

ALLIANCE HOCKEY

55 Lorne Ave, Unit #4
Stratford, Ontario N5A 6S4
Tel (519) 273-7209
Fax (519) 273-2114
www.alliancehockey.com



ALLIANCE HOCKEY BULLETIN

ID: 25-037

Date: February 3, 2026

To: ALLIANCE Hockey Representative Member Associations

Re: ALLIANCE Hockey Playdowns & Playoffs 2025-26

1. PLAYDOWN/PLAYOFF PROCEDURES – SCHEDULING & CONTRACTS

- The Office will enter the Playdown/Playoff matchups in The1DB.
- The Ice Schedulers are responsible for completing their Playdown/Playoff contracts and entering their home game date, time and arena information in The1DB. Typically, the Ice Scheduler with home-ice advantage initiates the contract.
- All Playdown/Playoff contracts must be submitted to [Jill White](#) and [Chad Houben](#).

Officials are assigned and remunerated by the Home Association except as noted below.

2. PLAYDOWN FINAL SERIES

Assigning:

- For **U12, U13, U14 AAA, AA, A and U15 AA, A**: Playdown Final Series only, all Officials (Referees & Linespersons) are assigned by the ALLIANCE Hockey Office (Chad Houben).
- For **U15 AAA, U16 & U18 AAA, AA, A**: Playdown Final Series, the ALLIANCE Hockey Office (Chad Houben) will assign the Referees only and the Home Association will assign the Linespersons.

Playdown Final Series:

	U12 AAA, AA, A	U13 AAA, AA, AA	U14 AAA, AA, A	U15 AA, A
	ASSIGNOR			
REFEREES	ALLIANCE - CHAD			
LINESPERSONS	ALLIANCE - CHAD			

	U15 AAA	U16 AAA, AA, A	U18 AAA, AA, A
	ASSIGNOR		
REFEREES	ALLIANCE - CHAD	ALLIANCE - CHAD	ALLIANCE - CHAD
LINESPERSONS	HOME ASSOCIATION	HOME ASSOCIATION	HOME ASSOCIATION

Assignor: [Chad Houben](#)

- Cell Phone (519) 801-8372
- Office Phone (519) 273-7209 x3
- It is especially important that Final Series contracts are submitted to Chad at least two days before the first game.
- Cancellation of any game (whether due to inclement weather or the end of a Series) is to be communicated to Chad as soon as possible once a decision to cancel has been made or a series has ended. (Note: we do not want to

send referees out of town if they are not required, especially during poor weather conditions.) Associations will be liable for the cost of Officials in cases where games are cancelled without sufficient notice.

- U13 AAA, AA and A hockey} all games must be scheduled with the three-official system.

Remuneration:

- Officials will be remunerated by ALLIANCE Hockey for both mileage and game fees upon completion of each Final Series (please allow up to two weeks for processing).
- Associations will then be invoiced for the fees (including the breakdown of the mileage and game fees) upon completion of the Championships.

Exception: Remuneration of U15 AAA, U16 & U18 AAA, AA, A Linespersons is the responsibility of the Home Association.

Timekeepers

- Timekeepers/scorekeepers shall be assigned and remunerated by the Home Association.

3. U16 AAA & U18 AAA PLAY-IN GAMES, QUARTER-FINAL & SEMI-FINAL PLAYDOWN SERIES

Assigning:

- Only the Referees will be assigned by the ALLIANCE Hockey Office (Chad Houben) and the Home Association will assign the Linespersons.
- All games will be scheduled with the four-official system.
- All playdown games will be supervised.
- It is especially important that Series contracts are submitted to Chad at least two days before the first game.
- Cancellation of any game (whether due to inclement weather or the end of a Series) is to be communicated to Chad as soon as possible once a decision to cancel has been made or a series has ended. (Note: we do not want to send referees out of town if they are not required, especially during poor weather conditions.) Associations will be liable for the cost of Referees in cases where games are cancelled without sufficient notice.

Remuneration

- All Referees will be remunerated by ALLIANCE Hockey for both mileage and game fees upon completion of each Series.
- Associations will then be invoiced for the Referee fees (including the breakdown of the mileage and game fees) upon completion of the Championships.
- Remuneration of Linespersons is the responsibility of the Home Association.

Timekeepers

- Timekeepers/scorekeepers shall be assigned and remunerated by the Home Association.

4. PLAYOFFS - ALL SERIES

- The assigning and remuneration of the Referees, Linespersons and timekeepers/scorekeepers is the responsibility of the Home Association.
- All U15 & U16 AAA games must be scheduled with the four-official system.

5. OVERTIME, TIMEOUTS, TIE-BREAKERS

LINK: [9.11.9 Overtime in a Playdown Series](#)

LINK: [9.12 Timeouts](#)

LINK: [9.8 Tie-breakers](#)

- There is **NO** overtime in Round Robin play.
- Overtime procedure must be indicated on the Series Contract.

- **U18 AAA Shootout & U18 Mercy Rule** do not apply to Playdowns or Playoffs as all games must be played to their entirety, and the overtime rule must be followed.

6. OFFICIATING SUPERVISORS & NO-SHOWS

All active Supervisors are to have their equipment with them in the event of a no-show.

LINK: [10.4 Procedures when On-Ice Officials do not show for Games](#)

7. IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

LINK: [2026 Playdown/Playoff Contract template](#)

The contract template is available in the SharePoint Structure folder} click on the document, download it and save it on your computer.

Note: Contracts may be modified to satisfy the scheduling requirements among the Associations involved, without removing any of the required information.

8. PLAYDOWN / PLAYOFF CHARTS

All teams are expected to play through March Break as per Rep Council.

AAA:

LINK: [AAA PLAYDOWN/PLAYOFF CHARTS](#)

U10 & U11: Standard game lengths: 10-15-15, No OT, games may finish in a tie

U12: Contract required for Round Robin, No OT in Round Robin, Game length: 10-15-B-15

U13: Contract required for Round Robin, No OT in Round Robin, Game lengths: RR: 10-15-B-15, SF/F: 15-15-F-15

U14: Contract required for Round Robin, No OT in Round Robin, Game length:15-15-F-15

U15: Four-official system, Contract required for Round Robin, No OT in Round Robin, Game length:15-15-F-15

U16: Four-official system, Contract required for Round Robin, No OT in Round Robin

U18: Four-official system

AA/A:

LINK: [AA & A PLAYDOWN CHARTS](#)

U13: Three-official system

Any questions may be directed through the usual channels of communication.

Best of luck to everyone in the Post-Season!