



ODWHA 2017-2018 playoffs

All teams will be scheduling their own home playoff games...

To allow ice schedulers to plan for the teams' ice allocation, please be advised that the League will be asking for a minimum of 4 ice times be provided for each team.

TEAMS ADVANCING TO PLAYOFFS:

House League:

Feb 9th/18 Regular Season ends for House League, Feb 15th/18 Playoffs start for House League

All house league teams will participate in playoffs, for regular season division teams were divided into East and West but for playoffs east and west will be combined. New for playoffs, divisions will be grouped into 2 levels by the ODWHA based on regular season performance. This will allow for 2 championship games per level on championship day.

Example.... Novice will have an A and B pool and there will be a championship game for both.

A player must play a minimum of 5 league games with the team on which they are considered registered in order to be eligible for the playoffs unless otherwise approved by the ODWHA Board of Directors.

Championship day is Saturday March 24th Sensplex east & Sunday March 25th at the Ray Friel in Gloucester. Championship day schedule will be posted online.

March 9th 2018 Playoffs Finish

Thank you,
ODWHA Executive



ODWHA PLAYOFF FORMAT 2017-2018 SEASON

The playoff season for all eligible teams must be completed by March 9th unless permission has been received from the Competitive or House Director to play after this date.

All regular season game scores are to be posted by midnight, when the regular season ends. Standings for the purpose of determining placement and seeding for the playoff schedule will be as of that date/time (once all game scores have been entered and verified) unless the regular season is extended for extenuating circumstances (inclement weather, loss of ice only) as approved by the ODWHA Executive.

Teams will not be eligible to participate in playoffs if there are outstanding rescheduling fees, league fees, fines or if a full regular game schedule has not been played, unless the ODWHA Executive has approved extenuating circumstances.

All teams participating in playoffs will play **4 games consisting of 2 home and 2 away.**

With the exception of inclement weather, playoff games can only be rescheduled if **both** teams agree to reschedule the game. ODWHA Executive will have final approval for rescheduling requests. Requests for rescheduling a playoff game must be sent to the ODWHA League convenor. **Note: the request is subject to official availability.**

Accumulated penalty minutes for players and coaches with regard to section 2.01 of the ODWHA discipline document carry forward into the playoff season and to championship day. Please review carefully.

The tie-breaking formula to be applied for team ties at the completion of the playoff season (in descending order) will be:

1. Most wins in regular season or playoff series against all opponents.
2. Record against other tied team in regular season. (Disregard if more than two teams tied)
3. Goals for divided by (Goals For + Goals Against).
4. Fewest goals allowed in regular season or playoff series against all opponents
5. Fewest penalty minutes accumulated in regular season or playoff series against all opponents
6. Flip of coin by a neutral party agreed to by the League Convenor.
7. In case of more than two teams, tie-breakers will follow the numerical order until all ties are broken

ODWHA PLAYOFF FAQ

1. Where to do I start?

After reviewing ODWHA standings at the end of the regular season deadline, (note some may finish earlier) you will refer to the playoff format document above which will identify which teams you will be playing, and who will be the home team.

- Please submit all 4 ice times and blackouts (labelled) to the team who finished first, prior to starting any scheduling, they will be the record gate keepers
- All teams are responsible for arranging/scheduling their HOME games including entering it into ODWHA via link which will be provided
- You should receive ice from your association's ice scheduler.
- Contact the manager (cc to coach) of the teams you must play
- Be prepared to provide your ice and blackout dates to the teams you will be playing.

2. Where can I find the contact information for the teams I have to play?

1. Each team had to enter the coach & manager's contact information onto the ODWHA site at the beginning of the season.
2. The coaching staff for all teams in the league can be found on the ODWHA site: <http://www.odwha.org/main/coaches-and-team-staff> click the link download the excel spreadsheet and search

3. How do I know when the other team is available or what ice they have?

- You contact teams you must play; teams have to communicate with each other.
- Of note, the only acceptable blackout dates are those dates blacked out by the league, or tournaments.
 - March Break is blacked out from March 10th to March 18th (inclusive).
 - Tournament names must be provided. *(Please note, if necessary, the league will verify the team's participation in any tournament listed)*
- Each team must be able to offer the opposing team a minimum of 4 ice times. The ice times should be on different dates (example you cannot give different ice times on the same date).
- All ice offered must be at a venue approved for playoff games.

5. My team finished higher in the standings. Why do I have to travel?

- The playoff format states: *All teams participating in playoffs will play 4 games consisting of 2 home and 2 away;*
- The benefit of finishing/placing higher in the tier is that you will play the teams finishing in the bottom of the tier. Travel is not a variable that can be controlled. Each team will have 2 home games and the games must be played. Please be reasonable and logical....the higher placed team should always get choice in the event of a tie or conflict.

6. I have 3 of my games scheduled, but the 4th ice time available does not work with the team's availability. Now what?

- Contact your association ice scheduler and ask if they can help.
- Both teams should review their schedule. Is there a game with another team that can be switched to another date, so that all 4 games can be scheduled?
- If both teams have done their best and are still unable to schedule the game, the Director/Convenor should be contacted immediately. The league will be notified and will step in to assist.

As a reminder, any team who is delaying or not cooperating with other teams, will be sanctioned and subject to disqualification.

7. We have ice and both teams have agreed to play during the March Break blackout. Can this be done?

- No playoff games will be played during league blackout dates.
- Playoffs will only be extended due to exceptional circumstances and with ODWHA Executive approval. Any requests should be sent to the Competitive Director.

11. I have 2 home and 2 away games scheduled. What do I do now?

- **A link will be available to the teams to enter home games**
- You will be asked to enter only HOME games into the link provided. We would then ask that all teams check their games for accuracy once they are up on the ODWHA site.
- Games must be entered as soon as possible so that officials can be assigned

13. Is there anything else I have to do once I have provided my playoff schedule?

- YES!!
- Check that the schedule is accurate for all four of your games.
- Advise your Convenor of any scheduling errors immediately.

Congratulations and good luck to all teams who have advanced to playoffs.

ODWHA Board