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PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION **ATOM "A" PLAYOFF GUIDELINES - 2017-2018 SEASON**

Part 1 - General

1. These Playoff Guidelines shall apply to PCAHA Atom "A" playoffs.
2. Please make reference to the 2017-2018 playoff formats issued by the Managing Director.
3. Playoffs 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 the Conference Championship ("Final 4") hosted round-robin series, and
 - (ii) Games following the Tiebreaker Game format - Section N(13)¹.
8. Teams shall be prepared to present their approved PCAHA Atom "A" cards (Player Registration Certificates) for all players and team officials at the request of the Playoff Supervisor.²
9. 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. All teams shall remain within their respective regular season Flight and play off for a PCAHA Conference Championship in that Flight.
2. For the Conference Championship "Final 4" hosted round-robin series, the following schedule of games shall apply:

¹-Includes: ● Single Game Elimination Series Format #1, ● the 4th game (if necessary) of a Four-Point series; 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 per Section M(2)(e).

²-Section N(2)(a).

- (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 14th vs. 1st
 - Game 22nd vs. 3rd
 - Game 32nd vs. 4th
 - Game 41st vs. 3rd
 - Game 53rd vs. 4th
 - Game 61st vs. 2nd
- (b) The Managing Director shall be authorized to vary the above 4 team schedule 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 schedule as may be necessary to accommodate travel requirements of the participating teams.

Part 3 - Presidents Series Playoffs

- 1. Teams not advancing from the Single Game Elimination Series and Four Point Series shall participate in a Presidents Series playoff. Presidents Series playoff formats shall, if possible, be single or double round-robin format, based upon available icetimes.
- 2. Games shall be played on regular (league game) icetimes or the equivalent. G(7)-Note (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.