

Four Counties Playoff Rules

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1. Each division in the league will be split into 2 divisions at the completion of the regular season. The top half of the division will compete for the division championship while the lower half of the standings will compete for the Consolation Title.
2. If there is an odd number of teams in the division the middle team will be put in the half that they are closest to. (for example if the 5th place team in a 9 team division is 2 points away from 4th and 4 points ahead of 6th they will be placed in the upper half.)
3. The tie breakers for regular season and playoff standings are as follows
 1. Head to head play.
 2. Head to head play, highest goals for and against differential.
 3. Highest goals for and against differential overall.
 4. Fewest penalty minutes
 5. Coin flip.
4. Teams in each half will play a round robin format that will give each team as close to a 10 game playoff schedule as possible. No less than 8 games or more than 12 games shall be played as a playoff round robin.
5. Round robin games will NOT have overtime and are subject to curfews. Teams will not have a time out available for round robin games
6. Following the round robin schedule the top two teams in the Championship half will playoff in a best of three series to determine the division champion. The top team in the Consolation half will be declared the winner unless 2 teams are tied for the top spot in which case a 1 game playoff will determine the champion.
7. Home ice advantage will be given to the highest seeded team as determined by either points or tie breaker. For the Championship division the Home team will host games 2 and 3 unless agreed upon by both centres For the Consolation the home team will host the 1 game playoff unless agreed upon by both centres.
8. All Finals games will not have a curfew and teams will be allowed 1 Time Out in regulation play and 1 Time-Out in Overtime
9. Overtime will be used in a game stands tied in a Playoff Finals. This will result in a five (5) minute sudden victory then a three (3) man shoot out if necessary. The three shooters and their order shall be chosen after overtime play ends. A player who is serving a penalty at the end of overtime is not eligible for the shoot out. Goalies may be substituted prior to each shot being taken. If the game is still tied after the (3) man shoot out, the same (3) three players in order will participate in a sudden victory shoot out.