



The LLFHL Regular Season concludes on January 31, 2014.

Managers must input their final game results as quickly as possible.

Playoff Rules and Regulations

Refer to Section 19 of the LLFHL Rules and Regulations. All teams should be familiar with these rules. League Liaisons should forward copy to all managers. Rules also posted on website

Read the rules! These will answer half the questions we receive. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse.

The LLFHL playoffs are to determine the winner from each divisional loop.

There are 3 rounds of playoffs to get to this point. The winner of each loop will advance to Championship Weekend.

Who plays in the 2014 LLFHL Playoffs?

The top 8 teams from each loop will advance to the playoffs. If the # of teams is less than 8 all will advance.

Who do we play?

The top 8 eligible teams from each geographic loop qualify for the playoffs. Playoff rounds will be structured as follows:

- Series 1 - 1st place vs. 8th place
- Series 2 - 4th place vs. 5th place
- Series 3 - 3rd place vs. 6th place
- Series 4 - 2nd place vs. 7th place

What if there are less than 8 teams in the loop?

In the event that there are fewer than 8 teams eligible for playoffs in a particular loop – the following structure will be put in place.

- 7 Team loop – 1st place team receives a first round bye – remainder as per above
- 6 Team loop - 1st and 2nd place teams receive a first round bye – remainder as per above
- 5 Team loop – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams receive a first round bye – remainder as per above
- 4 Team loop - 1st place plays 4th place and 2nd place plays 3rd place – winners advance to division final.

How many games in each round?

3 game maximum series, or first team to 4 points

Who schedules these games?

Once your opponent has been confirmed you may commence scheduling your best of 3 series. Should there be conflicts between managers, the League Liaisons should step in to seek resolution.

Schedules to be submitted using the “whitefilespace” link on LLFHL website.

Both teams in each series will submit the agreed upon schedule.

Do not submit until all 3 games are scheduled. DO NOT send 1 or 2 games and tell us the third is coming. We will not accept this nor post your partial schedule.

Once you submit your 3 games via the link on the LLFHL website, 3 things will happen:

1. an email will be sent to the person who submits it
2. an email will be sent to the LLFHL to input the schedule
3. an email will be sent to Head Convenor – Sonya Schram

Any changes to the schedule once input into ITS, will need to go through Sonya Schram (convenor@llfhl.ca). Only Sonya can make game changes to the online schedule.

Teams who place higher in the regular season standings, have earned the right to host 2 of the 3 games.

What is the time frame for reporting game scores in ITSportsnet?

Statisticians need to report game scores within 24 hours of completion, as per LLFHL rules. This will be strictly enforced.

Where can we see the playoff results and brackets?

Brackets will be posted and a link will be available on the LLFHL standings page in the left margin. Please note teams will **NOT** be re-seeded after the first round of the playoffs.

What if teams are still tied after the three games?

Please refer to LLFHL Rules 19 i), s), t) and u) for details on handling the situation where each team has 3 points at the end of the third game of a playoff series. Following are key points from those rules:

1. All penalties in effect at the end of regulation of game 3 carry-over into overtime.
2. Any player (or coaching staff member) suspended for game 3 IS NOT eligible for overtime.
3. Any player serving a penalty at the end of overtime IS NOT eligible for the shoot-out.

Are the LLFHL playoff games curfewed?

No, the League encourages that you have adequate ice scheduled to accommodate a third game that may require OT and/or a shootout. The first two games in the series could end in a tie.

Can we use pick up players?

No pick up players are permitted during the LLFHL playoffs. Only players that have been rostered for a minimum 5 games during the regular season are permitted to participate in the playoffs

Can we use pick up goalies?

With permission, on a game to game basis, from the League Convenor, (convenor@llfhl.ca) pick up goalies can be used during the playoffs. Please submit the form from the LLFHL website, under FORMS entitled "Goalie Pick Up Request Form".

If two teams are available to play, can we start a series early?

Yes, once the brackets have determined the two opponents, teams are encouraged to schedule right away.

What are the completion dates of each of the rounds?

All dates are available on the LLFHL calendar, found at www.llfhl.ca, and on the playoff brackets themselves.

When is Championship Weekend?

March 28th to 30th, 2014, Mississauga (Hershey, Iceland, Tomken and Meadowvale arenas)

When will we know Championship Weekend Schedule?

The schedule will be posted as soon as possible after all playoff rounds are concluded. It will be found/posted on the LLFHL.ca website.

What is the fee and to whom do we submit payment for Championship Weekend?

See attached fee schedule

LLFHL Treasurer-Championship Weekend Fees

5155 Spectrum Way, Unit 3,
Mississauga, ON
L4W 5A1

OR

Teams can bring payment to Championship Weekend, and submit upon registration at the venue of your first game.

Is a third round necessary in two loop divisions?

Two loop divisions will determine the “Final Four” for Championship Weekend after 2 rounds of playoffs. The third round is not necessary as there is no seeding for Championship Weekend, unless BOTH teams are willing to play.

C Divisions – exception Pee wee C

Pee wee C – the playoff structure for the Pee wee C division will be the same as the other divisions above. 4 teams will advance to the Championship Weekend.

All other eligible C teams:

Midget C – All 5 teams will advance to Championship Weekend

Bantam C – 4 teams in total will advance to Championship Weekend. A double Round Robin playoff format for both the East and the West will be used to determine the 2 winners from both the East and the West. Playoffs to be completed by March 23, 2014

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Novice C – After all teams are finalized in this category, a playoff format will be determined. If only 2 teams remain in Novice C, one Championship game will be held in Mississauga, during the day on Saturday to determine the overall Champion. This division still requires playoff finalization.