

TNC Hockey 2016 Playoff Information

Playoff Round Robin

All teams will play each other once in a playoff round robin. At the end of the round robin, the two teams that finish first and second will advance to the Championship Round 3-game first to four points series.

Round robin games will be the same as those in the regular season. Periods of 15, 15 and 15 minutes. There will be no overtime or shoot outs at the end of regulation play. Two points will be awarded for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

The top two teams are determined by the following:

- (a) on the basis of **highest points earned** (wins & ties combined)
- (b) if still tied, on the basis of "**Head to Head**" during Round-Robin play
- (c) if still tied, **most wins** during the Round-Robin play
- (d) if still tied, **goal differential** (goals scored minus goals allowed)
- (e) if still tied, **fewest penalty minutes**
- (f) if still tied, **periods won**
- (g) if still tied, **coin toss**

Championship Round

Three-game first to 4 points series with a win earning 2 points and a tie earning 1 point. If two teams are tied with 3 points each after 3 games, the tie will be decided by a sudden death overtime period (first goal wins). Length of overtime will be determined by ice availability (see overtime below). If overtime does not resolve the tie, the tie will be broken by a shoot out (subject to shoot out rules below).

Subject to the referee's discretion and ice time, the length of championship games shall be 3 stop time periods 15, 15 and 20 minutes in length.

Each coach will be permitted one 30 second time out during playoff games.

Overtime (Application and Length of)

Overtime will be used to resolve a tie in the event that the two teams are tied in points after 3 games in the championship round series. Length of overtime periods will be 15 minutes stop time until a goal is scored. In the event, that neither team scores a goal in the overtime available, the series will be decided by a shootout (subject to shoot out rules below).

Shoot Out Rules

- Each team will initially select 3 players for the shootout.
- Players in the penalty box at the end of the game are not eligible to participate in a shootout;
- One player from each team will participate in the shootout simultaneously against goaltenders at either end of the ice;
- In the event that the teams are tied after three shootout attempts, each team will choose another player (other than the three initially selected) to take a shootout opportunity and repeat this practice until one team scores and the other does not;
- No player may be selected for a second shootout attempt until every eligible non-goalie on his or her team has had a shootout attempt.

Player Additions:

- The league must provide approval by email prior to the use of any player additions to team rosters for playoff games.
- Teams will only be permitted to add goalies to their roster for playoff games.
- If a team's goalie is unavailable for playoff games, that team will first canvas other TNC goalies to fill in. If no eligible goalies are available to fill in from other TNC teams, that team may apply to the Board to utilize a non-TNC player in goal.
- Unless, explicitly approved by the Board, teams are only permitted to add players that are the same age or younger than their division age group.
- Subject to goalies explicitly approved by the Board, no individual player can play for more than one team in any division during the playoffs. For example, teams in the championship series cannot call in players from teams in the same division that have been eliminated.

Penalties and Championship Series Overtime:

- If a player is ejected from the third game of the championship series or is serving a suspension in relation to that game, that player will not be eligible to play in any overtime following the third game of the championship series.
- For the purposes of the three penalty rule, any overtime following the third game of the championship series, will be treated as a new game for the purposes of the three-penalty ejection rule (i.e. a player who had 2 penalties in the third game would not be ejected from the overtime for a taking a minor penalty during the overtime).

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