



LMLL- playoff format/rules 2017-2018

Group Placements for Play-off Series games:

At the end of the regular season all teams are placed into groups of 4, 5, or 6 teams based on their winning percentage in the regular season. The teams with the highest winning percentage are placed in group A. The next teams are in group B, then group C etc. until all teams are equally divided and placed into a group of teams with similar competitive ability.

Teams in each group play either a "Round Robin" or "Six-Point" series based on the number of teams in the division. Each team will play at least one home and one away with an opponent in their group. Home ice advantage is given to the team with the best record in the regular season. If a game 6 is necessary in a 6-point series, home ice would be given to the opposite team.

6 Team Format:

Series A: 1st, 3rd and 5th place teams play a "round robin"

Series B: 2nd, 4th and 6th place teams play a "round robin"

Teams are awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie.

No overtime in any "round robin series"

Teams tied for most points will use the "round robin" tie breaker method.

Winner from Series A to play winner from series B in a 6-point championship series.

Teams finishing 3rd, 4th, and 5th to play in a consolation six points series (excluding Midget)

5 Team Format:

Series A: 1st, 3rd and 5th place teams play a "round robin"

Series B: 2nd, and 4th place teams play a 6-point series.

Teams are awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie.

No overtime in any "round robin series"

Teams tied for most points (series A only) will use the "round robin" tie breaker method.

Possibility for overtime starts at game 5 for the six-point series (series B only)

Winner from Series A to play winner from series B in a 6-point championship series.

Teams finishing 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th to play a consolation six points series (excluding Midget)

4 Team Format:

Series A: 1st, and 3rd teams play a 6-point series

Series B: 2nd, and 4th teams play a 6-point series.

Teams are awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie.

Possibility for overtime starts at game 5 for the six-point series (series B only)

Winner from Series A to play winner from series B in a 6-point championship series.

Teams finishing 3rd, and 4th to play a consolation 6 points series (excluding Midget)



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Overtime Rule:

No overtime games are played in LMLL play offs. Exceptions are only made for games 5, 6, or 7 in a 6-point series in certain circumstances (see notes below)

Tie Breaker Format for Round Robin Series:

If 2 or more teams are tied in points after the round robin series is complete, a tie breaker is used determine the series winner:

1. Head-To-Head record in the round robin series.
2. Most wins in the round robin series.
3. Goals for-goals against formula as per table below

TEAM	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	FORMULA	RESULT
A	16	7	(16-7) / 16	0.5625
B	14	6	(14-6) / 14	0.5714

Team B wins series with the highest percentage (0.5714)

4. One game playoff. Team with best record in regular shall be the home team.

Overtime Format for a 6 Point Series:

Game 5 in a 6-point series. If both teams are tied in points after game 4 in a 6-point series, the playoff series convener is to request a 10-minute sudden victory, subject to the home team having the available ice. If overtime is not an option, then game 6 will be necessary if game 5 ends in a tie. This applies to any playoff 6-point series.

Game 6 in a 6-point series. A game 6 will be scheduled if both teams in the 6-point series are tied in points after game 5. The playoff convener should ensure that a 10-minute sudden victory overtime period is possible with the home teams ice availability. Any additional overtime periods require pre-approval by the OMHA rep before the game starts. This applies to a 6-point series.

Game 7 in a 6-point series. A game 7 will be scheduled if both teams in the 6-point series are tied after game 6. There will be three 10-minute sudden victory overtime periods scheduled with the OMHA approval prior to the game to determine a series winner. This applies to all 6-point series.



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PLAY-OFF RULES:

1. All game scores must be posted within 24 hours of the game.
2. NO TIMEOUTS WILL BE PERMITTED IN ANY PLAYOFF GAME
3. All playoff games in the Bantam and Midget levels to be refereed by a 3-person system
4. All player and/or coach suspensions must be reported to the LMLL reps for each center ASAP. (prior to the next scheduled game)
5. Curfews should be avoided if possible. If a curfew cannot be avoided, it must be clearly noted and initialed by both coaches (home and away) on the game sheet before the game starts. If there is not going to be curfew then this should be clearly noted (none) and initialed the same.
6. Period length is determined by the length of time available. See OMHA manual regulation 10.2b for details.
7. The final/consolation series will require games to be played during MARCH BREAK. Players missing during this time cannot be used as an excuse to reschedule a playoff game.
8. ALL PLAYOFF games are to be played by the deadline established by the LMLL executive. Any game played beyond the deadline requires LMLL executive approval.
9. All playoff game changes are to be facilitated and approved by the center LMLL REPS.

Round 1 to be scheduled from February 7th – March 5th

Round 2 to be scheduled from March 7th – April 1st