



**Ajax Pickering Minor Hockey Association**  
**House League Playoff Tournament**  
**2022-2023 Season**

**Head Coaches:**

Information is attached including the format and rules for the upcoming playoffs. Updates to the schedule will be available once the regular season is completed.

Please be sure to review this information prior to your first game.

**Notice: Only rostered Team Staff are permitted in the Tournament Office.**

Team officials are required to check in at the APMHA office at the arena prior to all their games to sign the game-sheet.

Here is some additional information regarding the playoffs and the end of the season, not all may be specific to your division:

1. No semi-final or championship game can end in a tie. If needed, overtime will be played to determine the winner. Refer to Playoff Rules for Overtime format.
2. Penalty minutes accumulated during the regular season continue into the playoffs.
3. Championship Trophies will be awarded on the ice after the championship game; maximum of 5-minute trophy presentation and no one other than rostered team staff are permitted on the ice. No on-ice presentation for participation/consolation games.
4. In some divisions, only teams that make it to the finals/consolation games will play on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>. All teams will play on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> (except for U18/U21)
5. Goalie Equipment: Coaches are required to drop off **ALL** borrowed equipment following your last game. This must be checked and signed for and only returned by the coaches.
6. If you require additional information, please contact your coach or any admin staff at [admin@ajaxpickeringminorchockey.com](mailto:admin@ajaxpickeringminorchockey.com)

**GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS**

**AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO MINOR HOCKEY**

# Ajax Pickering Minor Hockey Association – 2022-2023 HL Playoff Format

## U9/U13/U15 Divisions

- Playoff format is split into two divisions (East and West) with a cross-over.
- East Division (1,3,5,7 or 1,3,5)
- West Division (2,4,6,8 or 2,4,6)
- Based on Round Robin Results:
  - o East 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs. West 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Semi Final # 1
  - o West 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs. East 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Semi Final # 2
  - o East 3<sup>rd</sup> Place vs East 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Participation Game
  - o East 4<sup>th</sup> Place vs. East 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Participation Game
  - o Finals (winner of Semi Final # 1 vs Winner of Semi Final # 2)
  - o Consolation Game (non-winner of SF#1 vs non-winner of SF#2)
  - o Note: Only teams that make it to the finals and consolation game will play on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## U11 Division ONLY

- **Playoff format is split into two divisions (East and West) WITH NO CROSSOVER. Each of these divisions will run as separate divisions resulting in their own Championships.**
- East Division (1,2,3,4)
- West Division (5,6,7,8)
- Based on Round Robin Results:
  - o East 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs. East 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Semi Final # 1
  - o East 2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs. East 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Semi Final # 2
  - o East Division Finals (winner of Semi Final # 1 vs Winner of Semi Final # 2)
  - o East Division Consolation (non-winner of SF#1 vs non-winner of SF#2)
  
  - o West 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs. West 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Semi Final # 1
  - o West 2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs. West 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Semi Final # 1
  - o West Division Finals (winner of Semi Final # 1 and Winner of Semi Final # 2)
  - o West Division Consolation (non-winner of SF#1 vs non-winner of SF#2)

## U18/U21 Division ONLY

- Playoff format is a standard Round Robin (each team plays all other teams once)
- Based on Round Robin Results:
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Place (SF #1)
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (SF #2)
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> Place vs. 6<sup>th</sup> Place (SF – Consolation)
  - o U18/21 Finals/Championship (Winner of SF #1 and Winner of SF #2)
  - o U18/21 Finals Consolation (non-winner of SF#1 vs non-winner of SF#2)
  - o Note: only teams that make it the finals and consolation will play on March 27

# Ajax Pickering Minor Hockey Association – HL Playoff Tournament Rules

All APMHA House League and OMHA rules apply unless specifically noted below.

1. No protests allowed
2. Referee's/House League Tournament Committee decision is final
3. I-Pads will be available in the APMHA office prior to each game and are to be completed in the office by both teams.
4. Two (2) Minutes Start Time: During this 2-minute period, teams can warm up their players.
5. Referees, at their discretion, can run the clock during any altercations.
6. All fighting majors will result in immediate suspension from all remaining games in the playoff tournament, for offending player(s). This applies to semi finals and finals only.
7. All penalty minutes from regular league play will continue into the playoffs.
8. Any bench staff receiving a penalty that would result in multiple game suspension under normal league play, will result in their removal from the remainder of all playoff games. This includes the Semi Finals and the Finals. (Exception: U18/21 – this rule applies to semi finals and finals only).
9. Game periods will be 10,10,10 for U9 to U18/21 (for all age groups) in all games.
10. All teams must be prepared to play 15 minutes before the scheduled start time in the event games are ahead of schedule.
11. The APMHA reserves the right to adjust the playing time and ice cleaning schedule for all games. Teams will be advised prior to any adjustments.
12. Round Robin Points:
  - No Overtime in Round Robin play.
  - Two (2) points for a Win
  - One (1) point for a Tie
  - Zero (0) points for a loss
13. Goal Differential: A maximum of a 6-goal differential will be counted as the final score (eg. If you win 9 to 2, 8 to 2 score will be posted – 6 goal differential) and used as such in tie breakers.
14. Pulling Goalies: Only permitted in the last two (2) minutes of regulation time - Except for a delayed penalty call. Goalies cannot be pulled for an extra player in any overtime - except for a delayed penalty call.
15. Call Ups: Call ups from other divisions is NOT permitted during the playoffs (playoffs, semi-finals, and final games).
16. Goalie Exception: At the discretion of the APMHA – goaltender exceptions can be made to Rule 15 above.
17. Injured Players: Injured players must return to the bench until the next stoppage in play if a Trainer or Coach steps on the ice.
18. All forfeited games will result in a score of 2-0

## 19. Ties

- Ties in Round Robin Standings will be broken as follows:

A) Winner of game between two tied Teams (Head-to-Head). Head-to-Head is excluded as a tie breaker when more than 2 Teams are Tied, regardless of if the Tied teams have or have not played each other in the Round Robin.

B) Best Plus/Minus (GF-GA)

C) Most Wins

D) Fewest Goals Against

E) Most Goals For

F) Fewest Penalty Minutes

G) Coin Toss

**\*\*\*NOTE: If website shows differently the above rules take precedent over the website\*\*\***

20. Timeouts: Semi Final and Final Games only.

- One 30 second time out per team per game is allowed only in Semi Finals and Finals.

21. Overtime:

- Semi-Finals – Shoot Out: Each team will have 3 shooters, team with most goals after 3 shooters will be the winner, if still tied, a sudden death shoot-out will take place.

- No player can shoot twice in any shootout situation until the whole Team has participated.

- Finals Overtime - One 5 Minute period of 4 on 4.

- If there is no winner after 5 minutes of O/T = International Shoot-out (simultaneous). Each team will have 3 shooters, team with most goals after 3 shooters will be the winner, if still tied, a sudden death shoot- out will take place. No player can shoot twice in any shootout situation until the whole Team has participated. The goalie must remain in the net during all sudden death periods.

22. Fair Play

All coaches are reminded that the Fair Play policy stays in effect throughout the playoffs. Breaches to this policy could result in the game where the infraction occurred, being defaulted.

23. Five Goal Differential in the 3rd Period

For divisions, U9 and above, should there be a 5-goal differential in the 3rd period, in any games (including semi and final games) the clock will be allowed to run. If the spread becomes less than 5 goals, the clock will revert to stop time.

24. Final Decisions

The rulings of any member of the APMHA Board, House League Tournament Committee or referee will be considered as final.

25. Coaches/Trainers behind the bench

During the playoffs only rostered coaches and trainers are allowed behind the bench. Coaches should ask parents to remain in the stands and avoid coming behind the bench area to take pictures or talk to their players. Only officially rostered personnel can be in the bench area.

26. Dressing Rooms

All coaches are responsible for ensuring their dressing rooms are left in the same condition they received the room in when they arrived for their scheduled game.