. NO TIES (see overtime procedure)
2. Mercy Rule: In all games where a five (5) goal difference is attained after the second period of play or at any time during the third (3rd) period; the clock will run continuously regardless of score. The only stoppage of the game clock will be if necessary for the timekeeper to load the penalty times, on-ice injury, or at the discretion of the referee.
3. Team 20 Penalty Rule: If one team accumulates twenty (20) total penalties in one game, the game will be stopped and the opposing team shall be declared the winner with a 1-0 victory.
4. Rosters frozen.
5. Players must have a 50% attendance of league games played by team to be eligible for playoffs.
6. Unless otherwise indicated, all USA Hockey rules apply.

***OVERTIME PROCEDURES  
VARSITY & JV DIVISIONS***

1. If the score remains tied at the conclusion of Regulation play, a "SUDDEN DEATH" overtime will commence after a two (2) minute rest period. No Shoot-outs! First team to score a goal in overtime period wins the game.
2. Full stop-time periods will be used until a winner is determined. Each period will be 16 minute for Varsity and 15 minute for JV.
3. Teams will defend the goal CLOSEST to their player bench. (3rd period format).
4. All penalties that occurred in regulation time shall continue into the overtime period.

***\*\* NOTE \*\****

***It is suggested that the ice be resurfaced after the 2nd overtime period for all Varsity games.***

***It is suggested that the ice be resurfaced after the 1st overtime period for all JV games.***