



## **Novice Tournament Rules**

- If any games are tied after regulation, a 4 on 4, sudden victory overtime will be played until a winner is determined.
- In the Round Robin, teams get 2 points for a win, 1 point for an OT loss.
- Teams with most points in the pool are first, etc.
- If teams are tied after the round robin, ties will be broken according to Hockey Manitoba tie-breaking formula (pg 80 in Handbook).
- When determining which position a team will have in the playoffs, the following tie breaking formula will be used if teams have the same points after the regular season:
  - Record against each other
  - If still tied, number of wins
  - If still tied, goals for are divided by goals for plus goals against in the games played between the teams
  - If still tied, goals for are divided by goals for plus goals against for the entire season
  - If still tied, coin toss.

### **6) Atom Playoff Draw: M: Beard/Dell**

That the Atom League playoffs be organized as follows, with the highest ranked team having home game advantage and all series being best of three games:

**ATOM A** – The 1<sup>st</sup> place team will play the 8<sup>th</sup> place team, 2<sup>nd</sup> will play 7<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> will play 6<sup>th</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> will play 5<sup>th</sup>. Winners from round one will move onto the championship series, losers from round one will move on to the consolation series. There will be no pennant for the consolation series. Round one is to be completed by February 18. Round two is to be completed by February 28. Round three is to be completed by March 8.

**ATOM B** – The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place teams will receive a first round bye. The 11<sup>th</sup> place team will play the 14<sup>th</sup> place team and 12<sup>th</sup> will play 13<sup>th</sup>. The 9<sup>th</sup> place team will play the lowest ranked team to advance from round one. Losers from round one will play each other in a consolation series. There will be no pennant for the consolation series. Round one is to be completed by February 18. Round two is to be completed by February 28. Round three is to be completed by March 8.

**ATOM C** – The 15<sup>th</sup> place team will play the 18<sup>th</sup> place team, the 16<sup>th</sup> place team will play the 17<sup>th</sup> place team. Winners from round one will play each other for the pennant, losers from round one will play each other in a consolation series. There will be no pennant for the consolation series. Round one is to be completed by February 18. Round two is to be completed by March 8.

Carried

### **7) Pee Wee Playoff Draw: M: Cochrane/Jorgenson**

That the Pee Wee League playoffs be organized as follows:

**PEE WEE A** – The 4<sup>th</sup> place team will play the 5<sup>th</sup> place team in round one. The winner will play the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the second round, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will play the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team. The loser from 4<sup>th</sup> vs 5<sup>th</sup> will play the loser from 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> in a consolation series. There will be no pennant for the consolation series. Round one is to be completed by February 16. Round two is to be completed by February 25. Round three is to be completed by March 11.

**PEE WEE B** – The 6<sup>th</sup> place team will play the 9<sup>th</sup> place team and the 7<sup>th</sup> place team will play the 8<sup>th</sup> place team. The winners in round one will play for the pennant, while the losers will play in a consolation series. There will be no pennant for the consolation series. Round one is to be completed by February 18. Round two is to be completed by March 11.

Carried

**8) Bantam Playoff Draw: M: Schoonbaert/Clark**  
That the Bantam League playoffs be organized as follows:

**BANTAM A** – The 4<sup>th</sup> place team will play the 5<sup>th</sup> place team in round one. In round two, the winner from this series will play the 1<sup>st</sup> place team and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will play the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team. The winners in round two will play for the pennant. The loser from 4<sup>th</sup> vs 5<sup>th</sup> will play the loser from 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> in a consolation series. There will be no pennant for the consolation series. Round one is to be completed by February 18. Round two is to be completed by February 28. Round three is to be completed by March 8.

**BANTAM B** – The 6<sup>st</sup> place team and the 7<sup>th</sup> place team will receive a bye in the first round. In the first round, the 8<sup>th</sup> place team will play the 11<sup>th</sup> place team, while the 9<sup>th</sup> place team will play the 10<sup>th</sup> place team. The lowest ranked winner from round one will play the 6<sup>th</sup> place team, with the other winner playing the 7<sup>th</sup> place team. The winners from round two will play each other for the pennant. The loser from 8<sup>th</sup> vs 11<sup>th</sup> will play the loser from 9<sup>th</sup> vs 10<sup>th</sup> in a consolation series. There will be no pennant for the consolation series. Round one is to be completed by February 18. Round two is to be completed by February 28. Round three is to be completed by March 8.

Carried

#### **Atom, PeeWee, and Bantam Playoff Rules**

- All series will be best of three with the higher ranking team getting home game advantage.
- When determining which position a team will have in the playoffs, the following tie breaking formula will be used if teams have the same points after the regular season:
  - Record against each other
  - If still tied, number of wins
  - If still tied, goals for are divided by goals for plus goals against in the games played between the teams
  - If still tied, goals for are divided by goals for plus goals against for the entire season
  - If still tied, coin toss.
- If games are tied after regulation, a 4 on 4, sudden victory overtime will be played until a winner is determined.

#### **9) Completion Dates of each playoff round:**

- As above. These will also be indicated on the playoff pages on the website.

#### **10) Officiating in Playoffs: M: Shearer/Andries**

- Officiating was discussed. It was determined that we should continue with last year's motion that "Officials will not be allowed to officiate games if they have an immediate family member on the team. Referees must be a minimum of two age groups above the age group they are officiating." Exceptional circumstances must exist to deviate from this rule with approval being received by the visiting team.

Carried

## 11) Additions

- a) Communication of Game Suspensions – a discussion was had about the possibility of advising teams of game suspensions of players on other teams. It was felt that this was unnecessary and may lead to players being singled out.
- b) Age Requirement Motion – the following motion was presented by Wawanesa Minor Hockey and was carried 8-7.

### Currently:

Bottineau follows USA Hockey for registration purposes. USA Hockey uses July 1<sup>st</sup> as the cut-off date. Hockey Canada uses January 1<sup>st</sup>. This allows players from Bottineau to be 6 months older than our oldest player and up to 18 months older than our youngest player

### Proposed:

Bottineau minor hockey follows Hockey Canada regulations for registration and plays by Hockey Canada rules if they want to remain in the Southwest Recreation Hockey League

### Rationale:

Safety of the players is most important here. Having players up to 18 months older allows Bottineau for a great physical advantage due to the physical development of the players. All age groups should follow the same registration rules and regulations so as one community is not allowed this advantage. We do not need Bottineau in our league to run a successful and fun Southwest Recreation Hockey League. They need us so that their kids can play in a league. Therefore they either need to play by Hockey Canada rules or they stay in the USA Hockey system and join a league down there.

- c) Tiered Teams Motion – the following motion was presented by Glenboro Minor Hockey and was carried 13-2.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** In an effort to promote fair play and an even playing field in the South West Recreational Hockey League, TIERED teams, at any level, will no longer be allowed to enter into league play or play-offs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Any town planning on entering more than one team in a particular age group, must split their teams as even as possible.

**RATIONALE:** This is a recreational league, as stated in the league name. Most towns can barely scratch together enough players to put together one team at certain levels, let alone two or three. No one learns anything, winners or losers, being beat 20-0. We already have teams leaving our league to join other leagues to hopefully get away from what is happening.

- d) Novice and Atom Divisions Motion – the following motion was presented by Boissevain Minor Hockey and was carried 10-4 (Brandon abstained as it does not impact them).

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** In an effort to promote fun, development and equal competition, teams would be placed into two separate divisions to complete their league and playoff games. Novice and Atom leagues within SWRHL be divided into an A & B division for the 2018/2019 season as a pilot project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** At the league meeting to start the year, each community would indicate into which division their teams would be best suited. Based on previous year's performance a fairly close fit should be able to be determined.

**Rationale:** Although we acknowledge that scores are not entirely indicative of a game they do indicate a significant variance among the league. This variability does very little to benefit teams on either side or continue to grow passion for our game. **We are not suggesting communities tier their teams but rather have them placed within the appropriate division in our league.**

We have teams leaving our league or not wanting to attend scheduled games due to the wide gap across teams within the same age group. We appreciate that this would result in playing the same teams more often however each game would be more enjoyable and beneficial to all teams involved.

**12) ADJOURNMENT:** M: Cochrane/Dyck  
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 P.M.