

## **2023 PMOHA PLAYOFF & GONG SHOW FORMAT**

In the interest of fair play and sportsmanship, which are pillars of our beloved league, all teams at all stages of the playoffs are reminded to roll the lines evenly to allow for all players to play a fair and even amount of ice time. Let's not forget that this is what our league is all about!

At the end of the Regular Season each of the 12 teams get divided into three conferences based on their Regular Season standings. Each conference therefore consists of four teams as follows:

<b><u>Bradley</u></b>	<b><u>Mackenzie</u></b>	<b><u>Saunders</u></b>
Innovative Fitness (1)	Catalyst Kinetics (2)	Faria Mechanical (3)
STOR-X (4)	Journey Auto Group (5)	Whitewater (6)
Cannoli King (7)	JM Media (8)	BTM Lawyers (9)
Rocky Point Ice Cream (10)	SaaSberry Labs (11)	Blue Ocean Construction (12)

### **ROUND ROBIN PLAYOFF GAMES**

All 12 teams participate in Round Robin games which will be held Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Game schedules will be announced the weekend of Feb 11/12 via the website.

In Round Robin play, team composition remains the same as the regular season. Spares will be system generated so that there are 13 skaters minimum, **just like in the regular season**.

If tied after Regulation, a shootout will occur, just like in the regular season.

Each team plays each of the other three teams in their Conference and points awarded as follows:

- 3 points for a REGULATION WIN
- 2 points for an OT WIN
- 1 point for OT LOSS
- 0 points for REGULATION LOSS

Tie Breakers at the end of Round Robin play are as follows, in this order:

- Points Total (in 3 Round Robin games)
- Head to Head
- Goals Against
- Lowest PIM's (in Regular Season)
- Coin Toss

### **PLAYOFF SEMI FINALS**

The winning team from each Conference will qualify for the Semi Finals, plus one Wildcard Lottery team, which is detailed below.

Semi Final games will be held as follows:

- Game 1, TBD vs TBD, Arena 2 at 9:00 PM, Monday March 6 (game time subject to change, please monitor the schedule)
- Game 2, TBD vs TBD, Arena 1 at 10:15 PM, Monday March 6 (game time subject to change, please monitor the schedule)

Team composition for SEMIS (& FINALS) will be 15 skaters so that each team is icing a full squad. Spares will be placed manually (not system generated) in order to provide a "like for like" player.

OT in Semi Finals will be one sudden death 5-minute period of 3 on 3. If still tied, then shootout just like in regular season games. A friendly reminder that in OT, it is expected that the "10" rated players line-up as D-men.

Wildcard Lottery includes three teams, each 2<sup>nd</sup> place team from their respective Round Robin Playoff conference. Their probabilities to win the Wildcard Semi Final spot are based on how high they finished in the Regular Season standings. Therefore, the highest ranked among them has 50% probability, the second highest has 30% and the lowest finishing team among them has a 20% probability. The Wildcard Lottery will be held after the last Round Robin game is complete on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. NOTE: the Wildcard team may not play a team in the Semi Final round that was in their Round Robin Conference.

### **GONG SHOW SEMI FINALS**

For players not playing in Playoff Semi Finals, 60 skaters and four goalies will make up four teams selected via lottery from pool of players who opted in for the Gong Show when prompted at Roll Call during Round Robin games. **Players who opt in for the Gong Show are expected to be available to play on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> and possibly (if they win on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>) again on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>.** If players have either opted out or not responded to the opt in/out choice, they will not be part of the player lottery pool for the Gong Show. Gong Show team rosters will be announced on the website the weekend of March 4/5.

Games will be held as follows:

- Game 1, TBD vs TBD, Arena 2 at TBD PM, Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> (game time subject to change, please monitor the schedule)
- Game 2, TBD vs TBD, Arena 1 at TBD PM, Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> (game time subject to change, please monitor the schedule)

Format will be "pond hockey style", in one gate and out the other. Two 20-minute periods of stop time and there will be refs.

The two games on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> will decide which two teams go to Gong Show Finals on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

All players selected to a Gong Show team pay a \$20 donation with benefits going to Crossroads Hospice.

### **GONG SHOW FINALS**

Game will be on Arena 1 at 7:45 PM on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Same format as Gong Show Semi Finals.

If tied, shootout just like in regular season games.

### **PLAYOFF FINALS**

Team composition (as noted above) will be 15 skaters.

OT in Finals will consist of a sudden death 10-minute period, 4 on 4. If still tied, then another sudden death 10-minute period of 3 on 3. If still tied, then a shootout just like in the regular season. A friendly reminder that in OT, it is expected that the "10" rated players line-up as D-men.

Game will be on Arena 1 at 9:30 PM on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>.