

- Players in a sudden death shootout shall not be allowed to take another shot until four additional shooters have completed their attempts.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- Any penalized player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s) and must remain in the penalty box.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The official scorekeeper shall record all shots taken indicating the players, goalkeepers and goals scored.

**(2) Process to Determine Quarterfinalists, Semifinalists and/or Finalists**

- (a) During the youth and girls/women's preliminary rounds, each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win in regulation, two (2) points for a win in overtime or shootout, one (1) point for a loss in overtime or shootout and zero (0) points for a loss in regulation.
- (b) Refer to the formats for tournaments set forth in Appendix 1 for information on home team designations in any quarterfinal and semifinal game.

**(c) Youth, Girls/Women's and High School Varsity and/or Prep School – Tie-Breaking Rules to Determine Standings Position**

If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tie-breaking rules listed below. If at any point during the application of the tie-breaking rules, any or all of the teams can be seeded higher or lower than the other teams, the seeded teams will be placed in their position in the standings and the tie-breaking process will begin at Step 1 for any teams that remain tied.

**NOTE:** *If all tied teams have not played each other, the tie-breaking process will begin at Step 2.*

The tie-breaker rules are as follows:

1. The results of only the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:
  - a. Most points earned.
  - b. Most total wins (whether in regulation, overtime and shootout).
  - c. Most regulation wins.
  - d. Differential — Subtracting goals against from goals for in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus. A maximum goal differential of plus or minus eight (8) per game will be used in tie-breaking rules.
  - e. Quotient — Dividing the goals for by the goals against in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. If a game has a goal differential of more than eight (8) goals, the goals for will be decreased until there is a maximum of eight (8) more than goals against in a given game prior to dividing (i.e. 10-1 game would use 9-1 for purposes of quotient). A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero (0). Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tie-breaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of “goals for.”
  - f. Most periods won — In the games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total.
2. If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, c, d, e or f the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order.
  - a. Most total wins (whether in regulation, overtime and shootout).

- b. Most regulations wins.
  - c. Differential — Subtracting goals against from goals for in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus. A maximum goal differential of plus or minus eight (8) per game will be used in tie-breaking rules.
  - d. Quotient — Dividing the goals for by the goals against in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. If a game has a goal differential of more than eight (8) goals, the goals for will be decreased until there is a maximum of eight (8) more than goals against in a given game prior to dividing (i.e. 10-1 game would use 9-1 for purposes of quotient). A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tie-breaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of “goals for.”
  - e. Most periods won — In the games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total.
  - f. Lowest number of penalty minutes — Calculate the number of penalty minutes accrued during all preliminary round games. The teams shall be ranked low to high in ascending order of “penalty minutes for.”
  - g. Quickest first goal — The team that scored the quickest goal in their preliminary round games shall be ranked highest.
3. If the above procedure does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shootout procedure as previously described.

**NOTE:** A team may go into the tie-breaking process having defeated another of the tied teams and still not advance.

**NOTE:** If a team forfeits any of its games, and becomes involved in any tie-breaking formula, the team that forfeited will not advance and all games played against the forfeiting team shall be recorded as 1-0 victories for all opposing teams.

*\*See Appendix 4 for tie-breaking scenarios.*

## V. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

- (1) The Discipline Committee for each Affiliate, District or National Championship Tournament shall be composed of three (3) people and be appointed prior to the first game by the on-site Tournament Director. Its members shall not come from the same community. The referee-in-chief, or his/her appointee, shall not be eligible to serve on the Discipline Committee.
- (2) The Discipline Committee shall be responsible for deciding any action, suspensions or otherwise, to be taken against a player or team official to be served during the tournament in question. The Discipline Committee shall have full power to waive or increase the one-or two-game suspension imposed in Rule 404(b), Game Misconduct.
- (3) The Discipline Committee shall have authority to initiate action involving supplementary discipline against a player or team official whether or not it involves the playing rules; provided, however, that no suspension shall occur without first giving notice of the intended action and providing the opportunity for a hearing. If deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee, use of video in hearings is allowed but must be solely provided by the USA Hockey contracted vendor for that event.
- (4) There shall be no hearing for a game misconduct (or for player or coach suspension under Rule 401(b)) unless deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee shall hold a hearing on any match penalty prior to the team's next game.
- (5) All actions taken by the Discipline Committee as a result of incidents occurring at the Affiliate or District Championship must be reported within five (5) days to:
  - (a) the Youth Council chairperson;
  - (b) the National Championship Tournament chairperson;
  - and
  - (c) the respective affiliate(s).