



Open Playdowns Technical Manual

A. GENERAL

1. This technical manual is to be used to govern the process for the Ringette Alberta Provincial Playdowns for Open divisions
2. All applicable Ringette Alberta policies are in full effect.
3. In the event there is any ambiguity arising from these technical regulations, interpretation and clarification is the sole discretion of Ringette Alberta.

B. WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS

1. Only APPROVED teams of Group Member Associations may participate in Provincial Playdowns. Group Member Associations must be registered with Ringette Alberta by December 1st of the current playing season. ALL PLAYERS AND TEAM STAFF MUST BE REGISTERED WITH RINGETTE ALBERTA.
2. The deadline for registered teams to declare their commitment to attend the Ringette Alberta Provincial Championships, including playdowns, is December 15th of each season. Only teams who submit their completed commitment to attend to Ringette Alberta on time and have approved Team Roster Forms (TRFs) by January 31 are eligible to participate in Provincial Playdowns and Championships. Only those players listed and approved on the Team Roster Form are eligible to participate in Provincial Playdowns and Championships.

C. GAME OPERATIONS

1. Leagues (NAWRA, CORA & No League) will be allocated spots for Provincial Championships based on the number of teams committed to attend.
 - a. Playdown dates & formats will be determined through the respective Leagues
 - b. In the case of teams not participating in a league, the structure of playdowns will depend on the number of teams and slots but will likely be one of the following options:
 - i. 2 team playdowns – 1 game playoff or 3 game series
 - ii. 3 team playdowns – 3 team Round Robin

Teams will work with Ringette Alberta to schedule the game(s). Teams that advance to Provincial Championships must be communicated to Ringette Alberta 7 days prior to the start of the respective Provincial Championship.

2. The leagues will distribute these Provincial Championship spots through a Provincial Playdown process.

3. Provincial Playdowns will be conducted by the league in either a double elimination format or a round robin playoff format. It is up to the league to decide which format works for their teams.
4. All teams, within the league, that have committed to attend will be included in their respective divisions Provincial Playdowns.
5. Leagues must communicate the format being utilized and game rules, as outlined in this document, to teams prior to the start of Playdowns.
6. Leagues should determine what their format for ties/overtime should be in advance and communicate this to all teams prior to the start of Playdowns. The same format must be used throughout the entire Playdowns process.

D. GAME RULES

1. Playdown games will utilize the current Official Rules and Casebook published by Ringette Canada.
2. Shot clocks will be used for all games
3. Periods for all Open divisions will be 20 minutes, stop time
4. If overtime is utilized (and possible), a 5-minute sudden victory overtime period will be played
 - a. If a winner is not determined by the end of the overtime period or an overtime period is not possible due to time constraints, leagues can use one of the following options to break the tie:
 - i. Conduct a 3 player shoot out
 - ii. If no winner is determined after the 3-player shoot out, teams will alternate shooters until a winner is determined. Players will not shoot a second time until all skaters on the team have a shot.
 - b. Determine the winner based on league standings (higher ranked team at the end of league play).