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P.C.A.H.A. 2009-2010 BULLETIN #13

DATE: November 1, 2009.
TO: The Presidents
PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues
FROM: David Buck
PCAHA President
SUBJECT: Hosts for 2010 PCAHA "Final 4" Championship Playoffs.

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Please be advised that the PCAHA is accepting applications to host the 2010 "A" "Final 4" Championship round-robin playoffs. Dates for these playoffs are as follows:

- Atom "A" - February 26-March 2, 2010.
- PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 - February 19-23, 2010(*).
- Juvenile "A" - February 26-March 2, 2010.
(*-to be completed on or before Tuesday, February 23, 2010, to leave Wednesday, February 24, 2010, open for tiebreaker games, if required)

Since these series are taking place during the Winter Olympic Games, some of the "Final 4" playoffs might have to vary slightly from above dates. However, every effort will be made to keep variations to a minimum.

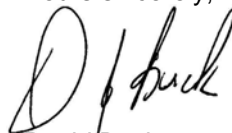
Please find attached a copy of the host Association guidelines and icetime requirements for the "Final 4" playoffs. Please note that no overtime will be played in the round-robin games. However, sufficient icetime must be provided so that three full periods can be played in each game. All six (6) games in the series must be played using a consistent format for icetime length and period times.

Please also find attached an application form that may be used to apply to host one of the above playoffs.

If more than one Association applies to host a particular championship, the PCAHA Executive Committee will select from among the competing bids. Any playoffs which have not been bid for by **Saturday, November 28, 2009**, will be allocated among the remaining Associations.

Thank you for your assistance in this area.

Yours sincerely,



David Buck
PCAHA President

cc. PCAHA Executive Committee, files

**PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**PLAYOFF GUIDELINES -
“FINAL 4” HOSTED CHAMPIONSHIPS**

TYPE: GUIDELINES.
Issued: January, 1986.
Revised: January, 1990.
Revised: July 3, 1991.
Revised: Dec. 11, 1996.

A. Host Association Guidelines:

1. Arrange for sufficient icetime (see below).
2. Supply the PCAHA Managing Director with a game schedule at least 4 weeks in advance of the first game.
3. Designate timekeepers and scorekeepers well versed in the operation of the time clock, and familiar with penalty and scorekeeping procedures.
4. The cost of the ice and referees shall be the responsibility of the host association.
5. Fund raising, such as 50/50 draws and concession sales, are for the sole benefit of the host association. (Participating teams shall not be permitted to conduct 50/50 draws, etc.).
6. No admission may be charged.
7. Arrangements should be made for national anthem and opening ceremonies before the opening game (if possible).
8. No individual awards are permitted.
9. The presentation of the PCAHA championship banner shall occur after the final game. No other presentations shall be made without the specific approval of the PCAHA Executive Committee.

B. Icetime Requirements:

1. **Schedule of Games (4 teams):** For a four team playoff, six icetimes are required (the “home” team in each game is the first listed):

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Game 1..... 1st vs. 4th | Game 5 3rd vs. 4th |
| Game 2..... 2nd vs. 3rd | Game 6 1st vs. 2nd |
| Game 3..... 4th vs. 2nd | |
| Game 4..... 3rd vs. 1st | |

Note: Please ensure that teams are not required to play twice on the same day (exception, see 3(b), below).

2. **Schedule of Games (3 teams):** For a three team playoff, six icetimes are required (the “home” team in each game is the first listed):

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Game 1..... 1st vs. 3rd | Game 4 3rd vs. 1st |
| Game 2..... 3rd vs. 2nd | Game 5 2nd vs. 3rd |
| Game 3..... 2nd vs. 1st | Game 6 1st vs. 2nd |

Note: Ensure that no two games are played on the same day.

3. **Game Times:**

(a) Approved hours for starting playoff games are as follows:¹

| Day | Earliest | Latest |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Saturday and Sunday | 7:00 A.M. | 9:30 P.M. |
| Monday through Friday..... | 6:00 P.M. | 9:30 P.M. |

¹-see PCAHA Section G(3)-G(4).

Playoff Guidelines - Hosted Round-Robin Championships (cont.)

Note 1 - For Atoms and PeeWees, Sunday through Thursday, the latest start time is 8:00 P.M. and 8:30 P.M., respectively.

Note 2 - For Midgets and Juveniles the latest start time is 10:00 P.M. Associations shall make their best efforts to start not later than 9:30 P.M. for Midget.

Note 3 - Associations are to allocate ice times which are reasonable in relation to the ages of the players involved and to the distances visiting teams must travel.

- (b) No team shall be required to play two games in one day, except for situations in which the location of the playoff requires teams to stay overnight in hotels, in which case a specific exception to this policy may be approved by the PCAHA Executive Committee upon application by the host Association. Where an exception has been approved, no team shall be required to play its second game of the day against a team that is playing its first game of the day, and a minimum of two hours shall be allowed between the end of a team's first game and the scheduled start of that team's second game.

4. **Period Times:**

- (a) Games shall be played on the basis of three full, stop-time periods. The host Association shall provide sufficient icetime for each game to allow the completion of a minimum of three full, 15-minute, stop-time periods. The third period shall not be shortened.²

- (b) Period times shall be as follows:³

| Nominal Duration | Warm-up | First | Break | Second | Break | Third |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 hour | 5 | 10 | none | 15 | none | 15 |
| 1¼ hours | 5 | 15 | none | 15 | none | 15 |
| 1½ hours | 5 | 15 | none | 15 | 2 | 20 |
| 1¾ hours | 5 | 15 | none | 15 | ice clean | 20 |
| 2 hours | 5 | 20 | none | 20 | ice clean | 20 |
| 2¼ hours | 5 | 20 | ice clean | 20 | ice clean | 20 |
| 2½ hours or more | 5 | 20 | ice clean | 20 | ice clean | 20 |

All games in the series shall be played using a consistent format for icetime length and period times⁴. Where a host Association decides to use 20-minute periods or a combination of 15- and 20-minute periods, the same period times shall be used for all games in the series.

Where 20-minute period times are proposed, the host Association shall discuss the game format with the Managing Director at least 4 weeks in advance of the start of the series.

- (c) Notwithstanding any additional icetime, the maximum game time shall be three 20-minute stop-time periods.
- (d) Where indicated, the 2-minute break or ice clean between periods shall be at the discretion of the referee subject to available icetime to complete the game.⁵

5. **Ice Clean:** There shall be an ice clean before each game.

6. **Overtime:** There shall be no overtime.

7. **Meaningless Games:** A playoff game in a round-robin series where the outcome is meaningless may be cancelled, at the discretion of the PCAHA Supervisor in charge of the series.⁶

8. **Tiebreaker:** Playoff standings shall be determined utilizing the format in Section M, except that that the Sportsmanship Point shall not apply⁷. If a tiebreaker game is required the game shall be played at the home of the team winning a coin toss.

²-PCAHA Section N(10)(e).

³-PCAHA Section G(7). Section G(7)-Note(b) [shortened third period] shall not apply.

⁴-PCAHA Section N(10)(e), last sentence.

⁵-PCAHA Section G(7)-Notes (a) and (c).

⁶-PCAHA Section N(10)(c).

⁷-PCAHA Section N(10)(a).



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Application to Host P.C.A.H.A. "FINAL 4" CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

Form120
(Rev.: Aug/08)

I/we hereby apply to host the PCAHA "Final 4" Championship Playoff Series, as follows:

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| Association: |
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| Season: 2009-2010 |
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| Division: | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Bantam | <input type="checkbox"/> Atom |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Midget | <input type="checkbox"/> PeeWee | |

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|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Category/Tier: | <u>PeeWee-Midget:</u> | <u>Atom Rep:</u> | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BC Hockey Tier 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> FVC | <input type="checkbox"/> Flight 1 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BC Hockey Tier 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> GVC | <input type="checkbox"/> Flight 2 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BC Hockey Tier 3 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Flight 3 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BC Hockey Tier 4 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Flight 4 |

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| Comments (if any): |
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| Signed: | |
| Position: | |
| Phone: | Fax: |
| Date: | |

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