

# MEMO



## **SUBJECT: 2008-2009 PLAYOFF HOCKEY RULES FOR COACHES, PLAYERS AND PARENTS**

*March, 2009,*

1. Coaches are to hand in their lineups for the game prior to the start of the game. Each team's lineup should be legible and include names and sweater numbers.
2. **Playoff Series**:- All series will be a 2 games total points series. In each of the 2 games 1 point will be awarded for a tie and 2 points will be awarded for a win. If at the end of the 2 games the teams are tied in points then overtime will take place (see rules 2.a through 2.c).
  - a. **Sudden Death Overtime**:- The sudden death overtime will work the same for all divisions. There will be 2 shifts of 2 minutes each. A buzzer will sound to signal the end of each shift. The first shift will have 4 players vs. 4 players. If no one scores then a second shift will take place with 3 players vs. 3 players. No player can play more than 1 shift in the overtime. A goal at any time ends the game. After that, if required, a sudden death shootout will occur.
  - b. **Sudden Death Shootout**:- The referees will toss a coin to determine which teams goes first. The team lower in the final standings will call the flip. Should one team have a shorter bench than the other, the shooters from the shorter bench will be the last two shooters until all players from both teams have taken their shots. If the game is still undecided, then both teams start again at the top of their lineups.
  - c. **Submitting Players' Names for the Overtime**:- In order to ensure a smooth sudden death situation, coaches are asked to submit the players' names for the overtime - the seven names according to their shifts, along with a separate list of the shootout shooters in order of appearance. These lists, which are to be legible and include the player's name and sweater number, must be handed in prior to the start of the third period. Referees will be advised to hand out delay of game penalties should these lists not be given in on a timely basis.
3. **Minimum Number of Players**:-
  - a. For Tyke, Minor Novice and Novice all teams must have a minimum of 11 players (10 skaters and a goalie). Any less and it is an automatic default.
  - b. For Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget, all teams must have a minimum of 8 players (7 skaters and a goalie). Any less and it is an automatic default.
4. For Tyke, Minor Novice, Novice, and Atom, the three goal rule which was in place for the regular season still applies. Should overtime be required, the three goal rule will be waived, thereby allowing any player to score in the overtime.



5. Referees will be looking at equipment, including sweaters, socks and, in particular, mouth guard infractions and strictly enforcing them.
6. Players and coaches are advised that games may begin as early as ten minutes before the announced time. Teams must be ready to play or a default will occur.
7. The equal ice time rule which was in effect during the regular season will be strictly enforced during the playoffs.
8. When an injury takes place in the game that causes the referee to either stop the play or delay the game at a stoppage in play, then the injured player must leave the ice surface. The replacement player must be a player from the next shift playing the same position (i.e. Forward or Defence). That player stays on for the remaining portion of the shift and for that player's regular shift.
9. The goalie may only be pulled in the last shift (final two minutes) of the game. The replacement player may be any player from your bench. Should the goalie be re-inserted into the game, then the player who went on for the goalie must return to the bench.
10. If a player is ejected from the second game due to a game misconduct or gross misconduct, then that player will be allowed to participate in the overtime should it take place. However, if the player receives a match penalty or any other type of penalty which calls for more than a one game suspension, that player will not participate in the overtime period.
11. Coaches are reminded that while the League understands that playoffs are a time of excitement, proper behaviour is to be demonstrated at all times by players, parents and coaches.

---

If you have any questions regarding the above please feel free to call the league office (416 398 3825) and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** You may contact either [steven.gryfe@avenueroadhockey.on.ca](mailto:steven.gryfe@avenueroadhockey.on.ca) or the registrar at [arha-registrar@sympatico.ca](mailto:arha-registrar@sympatico.ca) if you have any questions.