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PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION **PEEWEE, BANTAM, MIDGET, AND JUVENILE HC-CARDED TEAMS** **PLAYOFF GUIDELINES - 2008-2009 SEASON**

Part 1 - General

1. These Playoff Guidelines shall apply to playoffs for HC-carded teams in the PeeWee, Bantam, Midget, and Juvenile divisions, not including Female teams.
2. Please make reference to the 2008-2009 playoff formats for each division and category issued by the respective Managing Director.
3. Playoffs in each division and category shall be supervised by the League Manager or other person designated by the Managing Director.
4. As a general rule, a minimum of 48 hours notice of any playoff game will be given. However, where circumstances are beyond the league's control, teams must be prepared to play whenever requested.
5. Every effort shall be made to start games on time and to avoid delays to best utilize the available icetime.
6. Game starting times shall be as per PCAHA Section G(3).
7. Period times shall be as per PCAHA Section G(7). Please note that Section G(7)-Note (b) (possible shortened third period) applies to all playoff games with the exception of the following:
 - (i) Games in any Championship Final Hosted Round-Robin Series ("Final 4"),
 - (ii) Games in the Championship Final Four-Point Series in PeeWee Tier 4, and
 - (iii) Tiebreaker Games under Section N(13)¹.
8. Protests shall be handled according to PCAHA Section K(2). Please note that game protests during playoffs must be in writing on Association letterhead signed by the Association President (or in his/her absence, a Vice-President) and filed with the Managing Director **within 24 hours** of the completion of the game in question.

Part 2 - Championship Playoffs

1. The playoff formats outlined in PCAHA Section N(3)(a-f) have been modified by the PCAHA Executive Committee to reflect the change in designations for BC Hockey Championships in PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget to Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4, as follows:

"A" Playoffs (PeeWee through Juvenile) - Section N(3)(a-f), as modified:

- (a) All eligible PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget division Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 teams and all eligible Juvenile division teams shall participate in playoffs leading to participation in the BC Hockey Championships.
- (b) Notwithstanding the Conference definitions set forth in Section A, for the purpose of playoffs

¹-Includes ● the 4th game (if necessary) of a Four-Point series; ● Single Game Elimination Series Format #1, and ● a Tiebreaker Game used to break a tie in the final standings at the end of regular season or at the end of a round-robin playoff series [Section M(2)(e)].

in PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 and for the purpose of playoffs in the Juvenile division the following format shall apply:

- (i) At the conclusion of regular season play, all eligible teams shall be ranked on the basis of the final standings, with Flight 1 teams ranked ahead of Flight 2 teams, Flight 2 teams ahead of Flight 3 teams, and so on.
 - (ii) Teams shall be seeded into two playoff groups. The 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 28th, 29th, and 32nd ranked teams (as applicable) shall form one group, and the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th, 30th and 31st ranked teams (as applicable) shall form another group. Teams shall play off within the seeded groups according to the formats specified in (d), below, and the champion of each group shall advance to the BC Hockey Championships. The playoff groups shall be referred to as "Blue Group" and "Gold Group".
 - (iii) Should the seeding formula in (ii) result in placement of the teams of both designated "Final 4" host Associations in the same playoff group, the Managing Director shall have the option to modify the ranking of the lower placed of the two host teams by up to two ranking spots downward for purpose of placing the two host teams in different groups.
- (c) In PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget Tier 4 all eligible teams shall form a single playoff group and play off according to the formats specified in (d), below, to determine the PCAHA champions.
- (d) Playoffs in each playoff group shall be based upon the following formats, depending upon the number of teams in the grouping:
- (i) Playoff round(s) necessary to reduce the number of teams to eight (8) shall follow the Single Game Elimination format.
 - (ii) Playoff round necessary to reduce the number of teams to four (4) shall follow the Four-Point Series format.
 - (iii) The championship series shall be a hosted single round-robin involving the top four teams in the playoff group, except as noted in #2, below.
- Note:** At the start of each playoff round all teams in each group shall be reranked according to final league standings determined by Section M.
- (e) The championship series in each playoff group shall be completed not later than 10 days prior to the BC Hockey Championships.
- (f) **PCAHA Champions:**
- (i) In PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 and in Juvenile the playoff group champion with the higher placing at the BC Hockey Championships shall be declared the PCAHA Champion.
 - (ii) In PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget Tier 4 only one team advances to the BC Hockey Championships. That team shall be declared the PCAHA Champion.
2. The playoff format outlined in PCAHA Section N(3)(d)(iii) has been further modified by the PCAHA Executive Committee to reflect numbers of teams, as follows:
- (a) Where there are only two (2) teams in a Playoff Grouping, the format for the championship series shall be a Four Point Series. *[Applies to PeeWee Tier 4].*
 - (b) Where there are only three (3) teams in a Playoff Grouping, the format for the championship series shall be a Hosted **Double** Round-Robin Series. *[Does not apply during 2008-2009].*
Note: In a three (3) team playoff, where travel requirements are such that in the Managing Director's view a non-hosted series would be more suitable the Managing Director is authorized to utilize a non-hosted double round-robin format (each team plays each other team home and away).
3. For the Playoff Grouping Championship "Final 4" Hosted Round-Robin series, the following schedules of games shall apply:
- (a) **Schedule of Games (4 teams):** For a four team playoff, the round-robin schedule shall be

as follows ("home" team is the first listed):

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

- (b) **Schedule of Games (3 teams):** For a three team playoff, the round-robin schedule shall be as follows ("home" team is the first listed):

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

- (c) The Managing Director shall be authorized to vary the above 4 team and 3 team schedules if the available icetimes provided by the host Association would otherwise require a team to play twice in one day. The Managing Director shall also be authorized to vary the above schedules as may be necessary to accommodate travel requirements of the participating teams.

Part 3 - "A" Presidents Series

1. "A" Presidents Series playoffs are defined as playoffs not leading to qualification for BC Hockey Championships. Presidents Series formats shall, if possible, be round-robin format, based upon available icetimes.
2. Games shall be played on regular (league game) icetimes or the equivalent. G(7)-Note (a) and (b) shall apply.
3. In a round-robin Presidents Series, the winner shall be decided by the final standings determined according to Section M. The Sportsmanship Point shall apply.
4. No overtime shall be played in any round-robin game.

If you have any questions, please contact your League Manager or Managing Director.