

GHA PLAY-OFF FORMAT FOR 2011 / 2012 SEASON

The play-off format was designed again this year to allow a reasonably equitable three game round robin format for each level and to include some level of fairness so that all teams have some opportunity of winning (the automatic first versus last scenario as an overall match-up format is discouraged).

Teams may have multiple games in one day and/or one weekend or may play during the week days due to the time available for round robin games. Splits may vary dependent on standings at year end.

We have 19 levels and 225 teams (including Juvenile) suggested splits have been determined at the Presidents meeting Feb. 2012.

	Division 1	Division 2
Novice A:	13	
B:	14	12
C:	13	
Atom A:	11	
B:	11	10
C:	8	
Peewee A:	10	
B:	12	8
C:	7	
Bantam A:	13	
B:	12	12
Midget A:	15	
B:	16	14
Juvenile B:	14	

In order to make several levels work we will have to use "Byes" but this will only be for a game, not a complete series. The Bye team would receive a score of 1-0, two points and 0 penalties.

Similar to past seasons, all levels with more than 16 teams (i.e. 17 teams or more) will be split in two. Accordingly, there will be a Division I Championship Pool and a Division II Championship Pool. The split will be divided within the divisions dependent on the number of teams and the decided format voted on at the Presidents meeting in February of the current season. Where there are split divisions in regular season, the top teams from each division will be in Division 1 and the remaining teams from each division will be in Division II. Where there is an odd number of teams in a division, the "Bye" team will always come from the larger division.

A team's placement in quarter and semi-finals will be determined at the Presidents meeting in February of the current year and teams will be placed accordingly regardless of whether they played each other during round robin.

The guideline for having quarterfinals is **11** or more teams at a level. For Divisions with 14 or more teams the quarters will involve 8 teams in 4 games. For Divisions with 11, 12, or 13 teams the quarters will involve the 3rd to 6th place teams determined during the round robin.

There will be no on ice presentations except during Final games.

PLAYOFF FORMATS BY LEVEL:

Novice A: 13 teams - first place team overall gets a bye (1-0 score) 2 points for their first game, they would play two games while all others play three. Top 6 teams advance as follows: 1st and 2nd place teams advance to the Semi-Finals, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th place teams advance to Quarter Finals.

1 vs. bye, 6, 10
2 vs. 5, 8, 11
3 vs. 4, 9, 12
4 vs. 3, 10, 13
5 vs. 2, 7, 11
6 vs. 1, 8, 12
7 vs. 5, 9, 13
8 vs. 2, 6, 13
9 vs. 3, 7, 12
10 vs. 1, 4, 11
11 vs. 2, 5, 10
12 vs. 3, 6, 9
13 vs. 4, 7, 8

Quarter Final

Q1: 3rd vs. 6th
Q2: 4th vs. 5th

Semi-Final

S1 winner of Q1 vs 2nd place
S2 winner of Q2 vs 1st place

Novice B: Division 1 – 14 Teams - No bye is necessary. Two divisions of four teams and 1 division of 6 teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from Division A and Division B, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from Division C and a wildcard advance to Quarter Finals. The wildcard will be determined as follows: the highest ranked team of the remaining 7 teams.

Division A: 1a, 4b, 5a, 7b

1a vs 4b, 5a, 7b
4b vs 1a, 5a, 7b
5a vs 1a, 4b, 7b
7b vs 1a, 4b, 5a

Division B: 2b, 3a, 6b, 7a

2b vs 3a, 6b, 7a
3a vs 2b, 6b, 7a
6b vs 2b, 3a, 7a
7a vs 2b, 3a, 6b

Division C: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5b, 6a

1b vs 2a, 4a, 5b
2a vs 1b, 3b, 6a
3b vs 2a, 5b, 6a
4a vs 1b, 5b, 6a

5b vs 1b, 3b, 4a

6a vs 2a, 3b, 4a

Quarter Final

Q1: 1st Division C vs Wildcard

Q2: 2nd Division C vs 1st Division B

Q3: 3rd Division C vs 2nd Division A

Q4: 1st Division A vs 2nd Division B

Semi-Final

S1 Winner Q1 vs Winner Q4

S2 Winner Q2 vs Winner Q3

Novice B: Division 2 - 12 teams - No bye is necessary. Three divisions of four teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from each division advance as follows: 1st and 2nd place overall teams advance to the Semi-Finals, the remaining four teams advance to Quarter Finals.

Division A: 8a, 9b, 11a, 12b

8a vs 9b, 11a, 12b

9b vs 8a, 11a, 12b

11a vs 8a, 9b, 12b

12b vs 8a, 9b, 11a

Division B: 8b, 10a, 11b, 13a

8b vs 10a, 11b, 13a

10a vs 8b, 11b, 13a

11b vs 8b, 10a, 13a

13a vs 8b, 10a, 11b

Division C: 9a, 10b, 12a, 13b

9a vs 10b, 12a, 13b

10b vs 9a, 12a, 13b

12a vs 9a, 10b, 13b

13b vs 9a, 10b, 12a

Quarter Final

Q1: 3rd overall vs 6th overall

Q2: 4th overall vs 5th overall

Semi-Final

S1 winner of Q1 vs 2nd overall

S2 winner of Q2 vs 1st overall

Novice C: 13 teams – 13 teams - first place team overall gets a bye (1-0 score) 2 points for their first game, they would play two games while all others play three. Top 6 teams advance as follows: 1st and 2nd place teams advance to the Semi-Finals, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th place teams advance to Quarter Finals.

1 vs. bye, 6, 10
2 vs. 5, 8, 11
3 vs. 4, 9, 12
4 vs. 3, 10, 13
5 vs. 2, 7, 11
6 vs. 1, 8, 12
7 vs. 5, 9, 13
8 vs. 2, 6, 13
9 vs. 3, 7, 12
10 vs. 1, 4, 11
11 vs. 2, 5, 10
12 vs. 3, 6, 9
13 vs. 4, 7, 8

Quarter Final

Q1: 3rd vs. 6th
Q2: 4th vs. 5th

Semi-Final

S1 winner of Q1 vs 2nd place
S2 winner of Q2 vs 1st place

Atom A: 11 teams – first place team overall gets a bye (1-0 score) 2 points for their first game, they would play two games while all others play three. Top 6 teams advance as follows: 1st and 2nd place teams advance to the Semi-Finals, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th place teams advance to Quarter Finals.

1 vs. bye, 6, 9
2 vs. 4, 7, 10
3 vs. 5, 8, 11
4 vs. 2, 7, 9
5 vs. 3, 8, 10
6 vs. 1, 7, 11
7 vs. 2, 4, 6
8 vs. 3, 5, 10
9 vs. 1, 4, 11
10 vs. 2, 5, 8
11 vs. 3, 6, 9

Quarter Final

Q1: 3rd vs. 6th
Q2: 4th vs. 5th

Semi-Final

S1 winner of Q1 vs 2nd
S2 winner of Q2 vs 1st

Atom B: Division 1 - 11 teams – first place team overall gets a bye (1-0 score) 2 points for their first game, they would play two games while all others play three. Top 6 teams advance as follows: 1st and 2nd place teams advance to the Semi-Finals, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th place teams advance to Quarter Finals.

1b vs bye, 2a, 5a
2b vs 1a, 3b, 4a
3b vs 2b, 4b, 5a
4b vs 2a, 3b, 5a
5b vs 1a, 3a, 6b
6b vs 2a, 4a, 5b
1a vs 2b, 3a, 5b
2a vs 1b, 4b, 6b
3a vs 1a, 4a, 5b
4a vs 2b, 3a, 6b
5a vs 1b, 3b, 4b

Quarter Final

Q1: 3rd vs. 6th

Q2: 4th vs. 5th

Semi-Final

S1 winner of Q1 vs 2nd

S2 winner of Q2 vs 1st

Atom B: Division 2 - 10 teams – no byes necessary. Three game round robin, no Divisions, top four teams advance to Semi-Finals.

6a vs 8b, 9a, 11b
7a vs 7b, 9b, 10a
8a vs 7b, 9b, 10b
9a vs 6a, 8b, 11b
10a vs 7a, 9b, 10b
7b vs 7a, 8a, 10b
8b vs 6a, 9a, 11b
9b vs 7a, 8a, 10a
10b vs 7b, 8a, 10a
11b vs 6a, 8b, 9a

Semi-Final

S1: 1st vs 4th

S2: 2nd vs 3rd

Atom C: 8 teams – No bye is necessary. Two divisions of four teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from each division advance to the Semi-Finals.

Division A: 1, 3, 5, 7

1 vs 3, 5, 7
3 vs 1, 5, 7
5 vs 1, 3, 7
7 vs 1, 3, 5

Division B: 2, 4, 6, 8

2 vs 4, 6, 8

4 vs 2, 6, 8

6 vs 2, 4, 8

8 vs 2, 4, 6

Semi-Final

S1 1st Division A vs 2nd Division B

S2 1st Division B vs 2nd Division A

PeeWee A: 10 teams – no byes necessary. Three game round robin, no Divisions, top four teams advance to Semi-Finals.

1 vs 4, 7, 10

2 vs 3, 5, 8

3 vs 2, 6, 9

4 vs 1, 7, 10

5 vs 2, 6, 8

6 vs 3, 5, 9

7 vs 1, 4, 10

8 vs 2, 5, 9

9 vs 3, 6, 8

10 vs 1, 4, 7

Semi-Final

S1: 1st vs 4th

S2: 2nd vs 3rd

PeeWee B: Division I - 12 teams - No bye is necessary. Three divisions of four teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from each division advance as follows: 1st and 2nd place overall teams advance to the Semi-Finals, the remaining four teams advance to Quarter Finals.

Division A: 1a, 2b, 4a, 5b

1a vs 2b, 4a, 5b

2b vs 1a, 4a, 5b

4a vs 1a, 2b, 5b

5b vs 1a, 2b, 4a

Division B: 1b, 3a, 4b, 6a

1b vs 3a, 4b, 6a

3a vs 1b, 4b, 6a

4b vs 1b, 3a, 6a

6a vs 1b, 3a, 4b

Division C: 2a, 3b, 5a, 6b

2a vs 3b, 5a, 6b

3b vs 2a, 5a, 6b

5a vs 2a, 3b, 6b

6b vs 2a, 3b, 5a

Quarter Final

Q1: 3rd overall vs 6th overall

Q2: 4th overall vs 5th overall

Semi-Final

S1 winner of Q1 vs 2nd overall

S2 winner of Q2 vs 1st overall

PeeWee B: Division 2 - 8 teams – No bye is necessary. Two divisions of four teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from each division advance to the Semi-Finals.

Division A: 7a, 8b, 9a, 10b

7a vs 8b, 9a, 10b

8b vs 7a, 9a, 10b

9a vs 7a, 8b, 10b

10b vs 7a, 8b, 9a

Division B: 7b, 8a, 9b, 10a

7b vs 8a, 9b, 10a

8a vs 7b, 9b, 10a

9b vs 7b, 8a, 10a

10a vs 7b, 8a, 9b

Semi-Final

S1 1st Division A vs 2nd Division B

S2 1st Division B vs 2nd Division A

PeeWee C: 7 teams - first place team overall gets a bye (1-0 score) 2 points for their first game, they would play two games while all others play three. Top four teams advance to Semi-Finals.

1 vs. bye 3, 6

2 vs. 4, 5, 7

3 vs. 1, 6, 7

4 vs. 2, 5, 7

5 vs. 2, 4, 6

6 vs. 1, 3, 5

7 vs. 2, 3, 4

Semi-Final

S1 1st vs 4th

S2 2nd vs 3rd

Bantam A: 13 teams - first place team overall gets a bye (1-0 score) 2 points for their first game, they would play two games while all others play three. Top 6 teams advance as follows: 1st and 2nd place teams advance to the Semi-Finals, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th place teams advance to Quarter Finals.

1 vs. bye, 6, 10
2 vs. 5, 8, 11
3 vs. 4, 9, 12
4 vs. 3, 10, 13
5 vs. 2, 7, 11
6 vs. 1, 8, 12
7 vs. 5, 9, 13
8 vs. 2, 6, 13
9 vs. 3, 7, 12
10 vs. 1, 4, 11
11 vs. 2, 5, 10
12 vs. 3, 6, 9
13 vs. 4, 7, 8

Quarter Final

Q1: 3rd vs. 6th
Q2: 4th vs. 5th

Semi-Final

S1 winner of Q1 vs 2nd place
S2 winner of Q2 vs 1st place

Bantam B: Division 1 - 12 teams - No bye is necessary. Three divisions of four teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from each division advance as follows: 1st and 2nd place overall teams advance to the Semi-Finals, the remaining four teams advance to Quarter Finals.

Division A: 1a, 2b, 4a, 5b

1a vs 2b, 4a, 5b
2b vs 1a, 4a, 5b
4a vs 1a, 2b, 5b
5b vs 1a, 2b, 4a

Division B: 1b, 3a, 4b, 6a

1b vs 3a, 4b, 6a
3a vs 1b, 4b, 6a
4b vs 1b, 3a, 6a
6a vs 1b, 3a, 4b

Division C: 2a, 3b, 5a, 6b

2a vs 3b, 5a, 6b
3b vs 2a, 5a, 6b
5a vs 2a, 3b, 6b
6b vs 2a, 3b, 5a

Quarter Final

Q1: 3rd overall vs 6th overall

Q2: 4th overall vs 5th overall

Semi-Final

S1 winner of Q1 vs 2nd overall

S2 winner of Q2 vs 1st overall

Bantam B: Division 2 - 12 teams - No bye is necessary. Three divisions of four teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from each division advance as follows: 1st and 2nd place overall teams advance to the Semi-Finals, the remaining four teams advance to Quarter Finals.

Division A: 7a, 8b, 10a, 11b

7a vs 8b, 10a, 11b

8b vs 7a, 10a, 11b

10a vs 7a, 8b, 11b

11b vs 7a, 8b, 10a

Division B: 7b, 9a, 10b, 12a

7b vs 9a, 10b, 12a

9a vs 7b, 10b, 12a

10b, vs 7b, 9a, 12a

12a vs 7b, 9a, 10b

Division C: 8a, 9b, 11a, 12b

8a vs 9b, 11a, 12b

9b vs 8a, 11a, 12b

11a vs 8a, 9b, 12b

12b vs 8a, 9b, 11a

Quarter Final

Q1: 3rd overall vs 6th overall

Q2: 4th overall vs 5th overall

Semi-Final

S1 winner of Q1 vs 2nd overall

S2 winner of Q2 vs 1st overall

Midget A: 15 teams – first place team overall gets a bye (1-0 score) 2 points for their first game, they would play two games while all others play three. Top 8 teams advance to Quarter Finals.

1 vs bye, 8, 12

2 vs 7, 9, 13

3 vs 6, 10, 14

4 vs 5, 11, 15

5vs 4, 8, 12

6vs 3, 9, 13

7vs 2, 10, 14

8vs 1, 5, 15

9vs 2, 6, 11

10 vs 3, 7, 15
11 vs 4, 9, 14
12 vs 1, 5, 13
13 vs 2, 6, 12
14 vs 3, 7, 11
15 vs 4, 8, 10

Quarter Final:

Q1: 1st vs 5th
Q2: 2nd vs 6th
Q3: 3rd vs 7th
Q4: 4th vs 8th

Semi-Final

S1: Winner Q1 vs. Winner Q4
S2: Winner Q2 vs. Winner Q3

Midget B: Division 1 - 16 teams – No bye is necessary. Four divisions of four teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from each division advance to the Quarter Finals.

Division A: 1a, 3b, 5a, 7b

1a vs 3b, 5a, 7b
3b vs 1a, 5a, 7b
5a vs 1a, 3b, 7b
7b vs 1a, 3b, 5a

Division B: 1b, 3a, 5b, 7a

1b vs 3a, 5b, 7a
3a vs 1b, 5b, 7a
5b vs 1b, 3a, 7a
7a vs 1b, 3a, 5b

Division C: 2a, 4b, 6a, 8b

2a vs 4b, 6a, 8b
4b vs 2a, 6a, 8b
6a vs 2a, 4b, 8b
8b vs 2a, 4b, 6a

Division D: 2b, 4a, 6b, 8a

2b vs 4a, 6b, 8a
4a vs 2b, 6b, 8a
6b vs 2b, 4a, 8a
8a vs 2b, 4a, 6b

Quarter Final:

Q1: 1st Div A vs 2nd Div D
Q2: 1st Div B vs 2nd Div C
Q3: 1st Div C vs 2nd Div B
Q4: 1st Div D vs 2nd Div A

Semi-Final

S1: Winner Q1 vs. Winner Q2

S2: Winner Q4 vs. Winner Q3

Midget B: Division 2 - 14 teams – No bye is necessary. Two divisions of four teams and 1 division of 6 teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from Division A and Division B, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from Division C and a wildcard advance to Quarter Finals. The wildcard will be determined as follows: the highest ranked team of the remaining 7 teams.

Division A: 9a, 12b, 13a, 15b

9a vs 12b, 13a, 15b

12b vs 9a, 13a, 15b

13a vs 9a, 12b, 15b

15b vs 9a, 12b, 13a

Division B: 10b, 11a, 14b, 15a

10b vs 11a, 14b, 15a

11a vs 10b, 14b, 15a

14b vs 10b, 11a, 15a

15a vs 10b, 11a, 14b

Division C: 9b, 10a, 11b, 12a, 13b, 14a

9b vs 10a, 12a, 13b

10a vs 9b, 11b, 14a

11b vs 10a, 13b, 14a

12a vs 9b, 13b, 14a

13b vs 9b, 11b, 12a

14a vs 10a, 11b, 12a

Quarter Final

Q1: 1st Division C vs Wildcard

Q2: 2nd Division C vs 1st Division B

Q3: 3rd Division C vs 2nd Division A

Q4: 1st Division A vs 2nd Division B

Semi-Final

S1 Winner Q1 vs Winner Q4

S2 Winner Q2 vs Winner Q3

Juvenile: 14 Teams - No bye is necessary. Two divisions of four teams and 1 division of 6 teams, three game round robin format. 1st and 2nd place winners from Division A and Division B, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from Division C and a wildcard advance to Quarter Finals. The wildcard will be determined as follows: the highest ranked team of the remaining 7 teams.

Division A: 1, 8, 9, 14

1 vs 8, 9, 14

8 vs 1, 9, 14

9 vs 1, 8, 14

14 vs 1, 8, 9

Division B: 4, 5, 12, 13

4 vs 5, 12, 13

5 vs 4, 12, 13

12 vs 4, 5, 13

13 vs 4, 5, 12

Division C: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11

2 vs 3, 7, 10

3 vs 2, 6, 11

6 vs 3, 10, 11

7 vs 2, 10, 11

10 vs 2, 6, 7

11 vs 3, 6, 7

Quarter Final

Q1: 1st Division C vs Wildcard

Q2: 2nd Division C vs 1st Division B

Q3: 3rd Division C vs 2nd Division A

Q4: 1st Division A vs 2nd Division B

Semi-Final

S1 Winner Q1 vs Winner Q4

S2 Winner Q2 vs Winner Q3

2011/2012 PLAYOFF RULES

- The playoffs be a three game round robin format
- The round robin playoff will be from March 18th to March 24th/25th.
- The Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals will be from March 25th to March 30th.
- Championships will be on March 31st and April 1st.
- All games will consist of **two 10 and one 12 minute stop time periods (game clock)**, with no overtime in round robin play. **“CURFEW IN EFFECT FOR ROUND ROBIN PLAY ONLY.”**
- Teams will be dressed and ready to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time in case the ice is ready to go – teams will start early if requested to do so
- Both the home and away teams will provide **one person each**, either the scorekeeper or timekeeper duties for all games except for the Championship Finals where off-ice league officials will be used. Absolutely NO complaints will be listened to if representatives from both teams were not present.
- The winning team must enter scores as soon as possible after the game on the GHA website
- The **winning team** is to deliver the original score sheet **as soon as possible** to the GHA office at Armstrong Arena. If the game ends in a tie, then the HOME team is responsible for delivering the game sheet to the GHA office at Armstrong Arena. - NOTE QTR, SEMI AND FINALISTS WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED UNTIL THE GAME SHEETS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED
- Stick measurements will “NOT” be permitted in any house league games, including all play-off games.
- **Home team** will be determined by a coin toss.
- **Teams may use affiliated players only to replace roster players and shall not increase their roster at any time. All affiliations must be reported via the affiliation form and sent to the VP House League prior to the game.**
- **Absolutely no non-team members are allowed on the ice at anytime i.e. pictures. All team members and/or officials must wear a helmet on the ice surface at any time.**

ROUND ROBIN PLAY

- Games will be played in 50 minutes. **“CURFEW IN EFFECT”**
- There will be **no timeouts** allowed during round robin play.
- All scores will be capped at a 7 goal differential.

End of Game Rules for round robin play - games will be called at the end of the **earlier of**:

- 1) The game clock runs out;
- 2) Arena staff “buzzes” the teams off at the 50 minute mark;
- 3) The referee stops the game once the 50 minute mark has been reached, **but only at a stoppage of play**. The referees, including the minor officials, are not to stop the game while it is in play.

QUARTER FINALS, SEMI-FINALS and FINAL GAMES

- All **quarter finals, semi-finals and final games** will be decided in **sudden death** overtime OT will consist of 10 -minute stop time periods until a winner is declared. **“NO CURFEW IN EFFECT”**
- In OT, teams will play with a full compliment of players and will not change ends after periods.
- There will be **no timeouts** allowed during **quarter final play**

- One 30 second **timeout** (per team) will be allowed **only** in the **semi-final and finals**.

End of Game Rules for Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Championships - games will be called when the **“GAME CLOCK”** runs out and then overtime rules noted above apply.

Tie breakers for Round Robin play & “WILDCARD determination” will be as follows:

- 1) Winner of head to head game, if no head to head game then # 2 and, if more than two teams tied then head to head does not apply, go to # 2
- 2) The best ratio of “goals for” divided by “goals for plus goals against” Once three way ties are broken, revert back to # 1 where applicable or move to # 3 when still tied.
- 3) Least goals against
- 4) Most goals for
- 5) Least losses
- 6) Most Wins
- 7) Least penalty minutes
- 8) Most goals in a period
- 9) Coin toss.