Playoff Rules and Format

- Games will be three 17-minute run-time periods, with a three-minute warm up.
- The last 30 seconds of all periods will be stop-time.
- The last 5 minutes of the 3rd period will be stop-time if the goal differential is within 2 goals.
- Each team will be allotted one 2-minute timeout per game.
- Playoff overtime consists of one 5 minute (3 on 3) sudden death period followed by a 3 person shoot-out if the score is still tied. Highest seed will chose who shoots first. Semifinal and Championship overtime will consist of one, 17 min (5 on 5) sudden death period followed by a 3 person shootout if still tied.
- Playoff games are "single elimination" until the Final Round. With exception of alternate Cup division bracket due to canceled games.
- Finals are a "best of three" game series, Cup division excluded.
- Any players with an outstanding GHL balance are ineligible for playoffs.
- Any team using "illegal players" or "unapproved subs" will forfeit and be automatically eliminated from post-season play.

Playoff Seeding

- Initial playoff seeding is based on the number of points accumulated during the regular season. No reseeding will occur once bracket begins.
- In the event of teams being tied in points, the Tie-breaker protocol will be as follows: Head to Head.

Fewest goals against.

Fewest penalty minutes.

















