

2024 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:

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

ROUND ROBIN PLAYOFF GAMES

All 12 teams participate in Round Robin games which will be held Thursday Feb 22nd, Thursday Feb 29th and Thursday March 7th. Game schedules will be announced the weekend of Feb 17/18 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, as detailed below.

Semi Final games will be held as follows:

- Game 1 (teams TBD), Arena 1 at 8:00 PM, Monday March 11th (game time subject to change, please monitor the schedule online)
- Game 2 (teams TBD), Arena 1 at 9:30 PM, Monday March 11th (game time subject to change, please monitor the schedule online)

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.

The Wildcard Lottery is made up of three teams, each of the 2nd place team from their respective Round Robin Playoff conference standings. 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 7th. 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 11th and possibly (if they win on Monday the 11th) again on Thursday March 14th.** 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 9th/10th.

Games will be held as follows:

- Game 1, Arena 2 at 7:30 PM, Monday March 11th (game time subject to change, please monitor the schedule)
- Game 2, Arena 2 at 8:50 PM, Monday March 11th (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 11th will decide which two teams go to Gong Show Finals on Thursday March 11th

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 7:30 PM on Thursday March 14th.

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.

Game will be on Arena 1 at 9:00 PM on Thursday March 14th.

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.