



2026 Provincial Championship Guidelines

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Provincial Championship GUIDELINES



1.0 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This document contains essential information for hosts as you prepare for Provincial Championship Tournaments. Teams and Hosts are required to adhere to the prescribed formats, regulations and rules as outlined in these guidelines and other governing documentation.

2.0 SCHEDULES

- The Host Committee shall confirm proposed event schedules to Hockey PEI no later than three (3) weeks prior to the event.
- Draft schedules are to be emailed to info@hockeypei.com
- Hockey PEI shall review and approve all respective tournament schedules.
- Morning games should not start prior to 9 am, allowing teams time to travel distance.
- All games for U11 division must be completed by 8 pm.
- Teams that are required to play back-to-back games (i.e. semifinal and championship game), must be provided at minimum a 90 minute break between the conclusion of the first game and the start of the second game.

- All leagues must declare their final standings one (1) week prior to provincials.
- To determine **regular season standings** in the event of a tie, [Hockey PEI Regulation 28.03](#) determines final standings.
- For Leagues that TIER, the standings from the second half tiered season only apply.
- Once league standings are determined, League Coordinators will work with Hockey PEI to confirm participating teams.
- Hockey PEI will update format schedules with necessary team names and provide copy to host chairs.
- Approved schedules shall be released no later than 7 days in advance of the provincial championship date.
- Hockey PEI will publish schedules to the Hockey PEI website and social media channels.
- Hockey PEI will be responsible for Gamesheet set up and adding schedules.
- Hockey PEI reserves the right to alter the order of games in the tournament once all teams are confirmed, if deemed necessary.

3.0 FINANCIAL

- All league teams pay a provincial championship team fee, established by Hockey PEI.
- Each host association will be provided with a financial grant to host Provincial Championships as per the Hosting Application.
- Final payments will be approved upon receipt of the attached post event expense form along with copies of all related bills.
- Tournament expenses that exceed budget submissions will be reviewed by the Hockey PEI Executive Director to determine approval.
- Provincial Tournaments are not permitted to charge admission to games.
- Provincial Tournaments are permitted to sell 50/50. Proceeds will remain with the host association or host committee running the event.
- Hosts are permitted to secure tournament sponsors if they wish to help offset any

additional related costs.

- Hockey PEI reserves the right to adjust grant amounts for leagues that do not have the minimum numbers of teams for the proposed format.

4.0 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

- A Hockey PEI representative will be assigned to each provincial championship event to help oversee playing rules and regulations, suspensions, disputes, and operational procedures for the championship.
- This individual is not required to always be on site throughout the weekend, but they are to be available via phone when not in attendance.
- You will be notified with the name and contact of your event rep in advance of the tournament weekend.
- The Event Rep, if available, should be included in the presentation of the championship banner and medals.

5.0 GAME OFFICIALS

- Host committees are responsible to work with the association referee-in-chief to schedule and assign all game officials.
- A three (3) person officiating system shall be used in all games, unless four (4) man was previously established for regular season play.
- On ice officials must have officiated at that level throughout the season.
- The "Referee" must be at minimum a Level 3 for provincial championships.
- Championships may choose to use the four (4) person officiating system if approved in advance by the respective Council.
- Hockey PEI will work with hosts to assign referees for U18 Minor level hockey (Rec & A).
- Scorekeepers are to be arranged by the event host.
- *It is important to have an appropriate compliment of qualified officials for each provincial event. If you have any concerns regarding availability of local officials for your event, for assistance please contact the Manager of Officiating at officiating@hockeypei.com*

6.0 AWARDS

- Each championship will be provided with one (1) Championship Banner and 40 Medals (20 gold and 20 silver). These items will be made available prior to the Championships.
- Hosts are permitted to arrange for player of the game awards, participant giveaways, etc., however, related costs for such items are the responsibility of the host committee. The host grant does not cover these expenses.

7.0 CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOS

- Photos of the Provincial Championship gold medal winners must be arranged and submitted as soon as possible.
- The Host Committee must provide an electronic copy of the provincial champion team photo. These photos will be used to celebrate provincial winners and posted to Hockey PEI's website.
- Photos should be sent to info@hockeypei.com immediately following the awards ceremony or texted to your Event Representative for submission to Hockey PEI.

8.0 ELECTRONIC GAMESHEET

- Use of GAMESHEET Inc. is required for score keeping of all provincial tournament games.
- Hockey PEI will be responsible for Gamesheet set up and to add/update schedules.
- Host Committees must ensure all timekeepers have experience or receive training in the use of the GAMESHEET app. Online tutorials can be found at www.gamesheetinc.com

9.0 TEAM ROSTERS

A team must have a minimum of twelve (12) players on its roster, one (1) of which shall be a goaltender, duly registered with the Minor Hockey Council in that division of play at the beginning of the regular season. Teams may be permitted to have less than the minimum twelve (12) players on their roster only if approved by council.

Provincial Championship team rosters:

1. Team rosters are a minimum twelve (12) players to a maximum of twenty (20) players, unless otherwise approved for the season. If the maximum number of players are registered at least two (2) must be goaltenders.
2. Participating teams must have a minimum of ten (10) skaters plus one (1) goalie **dressed** for each game of the provincial championships. This may include Affiliated Players if necessary.
3. If a team cannot dress a minimum of ten (10) skaters plus one (1) goalie for the Provincial Championships, such team will forfeit their spot in the Championships and the next place team from that division will be invited to attend.
4. Teams may only use **affiliates** that were approved and signed on or before the January 15th affiliation deadline.
5. Players **are** permitted to be on two (2) rosters at the same time for provincials, i.e. Registered primary team and as an affiliated player on another team.
6. Team rosters are finalized in accordance with the approved HCR roster as of February 10th.

Team Jerseys

The designated home team shall wear their white jerseys, and the designated visiting team shall wear their colored jerseys. If a team only has one set of jerseys, then the council representative will determine what jerseys the teams will wear.

11.0 PLAYING RULES

- 1) Round robin games during the Provincial Championship tournament shall follow the same format as that in the regular season within each respective league.
- 2) The ice will be resurfaced at the conclusion of each game. Each game shall include a 5-minute warm-up.
- 3) The official schedules will identify what team is designated as the home team and the visiting team for each game.
- 4) **Time outs** – each team will be permitted to take one time-out of (30) thirty seconds during regular playing time or overtime. [Rule 6.18 \(e\)](#) This applies for all games.

- 5) There will be no overtime in round robin games.

Tied Game (overtime) – semifinal, championship games. Quarter finals (Female Provincials) only.

If at the end of regulation time the score is tied, the following shall take place:

- a) The puck shall be faced off at center ice and play shall continue 5 on 5 with a ten (10) minute sudden victory overtime period. Teams will not change ends.
- b) If the score remains tied after the ten (10) minute overtime period. Teams will be provided with a break in their dressing room and the ice shall be resurfaced.
- c) Upon return the teams will change ends and commence a twenty (20) minute period playing 4 on 4 until a winner is declared. Teams will follow this process until a winner is declared. At the conclusion of each twenty (20) minute period, the ice shall be resurfaced. Teams will change ends after each period.
- d) Any overtime shall be considered part of the game and all unexpired penalties shall remain in force.
- e) If both teams have a man in the penalty box with different expiration times, at the end of the first overtime, then both teams would start that overtime period with three (3) skaters each.
- f) No team shall have less than three (3) skaters on the ice at any time. If a team should receive a minor penalty play will resume 4 on 3. If that same team should receive a second minor penalty, play will continue 5 on 3. At the first stoppage of play, after the expiration of both penalties, the teams would revert back to 4 on 4.
- g) Teams will always go back to the correct manpower at the first stoppage (first whistle) after the expiration of all penalties.

11.0 PROVINCIAL TIE-BREAKING FORMULA

Provincials - Tie breaking formula - To determine team standings in the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be used:

- A) The winner of the round robin game between the tied teams;
- B) If still tied, the team with the most wins in the round robin gains the higher position;
- C) If still tied the team with the best goal average would qualify. The goal average of a team is determined by dividing the total number of goals for by the total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: All round robin games are counted.

Example: Total Goals For: 10
 Total Goals Against: 4

Percentage: $\frac{10}{10+4} = \frac{10}{14} = .714$

- D) If still tied, the team to qualify would be the team which scored the first goal in the game between the two teams;
- E) If still tied, the team to qualify would be the team that received the least minutes in

- penalties (all round robin games); and
- F) If still tied after all previous methods have been applied, the winner will be decided by a single toss of a coin.

Note: In the event that more than two teams are tied, once the tie breaking rules have been used to qualify the team with highest goal average, the procedure to break the remaining tie(s) will be to revert back to the beginning criteria.

12.0 OTHER

- The Host Committee should provide a standings board to be displayed in a public area.
- Hockey PEI can provide a copy of our LOGO for your use should you need for standings board, game programs etc.
- Hospitality rooms, player of the game awards, or other extras are at the discretion of the tournament. Associated costs are not covered within the financial grant provided.

If you have any questions regarding Provincial Championships, please contact the Hockey PEI office at 902-368-4334 or by email: info@hockeypei.com