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P.C.A.H.A. 2011-2012 BULLETIN #13

DATE: October 30, 2011
TO: The Presidents
PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues
FROM: Vanna Achtem
PCAHA President
SUBJECT: Hosts for 2012 PCAHA "Final 4" Championship Playoffs.

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Please be advised that the PCAHA is accepting applications to host the 2012 "A" "Final 4" Championship round-robin playoffs. Dates for these playoffs are as follows:

- Atom "A" - March 9 – March 14, 2011;
- PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 - March 2 – March 6, 2012(*).
- Juvenile "A" - March 9 - March 14, 2012.
(* - to be completed on or before March 6, 2012, to leave March 7, 2012, open for tiebreaker games, if required)


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 **Sunday, November 26, 2011**, will be allocated among the remaining Associations.

Thank you for your assistance in this area.

Yours sincerely,


Vanna Achtem
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.
 Revised: May 28, 2006

A. Host Association Guidelines:

1. Arrange for sufficient ice time (see below)
2. Supply the PCAHA Managing Director with a game schedule at least four (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 concessions 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):

Game 11st vs. 4th	Game 53rd vs. 4th
Game 22nd vs. 3rd	Game 61st vs. 2nd
Game 34th vs. 2nd	
Game 43rd vs. 1st	

Note: (i) Please ensure that teams are not required to play twice on the same day (exception, see 3(b), below) . (ii) The Managing Director may vary the above schedule depending on the icetimes provided and travel considerations.

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):

Game 11st vs. 3rd	Game 43rd vs. 1st
Game 23rd vs. 2nd	Game 52nd vs. 3rd
Game 32nd vs. 1st	Game 61st vs. 2nd

Note: (i) Please ensure that no two games are played on the same day. (ii) The Managing Director may vary the above schedule depending on the icetimes provided and travel considerations.

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, 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).

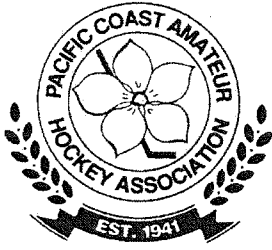
³-PCAHA Section G(7). Section G(7)-Note(b) [shortened third period] shall not apply.

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.: Oct/11)

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

Association:

Season: 2011-2012

Division:

Juvenile

Bantam

Atom

Midget

PeeWee

Category/Tier:

PeeWee-Midget:

Atom Rep:

BC Hockey Tier 1

FVC

Flight 1

BC Hockey Tier 2

GVC

Flight 2

BC Hockey Tier 3

Flight 3

BC Hockey Tier 4

Flight 4

Comments (if any):

Signed:

Position:

Phone:

Fax:

Date:

Mail, fax, or e-mail this form to:
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