

Westwood Pub P.G. Recreation Hockey League

2024 Playoff Information Notice:

Below you will find the playoff formats for the 2024 playoffs. The executive met on March 5, 2024, and reviewed the standings and results from games played. The executive has the responsibility to decide on matchups and is responsible for making the decisions based on what they believe the best possible parity would be.

Scheduling: League admin. will start posting some of the playoff schedule for the first few days onto the web site sometime after March 18, 2024, and the rest ASAP. Because we need to have matchups finalized for some divisions, I may not be able to post the entire schedule until after March 28, 2024.

I will not be sending out another notice, it is every team's responsibility to look on the web site for their schedule. Once the entire preliminary round is scheduled it will be posted to team snap. Trophy presentations for the regular season champions will be done on the ice at the conclusion of the 1st place team's second or third game. Trophy presentations for the playoffs will take place at the conclusion of the final game.

Scheduling requests: If your team has scheduling requests for the round robin portion of the playoffs you can submit those to League admin@recsms.com by no later than midnight Friday March 15, 2024. There are no guarantees we can grant any playoff scheduling request. There are lots of factors and a short period of time to play the games. We will do what we can to accommodate any requests.

Dates and Format: The 2024 playoffs begin on Monday April 1, 2024, and will end Saturday April 13, 2024. Depending on the format for your division, semi-finals if required would be Wednesday April 10, 24 or Thursday April 11, 24. Finals will be played Friday April 12, 24 or Saturday April 13, 24. These are tentative dates as we await the final allocation of Kopar and CN center from the city. Rec A Div 1 and 2 will play their round robin games the first week and the 3rd and final game if required will be Saturday April 6, 2024

Game Timing and procedures:

- There are no shootouts in the playoff games.
- **Tie Games:** There will be a five-minute stop time sudden death overtime period played 4 on 4 if teams are tied at the conclusion of regulation time. Each team will receive a single point and if the game is decided in the overtime the winning team will get 2 points. The 2 points will be displayed as a shootout win (SOW) on the website. If a goal is not scored in the sudden death period, the game will remain a tie in the standings. **(exceptions for tie games)**
- **Exceptions to ties:** For Rec A div 1 and 2 round robin and all semifinals and Finals every game must be decided. If at the end of regulation, there is a tie teams will change ends. 20 minutes will be put on the clock and run stop time. The teams will play 5 on 5 sudden death until a winner is determined. **A flood will be required if there is no winner after the first 20-minute overtime.**
- All games including Semifinals and finals will be timed and played the same as regular season prior to February 11, 2024, **1 hour 30-minute format.** The last 5 minutes of the 3rd is stop time with no floods. The officials at their discretion can ask to have the clock stopped at any time during the game if there is a long delay due to and injury or other reason.
- Teams that are delaying the game to gain advantage in the 3rd period could be penalized for delay of game.
- Teams may not use spare players in the playoffs no exceptions!

Player and Goaltender eligibility and applications:

- **Non-Roster Goalie applications:** Teams in an emergency may use spare goalies. Teams may only use goalies approved on the spare list for your division. See detailed rules for using spare goalies under “playoff Criteria... (below). Violation of the spare player and spare goalie rules will result in a default and fine for the offending team.
- **Individuals Playing on 2 teams:** A player who has played at least 10 regular season games with each team and is division appropriate may play on more than 1 team in different divisions. **An individual may not play on 2 teams in the same division.** No exception to the 10-game minimum will be granted to allow a player to play on a second team.
- **Player Eligibility:** A team may not use a player in a playoff game that has played less than 10 games for their team unless they apply in writing to the league and receive permission from the league. (See criteria for application below) To apply you must email league admin at admin@recsms.com and give the reasons you believe that the player should be permitted to play.
You must apply for permission before midnight on Friday March 15, 2024.
- If a team uses a player that is not eligible to play, they will receive an automatic default for that game and be fined, no exceptions.

Playoff Criteria for allowing players with less than 10 games

- A team can **apply** for a player that has played 6 to 9 games
- If the player was eligible to play in the 2023 playoffs for that team.
- Played at the beginning of the season and was injured or has played at least 3 other seasons with the team and was injured last season.
- A team may apply for a player with less than 6 games if the player was eligible to play in the playoffs with that team for the previous 2 playoffs (2022, 2023). This will only be considered if there are very special circumstances. (injury or medical condition)
- If a player does not meet these criteria you may apply to have the player participate if they have played 7, 8, or 9 games. A player applied for under these circumstances would likely only be permitted to play in a playoff game if the team has less than 10 skaters and a goalie.
- Once an application is received the league president will review the application and decide then notify the team in writing prior to their first game.
- A team may not apply for any player added to the team with less than 10 games remaining.
- **Goaltenders** are exempt from the 10-game rule, **but your team must apply to use any goaltender** that has not played 10 games with your team during the regular season.
- A team may apply for a goaltender after the deadline but should apply 24 hours prior to the game that they need the goaltender to play. Do not apply to use a goaltender that is not considered the proper skill level for your division. If you apply after the deadline, you must make every effort to get a spare goalie that plays in your division, or a division below your level.
- **Tie Breaking:** If after the round robin there is a tie between teams, the Tie Breaking Formula used to decide final placement for teams tied in points after the round robin is listed in the [League Manual November 2022 Section Two Rules and discipline](#) on Page 12 / 13

Playoff Formats by Division: All dates listed are tentative and subject to change.

Masters A Division Div. (5 Team Format)

Lakewood Dental has agreed to opt out of the playoffs.

The remaining 5 teams will play a round robin.

MA Div. will play a 5 team 4 game) round robin then first and second place based on points after the RR will play in the final either Friday April 12, or Saturday April 13, 2024. (If there is a tie after the round robin the tie breaker formula will be used)

MB Div. (5 Team Format)

MB will play a 5 team (4 game) round robin then first and second place based on points after the RR will play in the final either Thursday April 11 or Friday April 12, 2024. (If there is a tie after the round robin the tie breaker formula will be used)

Masters Div. (4 Team format)

Masters Div. will play a 4 team (3 game) round robin then first and second place based on points after the RR will play in the final Friday April 12, 2024. (If there is a tie after the round robin the tie breaker formula will be used)

Rec A Division 1 (2 Team format)

Anytime Fitness Rhinos / BHL CPA, CBIG North Stars

Rec A Division 1 will play a 2 team best of 3. Game 1 will be Tuesday April 2, 2024, Game 2 will be Friday April 5, 24 and Game 3 if necessary, will be Saturday April 6, 2024 Location and times to be determined.

RA Div. 2 (2 team Format)

The Grey wolves Vs Panago

Rec A Division 2 will play a 2 team best of 3. Game 1 will be Tuesday April 2, 2024, Game 2 will be Friday April 5, 24 and Game 3 if necessary, will be Saturday April 6, 2024 Location and times to be determined.

Rec. B Division. 1 (Top 5 Teams using standings as of Monday March 18, 2024)

Rec B Div 1 will play a 5 team (4 game) round robin then first and second place based on points after the RR will play in the final either Friday April 12 or Saturday April 13, 2024. (If there is a tie after the round robin the tie breaker formula will be used)

Rec. B Division. 2 (Bottom 5 Teams using standings as of Monday March 18, 2024)

Rec B Div 2 will play a 5 team (4 game) round robin then first and second place based on points after the RR will play in the final either Friday April 12 or Saturday April 13, 2024. (If there is a tie after the round robin the tie breaker formula will be used)

Rec C Div. 1 (5 Teams)

Rec C Div. 1 will play a 5 team 4 game) round robin then first and second place based on points after the RR will play in the final either Friday April 12, or Saturday April 13, 2024. (If there is a tie after the round robin the tie breaker formula will be used)

RC Div. 2 (5 team Format)

Rec C Div. 2 will play a 5 team 4 game) round robin then first and second place based on points after the RR will play in the final either Friday April 12, or Saturday April 13, 2024. (If there is a tie after the round robin the tie breaker formula will be used)

Rec. D Division (7 Teams) Modified Round Robin

Using Final Regular season standings 1st through 7th in RD. will play a 3 game, 6-team modified round robin with the following draw, **not necessarily in this order.**

1st plays 7-6- buy 3 to 0 win

2nd plays 6-7-5

3rd plays 7-5-4

4th plays 6-5-3

5th plays 4-3-2

6th plays 4-2-1

7th plays 3-2-1

Semi Finals Based on total points from the round robin:

(If there is a tie after the round robin the tie breaker formula will be used)

Tentative Dates for Semifinals and Finals:

Semi Finals either Wednesday April 10, Thursday April 11, or Friday April 12, 2024.

1st plays 4th and 2nd plays 3rd

Winners of semifinals will advance, to the RD Final Saturday April 13, 2024