

MPS/Northern Division of GBSSA

Ice Hockey (Boys & Girls) Playing Regulations

1. Dates and Schedules:

- a) All teams shall be involved in a home and away round-robin league schedule. The league schedule is expected to be completed two days prior to the MPS semi-final Championship date.
- b) MPS championships should be held at least 3 days prior to the GBSSA Championship.

2. Championship Location and Convenor:

Convenors will be established at the MPS annual general meeting. The convenor will set the location for the MPS Championships.

3. Classifications:

Ice hockey will be offered at the “open” level.

4. Tournament Structure and Procedure:

After league play, tournament structure for championships will be based on number of teams in the league. In years where there are three teams in the league the top two teams will play in the championship game. In years where there are four or more teams in the league, a tournament shall be held for the championship. Participants will be the top four teams as determined by league play. Tournament format would see 1st vs 4th, 2nd vs 3rd, with the winner of each game playing in the finals for the championship. A minimum 1 hour mandatory rest period between the conclusion of the semi-finals and finals must be observed.

5. Tie Breaking Procedures:

If 2 or more teams are tied, the tie breaking criteria is applied one after the other until the tie is broken.

- a) The team with the best ratio of won/lost games, considering games between the tied teams only, will be ranked higher.
- b) Record against the next lowest placed team.
- c) Ties that determine final play-off berths must be decided by a play-in game on the tiebreaker day, as indicated on the schedule. The location of this game will be determined by a coin toss and all costs will be split evenly.
- d) Ties that determine 1st and 2nd place will be decided by a coin toss after (a & b) are used.

If 3 or more teams are tied, the above criteria will be applied, one after the other until all the teams are ranked. Thus, if there is a tie among teams X, Y & Z and criteria “b” is able to determine that team X is first, Y is second and Z is third, then no further criteria are to be used. The tie is broken. However, if criteria “b” only determines team X as first and there is still a tie with team Y & Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by continuing on with criteria “c” and so on. The criteria should NOT start “a” again for teams Y and Z – the criteria should continue in sequence.

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Play-off Procedures:

Tie games shall stand in league play. For the championship match, if there is a tie at the end of regulation time, there will be a 10-minute sudden death period. If the tie still exists, the outcome will be decided by a 5-player shoot-out, with shots simultaneously taken for both teams. Following the player shoot out a sudden victory shoot out will determine the victor.

6. Expenses:

An entry fee will be charged to cover the cost of awards, officials, and ice rental.

7. Eligibility of Players:

See [GBSSA Constitution Bylaw #2, subsections 1-13](#). In addition, players who compete with an OHA Junior team after the first game of the High School league, will be ineligible to play in this league. A student must have played in at least two MPS league games in order to participate in the playoffs.

8. Rules and Officials:

C.A.H.A. Rules shall govern play with the following exceptions:

- a) CSA approved face masks must be worn by all participants. Players must wear a throat protector, and an inner mouth-guard.
- b) The maximum number of players to dress for a game is twenty.
- c) The red line shall be eliminated with regard to the off-side rule.
- d) If a player is assessed three minor penalties in one game, that player shall be ejected for the remainder of the game immediately. A player who was on the ice at the time, must serve any unserved penalty. The timekeeper should inform the referee when this occurs. In lieu of a Board of Reference, the convenor will monitor the number of occasions this occurs to any one player.
- e) If a player is penalized for fighting, their team will play short-handed for five (5) minutes, and that player is ineligible to play until this incident is reviewed by a Board of Reference.
- f) If a player deliberately attempts to injure (e.g.: butt-ending, spearing) an opponent, his team, will play short-handed for five (5) minutes. That player is ineligible to play in the remainder of that game, and in any further league games, until a Board of Reference has reviewed this incident.
- g) All games must consist of a minimum of two (2) twelve minute stop-time periods AND one fifteen minute stop-time period, with a minimum rest of five minutes between the second and third periods for semi-finals. For all finals three (3) fifteen minute stop-time periods with a minimum rest of five (5) minutes between the second and third period.
- h) The convenor shall be responsible for obtaining officials for the Championship game.
- i) At the conclusion of the game, the Home Team must wait by their bench until the opposition players have all left the ice.

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- j) OHF regulations regarding suspensions shall be the minimum penalty enforced with the exception that three minor penalties in one game, or a minor penalty for checking from behind, that player shall be ejected from that game only.
- k) For girls only - no body checking shall be allowed. Body checking will result in a 2-minute penalty.
- l) Each team can be granted one 30-second time-out per game.
- m) The home team should provide qualified first aid personnel.

9. Uniform and Equipment:

Distinctive school sweaters shall be worn by all team members.

10. Awards:

A trophy will be presented to the winning team, and medallions to the individuals of the winning team.

11. Jury of Appeal:

Any dispute other than those that come under the jurisdiction of the umpire of GBSSA Board of Reference will be ruled upon by a jury consisting of: convenor, executive member, and neutral member at the discretion of the convenor. All protests must be submitted to the convenor in writing within twenty-four hours after the incident in question and will be accompanied by a \$20.00 cheque.