

# 2025 PAHL PLAYOFFS ODSET GUIDE



## ODSET INFORMATION

### ODSET Overview

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- ODSET procedures vary from the standard playoff policies, with those variations described herein.
  - Please refer to the PAHL Game Manual (namely, Section 12 for the Postseason) and the PAHL Playoffs Team Guide for further guidance on overall postseason procedures.
- Every team is assigned two games and must play both games, regardless of the outcome of the first game.
  - Advancing teams will get a third game in the semifinals, and semifinal winners will play a fourth game as a tournament championship game.

### ODSET Game Format

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- All ODSET games consist of three, 12-minute periods.
  - Running-clock and Mercy rules apply to all games, just as in the regular season.
  - Curfew rules are not applied to a postseason game.
- Penalty lengths remain the same as the regular season.
  - All minor penalties are 1:00 in length.
- One timeout is granted to each team in all postseason games but can only be used in regulation time.
- Preliminary round games that have a tied score at the end of regulation time shall end in a tie.
  - No overtime period is played in a preliminary game but is played for elimination games.
  - No shootout is conducted in a preliminary game but is applied for elimination games.

## ODSET Points System

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- Each team plays two preliminary games to accumulate ODSET points.
  - A maximum of 5 points can be attained per game, as listed below.
- Individual teams accumulate ODSET Points in preliminary games, as follows:
  - Win Game = 2 points
  - Tie Game = 1 point
  - Lose Game = 0 points
  - Win Period = 1 point
  - Tie Period = ½ point
  - Lose Period = 0 points

## ODSET Advancement

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- The four highest-ranked teams in the division at the conclusion of the preliminary round advance to the elimination round.
- If two or more teams are tied in ODSET points at the end of the preliminary round, the PAHL tiebreaker systems in Section 10 of the PAHL Game Manual will be applied to rank the teams, which generally includes:
  - Points accumulated in head-to-head games
  - Most wins in all games
  - Least number of penalty minutes accumulated in all games
  - Best goal differential in head-to-head games
  - Least number of goals allowed in head-to-head games
  - Least number of goals allowed in all games

## ODSET Elimination Games

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- The elimination round shall consist of three games: two semifinal games and a championship game.
  - The #1 ranked team plays the #4 ranked team in the first semifinal game.
  - The #2 ranked team plays the #3 ranked team in the second semifinal game.
  - The two semifinal winners play in the championship game.
- The higher-ranked team is always the home team in the elimination round.
- Overtime and shootouts are applicable to ODSET elimination games, as outlined in the PAHL Game Manual and the PAHL Playoffs Team Guide.
  - Overtime is 4-on-4 for 10 minutes, with the teams switching ends after the third period
  - The shootout is based on 5 rounds, with 5 unique and eligible shooters used by each team; tiebreaker shootout rounds allow for any eligible shooter to be used (even if repeated).

## ODSET Awards

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- There is no banner for the first-place team in the regular season for 10U divisions.
- The tournament winner of each division shall be issued a banner at the conclusion of the championship game.
- The players of the winning team are issued individual first place medals.
  - The players of the finalist are issued individual second place medals.