



2010-2011 'A' PLAYOFF FORMAT

In accordance with Rule 22.01, the Mississauga Hockey League has adopted the following format for 'A' Team playoffs this season:

1. GENERAL PLAYOFF RULES

- a) Teams are scheduled according to their final standings. Ties in standings will be determined according to Rule 31.
- b) Playoffs are set up according to the number of teams involved in the Category. **ALL TEAMS QUALIFY FOR THE PLAYOFFS.**
- c) Teams must be ready to play ten (10) minutes prior to game time in the event the previous game ends early.
- d) Teams must stand ready to play on **EIGHTEEN (18) HOURS NOTICE.**
- e) Home ice does not apply during playoffs.
- f) Any player who is guilty of any offence that warrants suspension beyond his team's remaining games will serve the balance thereof at the start of the following season.
- g) A team involved in the playoffs may be granted permission to enter GTHL, OMHA and Minor Hockey Alliance sanctioned tournaments only, conditional on keeping their MHL playoff schedule commitments.
- h) **In any Playoff game**, each team will be permitted one 30-second time-out

2. PLAYOFF START DATES

The start date(s) for playoffs will be published on the MHL web site at: www.hockey.on.ca.

3. FORMAT

- a) The 'A' team playoff format will consist of three **or four** rounds & bronze medal game up to and including Bantam. No Bronze game for Minor Midget and Midget:
 - **Elimination Round (for categories with more than 8 teams)**
 - Quarter-Finals
 - Semi-Finals
 - Bronze Game (up to and including Bantam)
 - Final
- b) The number of games played/points to be attained in each round will be the following:
 - **In each Elimination Round series, the team that first reaches six points will be declared the winner.**

- In each Quarter-Final series, the team that first reaches six points will be declared the winner.
- In each Semi-Final series, the team that first reaches six points will be declared the winner.
- In each Bronze Game, defeated Semi-Finalists will play a one-game playoff whose results will determine the single winner of a bronze medal.
- In each Final series, the team that first reaches six points will be declared the Champion.

The pairing format per round is as follows.

No. of teams in Category	Elimination Round	Quarter-Final	Semi-Final	Bronze Game	Finals
6	Not Applicable	3 vs. 6 4 vs. 5	1 vs. 4/5 2 vs. 3/6	DSF1 vs. DSF2	1/4/5 vs. 2/3/6
7	Not Applicable	3 vs. 6 4 vs. 5 2 vs. 7	1 vs. 4/5 2/7 vs. 3/6	DSF1 vs. DSF2 **	1/4/5 vs. 2/3/6/7
8	Not Applicable	1 vs. 8 2 vs. 7 3 vs. 6 4 vs. 5	1/8 vs. 4/5 2/7 vs. 3/6	DSF1 vs. DSF2 ***	1/4/5/8 vs. 2/3/6/7
9	8 vs. 9	1 vs. 8/9 2 vs. 7 3 vs. 6 4 vs. 5	1/8/9 vs. 4/5 2/7 vs. 3/6	DSF1 vs. DSF2	1/4/5/8/9 vs. 2/3/6/7
10	7 vs. 10 8 vs. 9	1 vs. 8/9 2 vs. 7/10 3 vs. 6 4 vs. 5	1/8/9 vs. 4/5 2/7/10 vs. 3/6	DSF1 vs. DSF2	1/4/5/8/9 vs. 2/3/6/7/10

*DSF denotes "Defeated Semi-Finalist".

As per 3.a) Bronze Game applies up to and including Bantam only

4. OVERTIME

- Overtime will only be played in Games 5 or 6 of any Playoff Series when the teams remain tied in points at the end of regulation time. Should a team come from behind to tie a series in an elimination game; a subsequent tie-breaking game will be scheduled to decide a winner.
- Overtime in the Bronze Game and all Rounds will be played in accordance with Rule 21.01 stating that sudden victory overtime may take place in a playoff game at the discretion of the MHL Playoff Committee. The League Official or MHL Representative present at the game will be considered the "MHL Playoff Committee" for the purpose of this rule.
- 21.02 All overtime periods will be 10 minutes stop time in length.

- Refusal of any team to continue overtime as required by the MHL Playoff Committee will result in that team being withdrawn from further playoff competition.