

2019 WNYAHL Playoff Rules

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Number of qualifying teams by division for the 2019 playoffs:

5 Squirt Major Orange	5 Pee Wee Major Red	4 Bantam Major Red
5 Squirt Major Red	4 Pee Wee Major Green	4 Bantam Major Green
3 Squirt Minor Orange	5 Pee Wee Minor Orange	4 Bantam Minor Red
3 Squirt Minor Red	4 Pee Wee Minor Red	4 Bantam Minor Green
4 Squirt Minor Green	4 Pee Wee Minor Green	4 Bantam Minor White
6 Squirt Mixed	3 Pee Wee Mixed Blue	5 Bantam Mixed
	5 Pee Wee Mixed Green	

General Information

- The head statistician and/or the playoff coordinator may make special rulings during the playoffs.
- Each team will be billed through their association for each playoff game that it participates in. Championship game costs are covered by the league. Playoff fees per game per team are as follows:
 - Squirt: \$245
 - PeeWee: \$285
 - Bantam: \$315
- Scoresheet will be provided by WNYAHL playoff monitor. Both teams must fill in players (preferably with labels) and have every coach on the bench sign the scoresheet. As per USAH, A limit of 4 coaches that are properly rostered may occupy the bench.
- Only players listed on the team's official roster are allowed to participate. Teams should have a copy of their roster with them during the playoffs should it be needed as a reference.
- Pucks may or may not be provided by the rinks. **YOU MUST CHECK WITH THE RINK BEFORE USING YOUR OWN PUCKS.**
- Spectators, parents and staff are expected to conduct themselves appropriately both on and off the ice: before during and after the game. Derogatory behavior will not be tolerated. Teams may be disqualified from the WNYAHL playoffs and championships for Unruly and out of control parents, spectators and staff. Head coaches will be held accountable for the behavior of their team and parents as well as inform them that their behavior may affect their team. The league will discipline teams and associations under

rule 410 Supplementary Discipline and for severe cases will call the police and press charges if need be.

- Playoff Games may be broadcast on Livebarn from rinks that support this technology.
- Each team MUST also place an adult volunteer in their respective penalty box.
 - Players including backup goaltenders cannot be in the penalty box
- All games will have a 3-minute warm-up period followed by three regulation periods of the appropriate length for the given age group:
 - Squirt: 10-12-12
 - PeeWee: 12-12-15
 - Bantam: 15-15-15
- Each team will receive one (1) 30 second timeout per game. There is no additional timeout in overtime. There is no time out during the shootout.
- There is no protest of referee's calls. All calls are final and will stand.
- USAH and WNYAHL Aggressive play policy remains in effect during the WNYAHL playoffs and championships.
- No games will be curfewed. All games will be played until a winner is determined.
- **TIED GAMES:** If a game is tied following regulation play in the playoffs or in the championship games overtime rules shall be employed as outlined:
 - A. **Playoff Games:** One (1) ten-minute sudden death overtime will be played to determine a winner. The overtime period will be 5 on 5 unless a penalty is assessed. **Note:** *any penalties that have not been completely satisfied (time still remaining to serve) will be carried over into the overtime period.* In playoff games only, if a winner is not determined after a full 10-minute overtime period is played, a shoot-out procedure will be used to break the tie.

Shoot-out Procedure: When the overtime period is completed during a playoff game and no one has scored a goal, the shoot-out procedure shall be conducted as follows. A shoot-out is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring a goal.

1. Three (3) **different** players from each team will be designated by the head coach of the team to participate in the shoot-out. **Note:** *any player who received a penalty that has not been completely satisfied (time still remaining to serve) will not be eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shoot-out.* They shall remain in the penalty box during the procedure. All players not in the shoot-out are to remain on the bench.

2. The Home team has the option as to who begins. On the referees signal the players will alternately take one shot at the opposing team's goaltender. All three players will shoot during the first shoot-out procedure and the goals will be tallied. Players will not be allowed to take another shot until all eligible players on the team have been given an opportunity to do so. Goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot. The team scoring more goals will be declared the winner.
 3. If the tie is not resolved using the regular shoot-out procedure, teams will go to a sudden death shoot-out. A sudden death shoot-out is defined as each team attempting a shot to score a game winning goal. Rebound goals are not allowed. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shoot-out and be declared the game winner. The process will be repeated incorporating a single player shoot-out, using one player from each team at a time until the tie is broken. Both players will have the opportunity to shoot at the opposing team's goaltender. Players that participated in previous shoot-out will not be allowed to take another shot until all eligible players on the team have been given an opportunity to do so. Goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
 4. It will be the responsibility of the official scorekeeper to record all shots taken indicating the player(s) by corresponding number on the scoresheet, goalkeeper(s) and goals scored in order as they occur.
 5. Once a player shoots, that player cannot shoot again in the process until every eligible player on the team has taken their chance.
- B. **Championship Games:** If a game is tied following regulation play in the Championship game one (1) ten-minute sudden death overtime period will be played. If the teams are still tied at the completion of the 10 minute overtime, a series of five minute sudden death overtime periods will be played until a goal is scored and a winner determined. The overtime periods will be 5 on 5 unless a penalty is assessed. **Note:** *any penalties that have not been completely satisfied (time still remaining to serve) will be carried over into the overtime period(s).*

Rule 410 Supplementary Discipline

*(a) In addition to the suspensions imposed under these rules, the proper disciplinary authority, at its discretion and after the game has been completed, may investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game. **Any incident that occurs prior to, during, or after the game is subject to review regardless of whether the action was penalized by the Referee.***