

HPHL 2009 Tournament Rules:

- 1) Period length will be the same as regular season period length.
- 2) The home team for the first round of playoffs will be the top seeded team within their division. (For instance, Seed 1 will be the home team against Seed 8.) The home team will be indicated in Pointstreak. The home team in the following rounds will be the team listed on the top of the game bracket (above the other team) as indicated in Pointstreak (this will be determined by the bracket or by seeding). For instance, “W G5” means winner of Game 5.
- 3) In the event of a tie between two teams to determine who is allowed to play in the playoffs, the tie breakers section below will be used to determine which team is allowed to play in the playoffs.
- 4) There will be no ice make before a sudden death overtime. There will also be no ice make before a shootout or sudden death shootout.
- 5) Tie games:
 - a) All playoff games except the championship game:
 - i) If a game is tied at the end of 3 periods of play, there will be a 5-minute sudden death overtime. The 5-minute sudden death overtime will be played 4-on-4. If the game is still tied at the end of the 5 minute sudden death overtime, there will be a shootout with each team having 5 different players shoot. The winner will be the team that scores the most goals in the shootout. If the game is still tied at the end of the shootout, there will be a sudden death shootout. During the sudden death shootout, each team will have one player shoot. The players who shot during the shootout may not shoot in the sudden death shootout until all the rostered players on the bench with the least number of skaters have shot, ***excluding any players who are in the penalty box***. A player may not shoot a second time in the sudden death shootout until all the rostered players on the bench with the least number of skaters have shot in the shootout or sudden death shootout, excluding any players who are in the penalty box. If all the rostered players on the bench with the least number of skaters have shot, excluding any players in the penalty box and the goalies, then the team may begin through the rostered players on the bench again in any order. If one team scores and the other team does not, the team that scores will be declared the winner. If both teams score, or neither team scores, both teams will again have one player shoot, and the sudden death shootout will continue until there is a winner. The scorekeeper will record who shoots for each team (by number), and if the player scores, record that goal on a supplemental paper scoresheet and also in Pointstreak. The supplemental paper scoresheet will be given to the HPHL representative at the rink for the game after the game.

- ii) During a shootout or a sudden death shootout, the goalie(s) will not be one of the shooters.
 - iii) The **teams will switch ends** at the beginning of the sudden death overtime.
 - iv) During a shootout or a sudden death shootout, the goalie may be substituted for another goalie who is on the bench before or between shots.
 - v) At the beginning of a shootout, the home team will be given the choice of whether to go first or second. From that point forward in the shootout and sudden death shootout, the shooters will alternate between teams. The visiting (away) team will be given the choice of which net to have their goalie in, and the home team will have their goalie in the opposite net.
 - vi) If there is a player in the penalty box at the end of the regulation time, that player's penalty will continue into the overtime, and the penalized team will play short.
 - vii) If there is a player in the penalty box at the end of sudden death overtime, and the game is still tied, the player in the penalty box must remain there for the duration of the shootout and the sudden death shootout if one occurs, and may not participate in the shootout or sudden death shootout.
 - viii) There will be **no additional time-outs** given to either team during the sudden death overtime. ***If they did not use their time-out during the regulation game, they may use it during the sudden death overtime.***
 - ix) During a sudden death overtime, it is possible to have a situation where a series of penalties against one team would require additional players for the non-offending team to allow them to realize a 2-man advantage. The team with the player advantage will add one-skater to achieve the 5-on-3 advantage. The players in the penalty box shall return to play as the penalties expire. At the next stoppage of play following this scenario, the teams would be required to return to a 4-on-4 or 4-on-3 situation.
- b) Championship games:
- i) If a game is tied at the end of 3 periods of play, there will be a 10-minute sudden death overtime. The 10-minute sudden death overtime will be played 5-on-5. If the game is still tied at the end of the 10 minute sudden death overtime, there will be a shootout with each team having 5 different players shoot. The winner will be the team that scores the most goals in the shootout. If the game is still tied at the end of the shootout, there will be a sudden death shootout. During the sudden death shootout, each team will have one player shoot. The players who shot during the shootout may not shoot in the sudden

death shootout until all the rostered players on the bench with the least number of skaters have shot, ***excluding any players who are in the penalty box***. A player may not shoot a second time in the sudden death shootout until all the rostered players on the bench with the least number of skaters have shot in the shootout or sudden death shootout, excluding any players who are in the penalty box. If all the rostered players on the bench with the least number of skaters have shot, excluding any players in the penalty box and the goalies, then the team may begin through the rostered players on the bench again in any order. If one team scores and the other team does not, the team that scores will be declared the winner. If both teams score, or neither team scores, both teams will again have one player shoot, and the sudden death shootout will continue until there is a winner. The scorekeeper will record who shoots for each team (by number), and if the player scores, record that goal on a supplemental paper scoresheet and also in Pointstreak. The supplemental paper scoresheet will be given to the HPHL representative at the rink for the game after the game.

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- c) Seeding and Tie-Breakers:

- i) To determine seeding within a division (and also to determine seed position entering the playoffs) we will use total “Points” from the Regular Season whereby, 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss. (All games count, forfeits count as a 0 – 1 loss for the forfeiting team and a 1 – 0 win for the non-forfeiting team).
- ii) For teams tied in Points the following will be used to break those ties.
 - (1) Head to head game during the regular season.
 - (a) If more than 2 teams tied, then total points amongst the tied teams for ***games played amongst those teams only***. Example, Team 1 is 2-0-0, Team 2 is 1-1-0 and Team 3 is 0-2-0. Team 1 is higher seed of the 3.
 - (2) Highest total number of wins.
 - (3) Highest “Goals For - (minus) Goal Against”
 - (4) Least penalty minutes during regular season.
 - (5) Most shutouts during regular season.
 - (6) Coin flip.

(Note: items 1 through 3 determine regular season division standings shown in Pointstreak.)
- iii) If needed, the coin flip will be performed by the tournament director, and will be attended by a representative of each team, either in person, or by phone.
- iv) In the Girls Varsity division, the two teams that will play in the championship game will be determined as follows: there will be a pool winner determined, and the two pool winners will play in the championship game. The pool winner will be determined using the steps 1 – 7 below.
 - (1) Using only the games in the playoff tournament pool play, the team in the respective pool that has the most points; 2 points for a win, 1 point for a loss in an overtime or shootout.
 - (2) Head to Head
 - (3) Most wins
 - (4) Goals for minus goals against.
 - (5) Least penalty minutes.
 - (6) Using only the games in the playoff tournament pool play, the team with the most periods won (The period winner is determined by which team scored the most goals in a period. If both teams score the same number of goals in a period, they both get 1 point. If a team scores more goals in a period, that team get 2 points, the other team gets 0 points.
 - (7) Coin Flip
- v) For any disputes regarding Seeding and Tie-Breakers, the final decision will be at the sole discretion and approval of the HPHL Competition Committee.

- vi) For any other disputes or questions regarding the Playoff rules, the final decision will be at the sole discretion of the HPHL Tournament Director(s) for the respective division.