

PITTSBURGH AMATEUR HOCKEY LEAGUE

QUALIFYING PLAYOFFS AND OPEN DIVISION SEASON END TOURNAMENTS RULES / COSTS SUMMARY 2011-2012

The PAHL Playoff and ODSET Tournaments are sanctioned USAH events and are governed by USAH Rules and PAHL Rules and Regulations. Specifics pertaining to the tournaments are excerpted from the 2011-2012 PAHL Rules and Regulations and are listed below.

Any additional rulings or rules interpretations must be authorized by the President of PAHL, the V.P. of Discipline of PAHL, or the V.P. of Rules of PAHL.

PLAYOFF COSTS:

\$220 per team per game	All Peewee, Bantam, and Midget Levels
\$200 per team per game	All Girls Levels
\$175 per team per game	All Squirt Levels

Checks should be made payable to the Host organization and paid before the first game played.

VIII. PLAYOFFS

1. Season Champs:

A. Season Champions will be recognized for all divisions, Midgets through Squirts.

B. Season Champions teams will receive a P.A.H.L. Season Champion Banner and individual players will receive medals.

C. The presentation of the Season Championship Awards either immediately prior to the first playoff game/open division game, off the ice prior to the first playoff game or after the playoff game will be determined by the Head Coach. The Head Coach may also choose to waive a presentation and instead hand out the awards at another time.

2. Playoffs – Qualifying Tournaments:

A. All checking division teams and all Girls division teams must qualify for playoff participation by their performance and final standings in the P.A.H.L. regular season.

B. The number of teams eligible to participate from each division will be finalized by the October P.A.H.L. meeting and will include 35% - 40% of each division, with a minimum of 4 teams.

- a. 10 teams or less-----top 4 make playoffs
- b. 11 to 16 teams-----top 6 make playoffs
- c. 17 or more teams-----top 8 make playoff

C. The playoff seeding will be determined from the final P.A.H.L. regular season statistics and the higher seeded team in each game will be considered the "home" team.

D. All divisions will follow a single elimination tournament format.

E. All PAHL teams that have qualified for the PAHL playoffs must participate or a fine of \$1,000.00 will be assessed.

F. Playoff Champion teams will receive a P.A.H.L. Playoff Champion Banner and individual players will receive medals.

G. Playoff Finalist (second place) team players will receive medals.

3. Playoffs – Open Division Season End Tournaments:

A. All Squirt division teams are eligible to enter the Open Division Tournament for their division.

B. Teams electing to attend the Open Division Season End Tournament will be required to register for the tournament and submit payment for their first game by January 15.

C. The tournament format, seeding, and awards will be determined by the membership at the January meeting, and will be based on the number of teams attending.

D. There will be no playoff/end of season tournament for Mites.

4. Host Associations:

A. Host Associations / locations will be determined by January 1st of each season for Playoff / ODSET divisions.

B. The Host Association is responsible for the scheduling and all associated costs for the ice time, referees, EMT's, and security if required.

C. The Host Association is responsible for contacting each P.A.H.L. team entered in the Playoff Tournament and informing them of their game times.

D. Each Host must choose a Playoff Director who is responsible for verifying team credentials, player eligibility, schedules, game results, etc.

E. Each Host must choose a Discipline Director who is responsible for resolving any minor discipline and/or rules violations at the playoff site; and resolving any major discipline and/or rules violations with the assistance of the V.P. of Discipline or the V.P. of Rules.

F. All Game Misconducts and Match Penalties must be reported to the V.P. of Discipline.

5. Participating Teams:

A. All teams participating in a playoff tournament must submit their team documents for review (see rule VII.7.A) to the Playoff Director before their first game.

- a. The Playoff Director is empowered to determine the eligibility of any player, coach, or team.
- b. Protests can be heard following the "Protest Procedure" (telephone and faxes will be used)

B. All Playoff teams will be charged an amount to be determined at a Fall P.A.H.L. meeting. All checks are to be made payable to the Host Association and paid prior to the start of each Playoff game.

C. All players must sign in one hour before the start of each Playoff game and be prepared to play 20 minutes ahead of the scheduled game time.

6. Game Rules:

A. All P.A.H.L. Playoff Games are to be played under P.A.H.L. Season Rules except:

- a. Games will not have a curfew.
- b. The Playoff Director at each Playoff site will decide in a joint meeting with both the Head Coaches, how to resolve a suspended game. The completion of a suspended game, if deemed necessary, will be restarted from the point of suspension.
- c. One time out per team of one (1) minute is permitted during regulation time.
- d. For the Divisions that play 15 minute periods during the regular season, determination as to Ice Cuts between the 2nd and 3rd periods of P.A.H.L. play off games will be made at a Fall P.A.H.L. meeting.

B. Open division end of season tournament games will use the following 5 point scoring system:

- 2 points for a game win
- 1 point for a game tie
- 1 point for the team scoring the most goals in one period and ½ point for any tied periods.
 - a. No shoot out will be permitted.
 - b. If teams are tied in points at the end of the round robins the tie breaker list will be as follows:
 1. Head to head during the tournament
 2. Lowest Goals against
 3. Lowest penalty minutes
 4. Greatest goal Differential (+ or -)
 - c. If tie games occur during Semi-Final or Final single elimination format games during the ODSET competition, the tiebreaker in section "C" below will be used.

C. Single elimination format playoff games tied at the end of regulation time will be decided as follows:

- a. Five-minute sudden death 5 on 5 overtime.
- b. Five minute sudden death 4 on 4 overtime.
- c. Five Player Shoot out (Home Team choice to go first)
- d. Sudden Death shoot out. First unanswered goal wins. The entire player roster (except goalies) must be used before repeating any shooters. The five players used in the first shoot out are not permitted to shoot in the sudden death shoot out until all other players (except goalies) have participated.
- e. There will be a one (1) minute time out between each overtime period.

7. Tournament Scheduling:

A. The "Qualifying" Playoff Tournaments and Open Division Season End Tournament will be held before the USA Hockey State Tournaments.

B. The Girls Division tournament dates will be scheduled one week before the youth divisions and the date must be determined at or before the January meeting.