



2019-2020 EHF PLAYOFF RULES/REMINDERS

ALL SCORE BOXES MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING: Official Game Sheets — Must be signed by both referees, both coaches and the official timekeeper after each game and then should be left at the rink with a rink attendant. The host rink is responsible for first emailing Nancy Stewart, nancy@usphl.com with the result of the game and then the attendant must forward the scoresheet to scores@fedhockey.com so that the scores can be updated on FEDHOCKEY.com.

GAME TIMING

Time-outs — One (1) time-out will be allowed for each team per game.

Running Time — At any time during a game, if there is a 10-goal differential, running time will apply. If the score then drops below a 10-goal margin, stop time will resume.

Overtime — **There will be no overtime during the round robin portion of the Elite and Tier 1 playoffs.** There will be overtime in all elimination rounds of the playoffs (i.e. Semifinal and Final). The overtime format shall be one 5-minute, stop-time sudden death 5-on-5 period. Thereafter the format will be 4-on-4 for 5 minutes, and then 3-on-3 sudden death until the game is decided by a goal. During overtime, teams will not alternate ends and are allowed player substitutions.

TIE-BREAKING RULES

If two teams are tied at the end of the regular season the following tie-breaking rules will be used. These same formulas will be used to break ties in the round robin, however the games played during the round robin are used instead of the games played during the regular season.

(i) The team with the most wins shall be awarded the higher position.

(ii) If still tied after (i) above, the team having the most wins against the other shall be awarded the higher position.

(iii) If still tied after (i) and (ii) above, utilizing all games of the regular schedule, add the goals for and goals against numbers together to aggregate total goals, then divide the goals against by the number of total goals to generate a three digit percentage; with the team having the lowest percentage being awarded the higher position.

(iv) If still tied after (i), (ii) and (iii) above, the team that scored the first goal in the season series between the tied teams is awarded the higher position.

(v) If still tied, a coin toss will determine the winner.

Our website standings program now processes most of EHF specific tie-breaking rules, but if two teams remain tied after the third-tier tie-breaker (goals against divided by total goals) please use the above noted rules (iv) and (v) to determine the higher seed.

Teams are reseeded after Round Robin based upon League Standings. Semi-Final Seeds will be based on regular Season Standings, with the highest seeded team from the regular season remaining in the semifinals playing the lowest remaining seed

PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR PLAYOFFS Only players who are registered with the League Office on Registration Certificates and are full-time players will be allowed to play in the playoffs. Full-time players must have played at least seventy percent (70%) of the regular season games they were eligible to play in to be eligible for the playoffs. Any team(s) that use a player(s) in the playoffs that is not an eligible full-time player will forfeit the playoff or play-down game. In addition, coaches will be subject to league suspension.