



Girls Metro Hockey League

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Articles of Association

Article 1: League Name

This Association shall be known as the Girls Metro Hockey League (hereby known as the “GMHL” or the “League”), operating as a Minor Hockey League, based out of the Metropolitan St. John’s Area and deriving its authority from Hockey Newfoundland & Labrador (“HNL”).

Article 2: Objectives

The Objectives of the GMHL are as follows:

1. To deliver a safe and fun hockey environment for all members of its participant Associations through an Girls Metro Hockey league of teams that have Roster Parity,
2. To foster and develop the skills of all members of the League,
3. To promote the concepts of Fair Play and Player Development within all League sanctioned events for all participating Associations and members,
4. To promote and enforce respect of all players, coaches, officials, parents, and League representatives.

Article 3: Membership

Membership within the League shall consist of the Associations who have endorsed and approved the Rules, Regulations, and By-Laws of the Association as documented under the Endorsements section of this document. Associations wishing to join the League must do so as per the Guidelines of By-Law 12.

Article 4: Memorandum of Association

This Memorandum of Association (“the MOA”) shall conform to the Articles, By-Laws, and Regulations of HNL, HNL Minor Council and Hockey Canada. In the event any section of the MOA is in conflict with the Articles, By-Laws and Regulations of any of HNL, HNL Minor Council or Hockey Canada, the Directors are empowered to make such changes as are required so that this MOA complies with the Articles, By-Laws and Regulations of HNL, HNL Minor Council or Hockey Canada.

Article 5: Operating Committee

Each member association will have one representative that will meet on a regular basis to discuss league matters.

Article 6: Amendments

All proposed amendments to this Memorandum of Association and Bylaws shall require a greater

than 50% majority vote of the Operating Committee members in attendance at the meeting where the vote is taking place.

A minimum of 7 days Notice is required for a meeting where an amendment to the Memorandum of Association or Bylaws will be discussed and voted upon. The agenda for the meeting and the proposed amendment must be provided at least 3 days in advance of the meeting.

All proposed amendments to the Regulation and Playing Rules, or the Duties of the Committee, will require a greater than 50% majority vote of the Operating Committee members in attendance at the meeting where the vote is taking place.

Article 7: Departure of Members

At any time, a member Association may wish to depart or exit the League. Such departure shall be under the following stipulations:

1. Any fees and payments made to the League shall not be reimbursed unless it can be clearly done so without due harm to the League and its remaining member Associations,
2. Such reimbursement request is in writing and can be clearly defined as fees being derived from the departing Association,
3. Such reimbursement is approved by a majority vote of the remaining Operating Committee.

Article 8: Meetings and Communications

Regular meetings of the Operating Committee will be held as required. Meetings will be called by the Administrator, at the request of two or more **voting** members of the Operating Committee. Meetings of the Operating Committee will be chaired by the Administrator.

A meeting must have a quorum of members of the Operating Committee.

Matters discussed at meetings of the Operating Committee are sometimes confidential in nature. Further discussion of these confidential matters by Operating Committee members is restricted to subsequent discussion held at executive meetings of the member's home association. Executive members of the member's home association are also expected to respect the confidential nature of these matters.

Any member of the Operating Committee, who misses three consecutive meetings, without having an alternate representative in attendance, will be asked to remove themselves from the Operating Committee. The League Director, at the request of the Operating Committee, will seek and approve representative from the sponsoring association.

The primary form of communication for the purposes of scheduling of games and events between the GMHL and its participant teams shall be through the GMHL website. To the greatest extent possible, the GMHL website shall represent the most up to date revision of game schedules, results, and standings. It is the responsibility of the Operating Committee Association

representatives to update game results as expeditiously as possible. Secondary means of communication (e.g. email) shall be employed where necessary to communicate emergency cancellations or revisions. Emergency conditions will be reserved primarily for cancellations due weather or facility upsets.

The primary means of all other communications between the League and the memberships (including players, coaches, and managers) shall be through the Association representative. It shall be the responsibility of the Association representative to bring forward matters concerning games, officials, schedules, game results, or decisions of the League. At no time will the Operating Committee communicate through alternative means other than this. The League will entertain discussions directly with the Executive of a member Association on a case-by-case basis.

By-Laws

By-Law 1: Operating Committee

The League shall have an Operating Committee comprised of one voting member from each participating Association.

By-Law 2: Voting

All members of the Operations Committee will have one vote for all matters under consideration at meetings. When a vote is called, all members of the Operating Committee are required to vote, or a member who has declared a conflict of interest with respect to the matter at hand. It shall be the decision of the Operations Committee to make a final decision on whether a conflict of interest exists.

There will be no abstentions during voting. An abstention may be granted by the Operations Committee for any member who is in a conflict of interest with respect to the matter voted upon. In the event of a tie, the Eastern Coordinator will cast a final deciding vote.

In the event of a tied vote, the League Administrator shall provide the tie-breaking vote. To facilitate impartiality, the League Administrator shall assign their vote to the motion proposed in the form of a secret ballot prior to the Operating Committee vote. In the event of a tie, the League Administrator's vote shall be opened and declared the deciding vote. If a decision is reached without a tie, the League Administrator's vote shall be destroyed without opening.

By-Law 3: League Structure and Schedule

The League shall operate with the following divisions as assigned by Hockey Canada:

- Under 11
- Under 13
- Under 15
- Under 18

By-Law 4: Balancing of Teams and Roster Parity

Prior to the start of each season, each member Association shall, by some demonstrable means, divide each division's players into teams/tiers of equal capacity and capability such that balanced teams with *Roster Parity* are submitted for play within the League. It shall be the prerogative of the member Associations to ensure balancing of teams (Roster Parity) occurs. If Roster Parity and balanced rosters are not apparent after one quarter of the season, the League shall request information from member associations regarding the distribution mechanism employed for

achieving the Roster Parity By-Law.

By-Law 5: Absence of Selection Based Teams

Where Associations do not have a segregation system in place to select players to a Selection Based level of competitive (higher) play other than the Girls Metro Hockey League, such teams shall be brought forward to the Operating Committee for review prior to entry into the League for that season of play. For the purposes of ensuring Fair Play, the member Association in question must demonstrate to the Operating Committee that relegation of its players to the GMHL will not result in an unbalanced format, and that promotion of such players to a league of Competitive or Selection based play is not justified. Such teams shall be considered *under review* by the League until such time as the League determines the objective of Fair Play and Roster Parity have been achieved.

By-Law 6: Participation of AAA players

Players who are actively assigned to a AAA team or AAA level team (e.g. DJHL Puffins) on a **full time** basis shall **not** be permitted to participate in the Girls Metro Hockey League. The exception to this shall be as follows:

1. Goaltenders who participate in a AAA League may participate in the GMHL as skating forwards or defenseman but not as goaltenders
2. Forwards/Defensemen who participate in a AAA League may participate in the GMHL as goaltenders.
3. Players who are assigned to a AAA team as an 'Alternate Player' or AP Status (are not full time team members but are considered available for call-up on an as needed basis) shall be permitted to play in the Girls Metro Hockey League, in their normal position (i.e. AP goaltender, AP forward, AP defense).
4. U18 AAA players are permitted to play in the GMHL if they choose.

Under point 3 above, players who are elevated to Full Time Status to a AAA team from 'AP' status shall be **immediately** removed from the GMHL to reflect their position as a participant in a AAA League.

By-Law 7: Publication of Rosters

Each team participating in the GMHL shall maintain a publication of each team's roster on the GMHL website. Where an Association cannot post such publication on a publically accessible website, the Association shall submit its roster(s) to the GMHL Executive Committee which will in turn distribute the rosters to the remaining member Associations.

By-Law 8: Minimum Roster Size and Supplemental Players-call ups

As a minimum, **A** teams must ice thirteen (13) skaters plus one (1) goalie in all levels of league play. The minimum number of players must be dressed and on the team bench before the start of the second period. Teams without the minimum number of players will forfeit two points to the opposing team. Games will be played to their conclusion with all penalties and suspensions applying as if the minimum number of players participated.

As a minimum, **B** Teams shall have a minimum roster size of eight (8) skaters (forwards and defensemen) and one (1) goaltender. Teams may employ supplemental players up to their original roster size.

Use of Supplemental Players shall adhere to the following rules:

1. Teams may carry as many goaltenders on a regular roster basis as they desire (permanent members of a team). Teams may employ supplemental goaltenders (goaltenders not on the regular roster) up to a maximum of two (2) goaltenders per game in total. Where a supplemental goaltender is added to a roster, that goaltender shall not be permitted to play more than one half of the game.
2. Teams may utilize supplemental players from the **same division, or one division lower** than their home division.
3. All supplemental players (including goaltenders) shall be of equivalent capability and skill level of the players they are replacing. **Associations will endeavor to ensure equal opportunity is provided to all members of its Association to fulfill a supplemental role, and avoid excessive use of a limited number of players for the supplemental role(s) when needed to ensure Fair Play and Roster Parity are achieved.**
4. All supplemental, non-roster players (players not associated with the full time or permanent roster of a team) must be on the team bench prior to the start of a game. Non-roster players shall not be permitted to enter a game to supplement a roster after the first period has started.

By-Law 9: Goaltender Deficiency

Where a member Association can demonstrate a deficiency in the goaltender position for a League team(s) for a game, various mechanisms shall be made available to fill the goaltender position. Standard methods shall include:

1. Sharing of member Association goaltenders amongst the member Association's teams within a Division. Under such method, all available goaltenders within the

member Association shall be given equal opportunity to fill the roster position of the deficient team to the greatest extent possible to ensure Fair Play and Roster Parity are achieved.

2. Utilizing Association's goaltenders from an GMHL or Non-Competitive (non Selection based) **one** division lower (U9 into U11, U11 into U13, U13 into U15, U15 into U18). Equal opportunity should be provided to all goaltenders the Association deems capable of competing at the higher division.
3. A member Association may retain the loan of a goaltender from another GMHL Association so long as the (i) loaned goaltender is a participant in the GMHL and not a Competitive or Selection based team (e.g. DJHL), and (ii) the goaltender is from the same division or one division lower. Unless otherwise agreed upon with the board members.
4. If options above cannot be utilized to fill the goaltender roster position, an Association may draw upon goaltenders from one division higher on a temporary emergency basis. The goaltender shall only be drawn from an GMHL or Non-Competitive (non Selection based) team. The Association GMHL Representative shall be notified of such occurrences by their coaches.
5. A member Association team may request the GMHL to permanently utilize a goaltender from **one** division higher for the duration of a season if the Association deems such goaltender shall not unduly affect (improve) the performance of the team relative to the GMHL division in which they participate. The GMHL Operating Committee shall consider such matters and take a vote to approve such a request.

By-Law 10: Regular Season and Schedule

The League shall hold a Regular Season for each division. Each regular season for the A divisions shall nominally consist of approximately 24 regular season games and approximately 18 regular season games for House League. eighteen (15) games – (20) games for House League teams. The number of games may vary based on yearly restrictions.

To the greatest extent practical, and where possible, all teams shall play each other an equal number of times during a regular season; but this shall not be mandated. Each team will be afforded, to the greatest extent possible, an equal number of home games and away games.

Each member Association shall provide ice time to host home games for each of its member teams on a **weekly** basis. Each member Association shall provide one 1.5 hours of ice time for a home game (A) and 1 hour for a home game (B) for each team entered into the League, and have sufficient ice time to afford each team 50 percent (one half) of its games as home games throughout the regular season.

Home teams shall be responsible for providing timekeepers, officials, and scorers for the game. Member Associations shall be responsible for ensuring game officials and timekeepers are qualified as to credentials, age, size and relationship to players in the game being officiated.

Home teams shall be responsible for emailing the League administrator with game results and an attachment of an image of the score sheet as expeditiously as possible at the conclusion of the games.

By-Law 11: Regular Season Seeding

At the end of one round of play, the "B" divisions shall be tiered if necessary.

At the end of each Regular Season schedule, a Play-Off round shall be held involving all teams in each division..

The Operating Committee shall, for each division, segregate the teams in appropriate Tiers for play-off purposes where possible. Segregation shall be based on the ranking of the teams based on points achieved during the Regular Season schedule (that is, the final League Standings). Where there is a tie amongst two or more teams, the following tie-breaking rules shall be employed to seed teams into their respective Tiers:

- I) The first tie-breaker shall be Total Points. In a situation where teams have not played the same number of games, there will be a calculation for points based on average points per game.
- II) The second tie-breaker shall be Most Wins
- III) If two teams are still tied after I and II have been applied then the team with the best goal average gains the higher position.

By-Law 12: Application of Associations

Other minor hockey associations wishing to enter association based teams in the League must file a letter of application with the League Operating Committee prior to August 15th of the year in which the team requests entry.

The letter of application is to include a list of available ice time and the division of entry for the team. Applications are for one season only. Applications will be considered by the Operating Committee for entry into the League. Teams will be accepted with a two-thirds majority vote of the associations competing in the division in which entry is sought.

By-Law 13: Uniforms

Each member team shall have at minimum one (1) distinct jersey uniform that adheres to HNL and

Hockey Canada requirements. Member Associations shall submit the primary color of team jerseys to the Operating Committee for posting on the League website.

For games during which both Home and Visiting teams have a common jersey color, it is the responsibility of the **home team** to change uniforms to eliminate a conflict.

By-Law 14: League Website

The League will operate a publicly accessible website where schedules, game results, and standings shall be maintained. The League website shall be considered the primary means of communicating aspects of the League operation to its member teams (players, parents, coaches).

By-Law 15: Schedule Modifications

All modifications of the GMHL schedule, including cancellations, shall only be permitted and executed by the Operations Committee. Individual Associations wishing to modify the schedule must do so by contacting their GMHL representative who in turn will propose such modifications to the impacted team(s). Only when consent has been reached amongst the impacted teams to the satisfaction of the Operations Committee shall the proposed modifications be implemented

Rules

Objectives:

The objectives of the GMHL rules are to stipulate additions, deviations, or clarifications from standard Hockey Newfoundland Labrador (HNL) rules and regulations for the purposes of play. Unless mentioned herein, HNL rules shall govern. It is the responsibility of the member Associations, its Coaches, and its Officials, to fully understand and adhere to the Rules of the League.

It is recommended that all players and parents be familiar with the Rules of the League.

Rule 1: Amendments to Playing Rules

A minimum of 7 days Notice is required for a meeting where an amendment to the Playing Rules will be discussed and voted upon. The agenda for the meeting and the proposed amendment must be provided at least 3 days in advance of the meeting.

All proposed amendments to the Playing Rules will require a greater than 50% majority vote of the Operating Committee members in attendance at the meeting where the vote is taking place.

Rule 2: League Play

The League will play both a regular season and a playoff in each division. Note the number of games may change slightly each season depending on specific circumstances for that particular season.

A playoff series, as described in Rule 11, will follow the regular season.

Rule 3: Game Duration

In the U13A and U15A divisions there will be (3 x 15 min periods). All other divisions there will be (3 x 10 minute periods.)

Under no circumstances will any subsequent game be affected by the shortage of time from the previous game. No additional time can be added to the game clock at the conclusion of the game.

Rule 4: Violation of League Rules and By-Laws

An observed violation of the GMHL Rules or By-Laws shall be reviewed by the Operating Committee once a written description of the violation is presented to the Eastern Coordinator in writing (via email or meeting) by the member Association's GMHL voting representative **within one week of the observed violation, or prior to the next game of the violating team, whichever occurs first.** The Operating Committee will review the statement of violation and determine what further action shall be taken. Such action may include, but not be limited to:

1. Dismissing the statement of violation if insufficient supporting evidence or documentation is available
2. Investigating with officials
3. Discussing with coaches present when violation occurred
4. Reviewing game sheet as it is the only official document
5. If Violation is proven the game result will be posted 5-0 against team

Note there is no time limit or schedule under which the Operating Committee shall provide a ruling as sufficient time may be required to investigate the purported violation.

Rule 5: Suspensions

The onus shall be on **Coaches** to understand the GMHL rules and guidelines.

Players and coaches in the League are subject to the HNL Suspension Guidelines as the basis for suspensions. Fights incurred during an GMHL sanctioned game shall be managed as per the most recent edition of the Fighting Rules as per HNL Website. In addition to the HNL Suspension Guidelines, the GMHL League adds the next two (2) consecutive GMHL games following the infraction.

Any disciplinary matters (suspension, gross misconduct, match penalty) occurring during a game are to be reported immediately to the Associations GMHL representatives by the game referee and/ or coach including a copy of the game sheet. The GMHL representative will then report to the Operating Committee for action. The GMHL Committee reserves the right to increase the length of any suspension delivered by HNL. The GMHL chairman will contact the President of the penalized player association with their decision.

Serving suspensions that carry beyond the end of the playoffs will be addressed by the Operating Committee.

Any additional game suspensions added by the GMHL to Hockey NL's suspension must be served in GMHL games only. The GMHL Committee reserves the right to suspend a coach who knowingly uses a suspended player. The game will be defaulted, and the game result will be recorded as 5-0 against the offending team.

The onus is on Coaches to ensure all rules of the GMHL are adhered to, and that all players on the game sheet participating in the game are permitted to play and are not currently under suspension.

Any Coach who violates the Rules and By-Laws of the GMHL regardless of intent or awareness shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. Two (2) game suspension for first offense. Under the suspension the subject Coach shall not be permitted to enter the dressing room or bench area of their team during GMHL games in which the suspension is active.

2. A second offense shall be subject to a four (4) games suspension. Under the suspension the subject Coach shall not be permitted to enter the dressing room or bench area of their team during GMHL games in which the suspension is active.
3. A third offense shall result in temporary suspension of the Coach until such time as the offense can be brought to the attention of the GMHL Operating Committee for review. The Committee shall assess the nature of the offense and assess an appropriate course of action.

Rule 6: Penalties

Teams found to be in violation of By-Law 8 shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. The Coach shall be subject to suspension as per Rule 5 of the GMHL Rules and Regulations
2. In the event the offending team won the game, the opposing team shall be awarded the victory and two (2) points in the standings. The score will be posted 5-0.

Rule 7: Tie Games for Playoffs

Regular season games ending in a tie shall remain a tie and one (1) point shall be awarded each team in the standings. There shall be no tie-breaker applied for regular season games.

Elimination Play-off games shall have a tie-breaker applied if they end in a tie. Playoff games ending in a tie shall be subject to a tie-breaker as follows:

- 1) A shoot-out. The shootout shall be a three (3) man shootout with most goals scored determining the winner. Players who are in the penalty box at the end of the overtime shall be permitted to participate in the shoot-out.
- 3) If the teams are still tied at the end of the three (3) man shoot-out, the shoot-out shall continue on a shot-by-shot basis until a winning goal is scored. No member of a team shall be permitted to shoot twice until all skaters on the roster have shot.
- 4) The home team decides what team will shoot first

Rule 8: Defaults

Minimum requirements for a sanctioned GMHL game are as per By-Law 8 or the game will be recorded as a default with a score of 5 - 0 against the offending team.

The **minimum** number of players must be dressed and on the team bench before the start of the first period. Teams without the minimum number of players will forfeit two points to the opposing team. Defaulted games may be played to their conclusion if all required officials are present. All

penalties and suspensions shall apply as if the minimum number of players participated. Regular roster players will be prohibited from entering a game after the start of the second period.

In the event that an individual team defaults an GMHL game, the defaulting team's Association shall incur all game expenses (Ice Time, Officials & Time Keepers) associated with making up the defaulted game. Make Up games must be played in a timely manner, in the defaulting team's rink or a mutually agreed upon location.

Rule 9: Ice Time Allocation

The coaching staff of each GMHL team shall ensure that its players receive, to the greatest extent possible, equal ice time allocation during an individual game. Power Plays and Penalty Kill events are **not** exempt from the equal ice time allocation principle (i.e. specialty PP and PK units shall not be employed).

Goaltenders shall play an equal allocation of ice time during each game.

Rule 10: Time Outs

Time Outs are not permitted during an GMHL Regular season game. Teams are responsible for ensuring player changes are expedited after play stoppage, and at the end of periods. Officials may issue delay of game warnings if at any time teams are not ready for commencement of play as so determined by the game officials.

Rule 11: Schedules

Each team will play a schedule of approximately 15-20 games per season, the A division teams will play about 24 games. There may be some variation depending upon the number of teams per division, and the overall duration of the hockey season. Team schedules shall be balanced to the greatest extent possible.

Establishing the League regular season and playoff schedule will be the responsibility of the Operations Committee. The League schedule will be posted to the League website and maintained regularly.

The objective of the League regular season schedule is to minimize the number of schedule conflicts on a weekly basis. Each association will provide one (1) weekly game time slot for every association based team participating in the League.

Rule 12: Play-Offs

For the Play-off segment, each division shall be divided into Tiers when possible, for the purposes of managing the number of teams and games involved (i.e. Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3). All teams in the GMHL shall participate in the play-offs.

All play off series will be a best 2 out of 3 game format. Home ice will go to the higher seeded team therefore, game 1 and game 3 (if required) will be on home ice.

Divisions with greater than 4 teams may have a “play in” round to decide the team that joins playoffs. Play in round will be a round robin, at the end of which teams will be selected to participate in the playoffs.

Fairplay

Games are to be coached based on the principle of equal opportunity for all players. Coaches are expected to roll their lines in all 5 on 5 situations and to continue to rotate players in all special teams (penalty kill and power play) situations. All players are to be given the opportunity to play in all game situations.

Tie Games

If there is a tie game in the playoffs, a three player shootout will take place to determine the winner. Any player that was penalized at the end of the game is eligible to shoot. If the shootout is not decided after three shooters then the team must continue on a sudden victory basis. No player can shoot twice until all eligible players have taken a shot. If a team has two goaltenders dressed, then it is the coaches' prerogative which one they want to use for the shoot out.

Medals

Medals are to be presented by coaches to their own teams.

Rule 13: Play-Off Seeding

Play-Off seeding shall be determined by points gained during Regular season play. In the event of a tie in the Regular season standings between two or more teams, the GMHL shall use By-Law 11 to seed teams for Playoff purposes. If teams have not all played the same amount of games, there will be a calculation of points per games played.

Rule 14: Tie Breaking Procedure for Playoff Elimination Games

Tie Breaking Sequence If two or more teams are tied at the conclusion of games, then the following procedure will be used to determine the final ranking before the semi-final and final games are played.

In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

If two teams are tied:

If two or more teams are tied at the conclusion of a round robin series, then the following procedure will be used to determine the final ranking before the semi-final (if applicable) and final games are played.

In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

1. 1.1 The winner of the round robin game between the two tied teams gains the higher position
2. 1.2 The team with the most wins in the round robin gains the higher position
3. 1.3 If the two teams are still tied after 1.1 and 1.2 have been applied then the team with the best goal average gains the higher position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for and against.

Note: All round robin games are included

Example: 10 Goals For 4 Goals Against

Percentage $10 \div (10 + 4) = .714$

10+4

Note: The higher percentage gains the higher position

1. 1.4 If two teams are still tied after 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round robin games gains the higher position.
2. 1.5 If the two teams are still tied after 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 have been applied, then the team which scored the first goal in the game between the tied teams gains the higher position.
3. 1.6 If the two teams are still tied after 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the higher position.

Three or More Teams Tied

Note: The three-team tiebreaker is used to determine the seedling of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd seeds. If any step in the tiebreaker only seeds one team, that team assumes that position. The three-team tiebreaker will continue to determine the seeding of the two remaining teams. At no time will teams using this formula go back to the two-team tiebreaker.

If three or more teams are tied, the point record established in the game among the tied teams only will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which teams shall advance.

1. 2.1 The team with the most wins would gain the highest position.
2. 2.2 If the teams are still tied after 2.1 has been applied, then the team with the best goal

average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against

Note: All round robin games are included

Example: 10 Goals For 4 Goals Against

Percentage 10 _____ = .714

10+4

Note: The highest percentage gains the highest position(s)

The exercise of 2.2 establishes the team or teams with highest position(s) by percentage. These teams will advance. If there are still teams tied, they go to the next step. They do not go back to the "Two Team Tie Breaker".

Example:

- 1. Team A- .714 = 1 seed—Advances
Team B- .500 = 3 seed—Does not Advance
Team C- .650 = 2 seed—Advances
- 2. Team A- .714 = 1 seed—Advances
Team B- .500 = Still tied with Team C—Go to next step 2.3
Team C- .500 = Still tied with Team B—Go to next step 2.3
- 3. Team A- .650 = Still tied with Team B—Go to next step 2.3
Team B- .650 = Still tied with Team A—Go to next step 2.3
Team C- .500 = Does Not Advance
- 1. 2.3 If teams are still tied after 2.1 and 2.2 the team(s) with the fewest goals against (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position
- 2. 2.4 If teams are still tied after 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 the team(s) with the most goals for (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position(s)
- 3. 2.5 If teams are still tied after 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 have been applied, the team to qualify would be the team(s) that received the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all the round robin games
- 4. 2.6 If teams are still tied after 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 have been applied, a coin toss shall determine the winner. In a 3 team coin toss, the odd team gains the highest position

Rule 15: Standings

League standings for each division shall be posted on the League website. Points shall be

awarded as follows:

Win	Two (2) Points
Tie	One (1) Point
Loss	Zero (0) Points

Teams shall be ranked in the standings in the order of maximum points to least points. Final ranking of tied teams shall be via By-Law 11. No other tie breaking mechanism shall be employed.