



## **Simcoe Region Local League**

### **End of Season Playoffs**

#### **Information Guide**

The end of season tournaments (Playoffs) are just around the corner. The regular season will end for most teams on Friday, February 6, 2026. The start of the end of season tournaments will be the following Monday, February 9, 2026. The tournament brackets, and the flow charts for each age division are on the SRLL website (SRLL.ca). Dates for the tournaments are as follows.

Round 1: February 9<sup>th</sup> through to February 22

Round 2: February 23 through to March 8

Round 3: March 9 to 13, and March 22 to 31.

All teams are guaranteed the first two rounds. All playoff rounds are best of 5, with the exception being teams involved in a round robin series.

#### **Standings Formula**

After the regular season, in each division, teams will be divided into two pools (with the exception of the U16 where it will be one pool). The groups are divided into an A Pool, with the higher ranking teams, and a B Pool, with the lower ranking teams. Seasons rankings are based on the number of points earned through the season. In the event of a tie, the next measurement is the winning percentage obtained, then the goals for %. Should teams still be tied after these measurements, the head to head results between the two teams will then be used.

#### **Formula**

Teams are guaranteed two rounds of activity, if successful they will move into the final round. The first round is the seeding round. All teams in the Pool will be paired off with an

opponent. The winners of this round will then move onto the second round in the Championship series. Losers of this round will move to the Consolation Round. The winners of these second round series will then go to the Final rounds. The team that wins the A Division Championship Round will receive a trophy, the winners of the B Division Championship Pool will receive a plaque. The players on the winning teams on both sides will receive commemorative gold medallions, the finalists will receive silver medallions.

### **Bracket Formulas**

The brackets are determined by the number of teams in the age group. All of the information is outlined on the SRLL website.

U11 has twelve teams in the group. Therefore, the A pool would have 6 teams, and the B Pool would have 6 teams. The opening brackets would look this:

A Division: 1 versus 6

2 versus 5

3 versus 4

B Pool: 7 versus 12

8 versus 11

9 versus 10

**Final regular season standings will determine home ice advantage through all the series.**

U13/15 groupings have 17 teams each, A pool will have 8 teams, and the B pool will have 9 teams. The bracket model would be similar, with the top team in the Pool versus the bottom team in the Pool. In the event where there is an uneven number of teams, a round robin will be utilised. The round robin will be a home and home series with each of the teams.

A Pool: 1 versus 8

2 versus 7

3 versus 6

4 versus 5

B Pool: 9 versus 17

10 versus 16

11 versus 15

12 versus 13 versus 14

U16: In this age division, there are 11 teams. So there will be one Pool. The bracketing will be similar to the other age groups.

1 versus 11

2 versus 10

3 versus 9

4 versus 8

5 versus 6 versus 7

U18: This age grouping has 19 teams. The division will be as follows: The A Pool will have eight teams, and the B Pool will have eleven teams. The opening round brackets will look like:

A Pool: 1 versus 8

2 versus 7

3 versus 6

4 versus 5

B Pool: 9 versus 19

10 versus 18

11 versus 17

12 versus 16

13 versus 14 versus 1r (round robin/home and home)

U21: Fourteen teams in this age group will be divided A Pool with 8 teams, and the B Pool with 6 teams. Brackets as follows:

A Pool: 1 versus 8

2 versus 7

3 versus 6

4 versus 5

B Pool: 9 versus 14

10 versus 13

11 versus 12

## **Scheduling:**

All series and games will be scheduled by the Association's Ice Schedulers. When the dates for the series have been established, the Schedulers will send to each coach their playoff contract. It is important that the contract is brought to each game, and reviewed with the referee at the start of the game.

Check: Game lengths (as per the association).

For each end of season tournament game, the regular game lengths will be stated, plus an additional 5 minute overtime. If the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the game will go into overtime. If the game is still tied after the end of the overtime period, the game will be recorded as a tie, and each team will be awarded one point. In the event that the game is a series deciding game, a second overtime period of 5 minutes will be added, if needed. Both the additional overtime period, and the scheduling of the sixth game of the series, require the approval of the Regional Director. If after the second overtime period a winner has not been declared, a sixth game will be scheduled to declare a winner. Note: there are no overtime periods in a round robin series game.

As one series finishes, if the next round opponents have been determined, SRLL will endeavour to start the series earlier than the starting date for the next round, in order to maximise the ice time.

## **Game Conditions:**

All game conditions outlined in the SRLL Policies and Procedures document (on the SRLL Website) are applicable.

Should weather conditions warrant a game cancellation, the visiting team (through their Trainer) must initiate the request through their Ice Scheduler no later than three hours prior to Game Time.

Game sheets are to be uploaded immediately after the game, for monitoring of suspensions.

Any suspensions from the regular season that are not served will carry into the end of season tournaments. Any suspension that is issued in the playoffs, and not fully served by the end of the playoffs, will carry into the next season.

All teams will have one 30 second time out per game.

Running time regulations (for U16, 18 and 21 age groups) will apply.

