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## 1. CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

Each championship team can declare up to twenty-three (23) players, twenty (20) skaters and three (3) goaltenders, from their most recently submitted U SPORTS Eligibility Form.

Teams may dress any twenty (20) of these players, eighteen (18) skaters and two (2) goaltenders, for each championship game.

## 2. TEAM BENCH

A team can have a maximum of 25 people in the bench area including athletes, coaches and support staff. Only players in uniform and a maximum of five (5) team officials shall be permitted to occupy the players' bench. These individuals shall be registered and entered on the official game report. A maximum of five team officials may be recorded on the official game report.

Note: Any team member above the 25 is considered a spectator and will sit in the stands.

## 3. PARTICIPANTS

### 3.1 TEAMS

- Atlantic University Sport Representative
- RSEQ Representative
- OUA Representative
- Canada West Representative
- Host (**Queen's University**)
- Assigned berth **CWUAA**
- Assigned berth **AUS**
- Assigned berth **RSEQ**

(Refer to Policy **20.20.4.8** for more details.)

**\*\*Policy 20.20.4.8 is currently being revised to reflect the current season and for 2 berths per regional association.**

3.2 IDENTIFICATION (N/A)

3.3 INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY (N/A)

3.4 INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES (N/A)

3.5 INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (N/A)

3.6 TEAM ENTRIES (N/A)

3.7 TEAM RANKINGS (N/A)



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#### 4. COMPETITION

##### 4.1 CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The U SPORTS Championship shall have a total of eleven (11) games taking place over four (4) days. There will be eight (8) teams in a quarterfinal knockout format with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place game.

##### 4.2 SELECTION, SEEDING, DRAW, POOLS, TRIALS AND HEATS

###### 4.2.1 SEEDING COMMITTEE

1. Chairperson: A non-voting U SPORTS Office staff member.
2. Members: One voting representative from each Sport Conference. Each Sport Conference representative to be appointed by the convener of that Sport Conference and must be a coach not participating in the championship. Representatives must provide emergency contact information and alternative representative contact information.
3. President of the Coaches Executive: The President of the Coaches Executive will take part in the conference call and shall only vote in the case of a tie. Should the President be the coach of a team that has qualified for the championship, the President will contact the U SPORTS Office to notify them of his/her designate.

###### 4.2.2 SEEDING PROCESS AND COMPLETION OF DRAW

1. Seeds 1 through 4 will be the four sport conference champions from that year. They will be seeded as per the final Top 10 rankings of the season.
2. The four teams that are not conference champions will be placed on the opposite half of the draw as the champion from their sport conference.
3. The two teams that are placed in the top half of the draw will be seeded based on the final Top 10 ranking of the season. The lower ranked team of the two will face the higher seeded conference champion, and the higher ranked team will face the lower seeded conference champion. The same process is followed on the bottom half of the draw.

###### 4.2.3 SEEDING PROCEDURES

1. The conference call will be scheduled for the Sunday or Monday prior to the Championship following the last Sport Conference championship and upon completion of the final Top Ten ranking.



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2. Immediately following the conference call, the U SPORTS office will release the final seeding and schedule.
3. The U SPORTS Office will provide the championship match-ups to a **game tape exchange provider** immediately following the seeding call to ensure access to game footage is available to the appropriate schools. A minimum of two weeks prior to conference playoffs, detailed instructions will be provided to Regional Association Offices re the uploading of game film for conference playoffs.
4. Any member institution or Regional Association that releases this information prior to the embargo established by the U SPORTS office will be fined \$500.00.

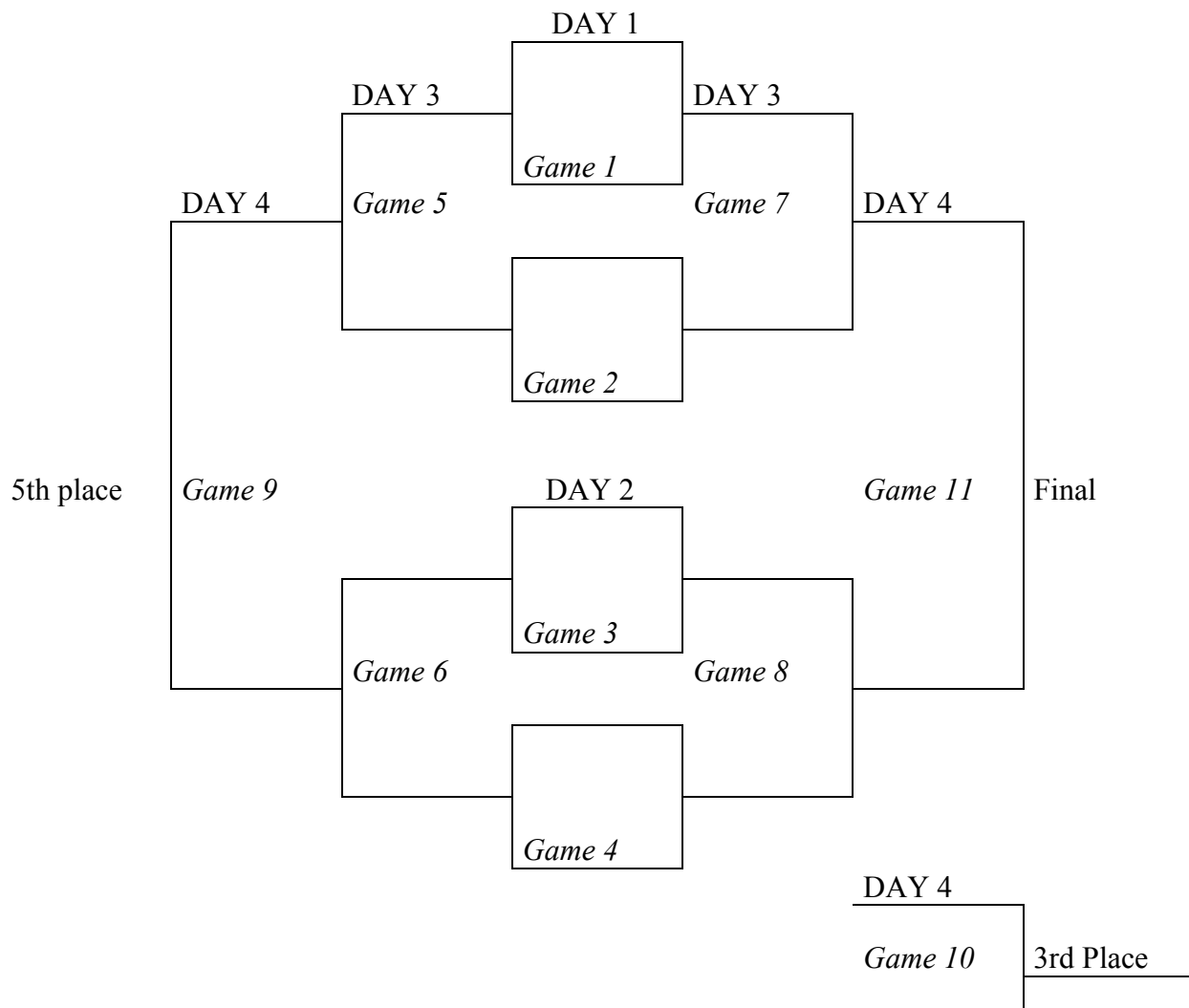
#### 4.2.4. TOP 10 PROCEDURES

- 4.2.4.1 Each Regional Association will appoint a Top Ten representative to submit the association's Top Ten vote to the Coaching Executive's VP Promotions/Top Ten. It is at the discretion of each Regional Associations to determine how they will generate their Top Ten list. Regional Associations are to submit their votes by 11:59am EST every Monday, from the first week of October through to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December and 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January through end of February (exact dates to be determined annually).
- 4.2.4.2 The U SPORTS Top Ten shall be determined by assigning points to each Regional Association's Top Ten vote and assigning points based on a team's relative position on that Top Ten (10 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place vote, 9 points for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place vote and so on). Each Regional Association's votes will then be blended together. The team with the most points overall will be ranked #1 on that week's Top Ten with the remaining teams being ranked in descending order based on the points they accumulated that week.
- 4.2.4.3 The final Top Ten may be used to aid the U SPORTS and the Seeding Committee in the seeding of the pools for the U SPORTS Women's Ice Hockey Championship. The final Top Ten is to be submitted following the completion of the conference playoffs.
- 4.2.4.4 See 11.1 for more details on Top 10 procedures.



#### 4.2.5 DRAW

The final schedule is at the discretion of the Host Committee working in consultation with the U SPORTS Office.



Note 1: To ensure the integrity of the draw, the structure of the brackets must be maintained (i.e. 1 vs. 8 and 4 vs. 5 must always stay together and 2 vs. 7 and 3 vs. 6 must stay together) so that common rest times are protected.

Note 2: Without affecting the integrity of the draw, games in the upper half of the draw can be switched to accommodate travel and time zone adjustment (i.e. Canada West



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teams traveling East). If the teams playing are not impacted by the time zone change then there can be no switching of game times.

#### 4.3 FORMULAS AND FORMAT (N/A)

#### 4.4 PROCEDURES AND PROTESTS

For the protest of any games during the Championship the procedures will be as follows. See 10.1 for additional details.

- 4.4.1 Protests, and all evidence in support thereof, must be in duplicate, signed by the Athletic Director of the protesting team or the two most senior officials of the team, and presented to the U SPORTS Delegate on-site at the Championship within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the game for which the protest is being made.
- 4.4.2 The U SPORTS Delegate on-site will deliver a copy of the protest to the protested team, without any undue delay.
- 4.4.3 The team protested shall normally be allowed two (2) hours to file a defense and evidence to the person from whom he received the protest. This time period may be extended at the sole discretion of the U SPORTS Delegate.
- 4.4.4 Following steps a) to c) above, the U SPORTS Delegate shall immediately convene a Championship Management Committee meeting with the team officials involved. All facts pertaining to the case will be documented.
- 4.4.5 The U SPORTS Management Committee shall have full power to rule on the protest. The decision shall be final.
- 4.4.6 During the U SPORTS Championship, there shall be no right of appeal or protest from the suspensions or penalties imposed when they comply with the Hockey Canada rulebook and any suspension bulletins, which establishes minimum suspensions or penalties.

#### 4.5 SCHEDULES OR ORDER OF EVENTS

Day 1 (Thursday)	Quarter final #1 Quarter final #2
Day 2 (Friday)	Quarter final #3 Quarter final #4
Day 3 (Saturday)	Consolation Semi-Final #1 Consolation Semi-Final #2 Semi-Final #1 Semi-Final #2



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Day 4 (Sunday)      5<sup>th</sup> Place Game (Consolation Final)  
Bronze Medal Game  
Gold Medal Game

Teams seeded 1 through 4 will be considered the home team and will wear white jerseys. Top seeds will maintain home team status throughout the championship. The home team for each game will get the choice of bench.

The host team can be scheduled on the evening of Day 1 or Day 2, regardless of their seeding, at the discretion of the Host Committee. The integrity of the draw (maintaining the match-ups in each bracket 1 vs. 8 and 4 vs. 5 / 2 vs. 7 and 3 vs. 6) must be maintained.

#### 4.6 GAME TIMES

U SPORTS Office and Host Organizing Committee are to determine the game start times based on facility availability, television requirements and player rest times.

#### 4.7 PRACTICE TIMES / WARM-UPS

- 4.7.1 Warm-up shall start 35 minutes prior to game time for a 15-minute duration.
- 4.7.2 Where possible, practice times will be allocated as follows: 1 hour on game day and 1½ hours on non-game days.
- 4.7.3 The following order of priority will be used when teams book practice times (Wednesday through to Sunday):
  - 1. Early game gets first choice, late game second choice, and then teams not playing.
  - 2. Top seed in each game get first choice.

#### 4.8 OVERTIME AND TIME-OUTS

All overtime periods shall be played 4 vs. 4. This includes medal games.

##### 4.8.1 QUARTER FINAL & SEMI-FINAL GAMES

Tied games at the end of regulations play shall be broken by a 10-minute sudden victory overtime period. If the score is still tied, proceed to a shootout competition. There will be a two (2) minute bench rest between regulation time and the overtime period. Includes consolation semi-final games.

##### 4.8.2 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time in the gold medal match, a 2-minute bench rest shall be permitted and then a 10-minute sudden victory overtime period will be played. If the outcome is still undecided, teams shall leave the ice for fifteen (15) minutes to allow resurfacing of the ice. Twenty (20) minute overtime periods, with fifteen (15) minutes off ice rest periods to allow resurfacing of the ice, shall be utilized until a team scores a goal.



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Tied games at the end of regulation play in the bronze and fifth place matches shall be broken by a ten (10) minute sudden victory overtime period. If the score is still tied, proceed to a shootout competition.



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#### 4.8.3 SHOOTOUT PROCEDURES

Should a game need to be decided by a shoot-out, each team shall select 3 players at the end of playing time to participate in the shoot-out. Home team shall have the choice to shoot first or defend the first penalty shot. Should the game remain tied after the group of 3 shooters, each team shall select any player from an open roster to participate in a sudden victory shoot-out. A player may be used multiple times in the sudden-victory portion of the shoot-out competition. Any player serving a penalty at the end of the overtime period will be deemed ineligible for the shootout competition.

The winning team of a shoot-out shall be awarded a 1 goal victory, i.e. a game tied 2-2 which is decided by a shoot-out shall be a 3-2 victory, regardless of the number of goals scored in the shoot-out.

#### 4.9 TIE-BREAKING (N/A)

#### 4.10 SCORING AND STANDARDS (N/A)

#### 4.11 RECORDS AND STATISTICS

Updated Sport Conference and non-regional statistics must be submitted weekly to the U SPORTS Office. They must include the following information:

Players:

- Games played
- Goals
- Assists
- Penalty minutes

Goaltenders:

- Games played
- Minutes played
- Shots
- Saves
- Save %
- GAA

Team standings with:

- Games played
- Goals for
- Goals against
- Penalty minutes
- Points

## 5. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY





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5.1 BALL (N/A)

5.2 RECORDING

5.2.1 FIRST ROUND OPPONENT

First round opponents must exchange recordings of their last two (2) matches prior to the Championship. The recording must be uploaded to a **game tape exchange provider** no later than Monday at 12:00 pm EST. Teams will have access to their opponents game film for downloading only once both teams have completed the upload process.

5.2.2 HOST REQUIREMENT

The host must provide each participating team and the officiating supervisor with a copy of the game recording one (1) hour after the completion of the game.

5.3 UNIFORMS

U SPORTS reserves the right to require participants in a U SPORTS Championship to wear a U SPORTS logo on their uniforms. These logos will be provided to each team in advance of the championship. The logo will be placed on the back of each helmet.

5.4 BIBS, SOCKS, SHIRT COLOR, TIGHTS AND TOWELS (N/A)

5.5 HEAD GEAR AND HELMETS (N/A)

5.6 CAPTAIN'S IDENTIFICATION (N/A)

5.7 DEPTH CHARTS (N/A)

5.8 SPOTTER PHONES (N/A)

5.9 FACILITY AND MEET REQUIREMENTS (N/A)

6. RULES

Competition shall be governed by the official playing rules of Hockey Canada for all pre-season, regular season, playoff and U SPORTS championship games with the following exceptions:

6.1 LENGTH OF PERIODS

U SPORTS games will consist of three 20-minute periods, not including overtime, with a 15-minute intermission and flood between each period.

6.2 FACE-OFF LOCATION AFTER PENALTY



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6.2.1 When players are penalized at a stoppage of play that results in penalties being placed on the penalty time clock to one team, the ensuing face-off shall be conducted at one of the two face-off spots in the offending team's end zone.

Four exceptions to this rule:

1. Start or end of period
2. Non-penalized team ices puck
3. Defense come in (i.e. scrum at net)
4. Illegal substitution of goalie

6.2.2 Following a stoppage in play for an icing infraction, the offending team is prohibited from making any player change until play has resumed.

The team that is in violation of this rule shall not be permitted to make any player substitutions prior to the ensuing faceoff. Should the stoppage of play following an icing infraction coincide with a commercial timeout, or should the offending team elect to utilize their team time out at this stoppage of play, they are still not permitted to make any player substitutions. However, a team shall be permitted to make a player substitution to replace a goalkeeper who had been substituted for an extra player, to replace an injured player/goalkeeper or when a penalty has been assessed that effects their on ice strength. The determination of players on the ice will be made when the puck leaves the offending player's stick. If a team persists in changing players after they have iced the puck and warned by the referee, the referee shall assess to the offending team, a bench minor penalty.

6.2.3 Delaying the Game – Shooting the Puck Outside the Playing Area

- a) When any player or goalkeeper, while in her defending zone, shoots, throws, or bats the puck with her hand or stick directly (non-deflected) out of the playing area, except where there is no glass, a minor penalty shall be assessed for delaying the game.
- b) When the puck is shot, thrown, or batted with the hands or stick by player or goalkeeper into the players bench (or penalty bench if there is no protective glass), no penalty shall be assessed
- c) When the puck is shot, thrown or batted with the hands or stick, by a player or goalkeeper, over the glass, behind the players bench (or penalty bench if there is no protective glass) the penalty shall be assessed.
- d) A minor penalty for delay of game shall be imposed on any player or goalkeeper who deliberately shoots or bats the puck outside the playing area during the play or after a stoppage of play unless covered by this rule.

### 6.3 COACH VIEWING

The head coaches and/or assistant coach(es) must be in close proximity of their respective players bench and in view of the ice during the pre-game warm-ups until the last player on their team has left the ice.



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**6.4 HYBRID ICING**  
**\*\*Wording to come**

7. MEETINGS

7.1 COACHES TECHNICAL MEETING

A participating coaches Technical meeting will be held prior to the first game at the Championship. Date and time of the meeting is at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee.

7.2 COACHES ANNUAL MEETING

The Host Organizing Committee should work with the President of the Coaches Executive to determine a date and time for the annual coaches meeting.

7.3 COACHES CLINIC (N/A)

7.4 PRESS CONFERENCE

The date and time for a championship press conference is at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee, working in consultation with the U SPORTS Office.

8. OFFICIALS

8.1 FUNDED OFFICIALS

8.1.1 U SPORTS will be responsible for all travel costs for the referees assigned to the Championship. That is, economy airfare for these officials from the airport closest to their residence to the site of the championship and return.

8.1.2 6 Linesmen are assigned:  
2 or 3 are nominated and selected from the Host team's Branch (Provincial Association)  
3 or 4 are nominated and selected from the Host Conference members (Branches).

Note: Linesmen travel to and from the Championship is covered by their Branch.

8.2 ASSIGNMENT

8.2.1 The referees are selected by Hockey Canada and where possible should include one from each Sport Conference of U SPORTS.

8.2.2 Six linesmen selected as per above.



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**8.3 NEUTRALITY (N/A)**

**8.4 QUALIFICATIONS**

8.4.1 Experience officiating U SPORTS Women's Ice Hockey

8.4.2 Have been recommended by the U SPORTS Women's Hockey Coaches Association.

8.4.3 Hockey Canada Officiating Program Level IV (minimum) certification for referees.

8.4.4 Hockey Canada Officiating Program Level III (minimum) certification for linemen.

**8.5 HOST RESPONSIBILITIES**

8.5.1 Accommodations for the championship referees (double occupancy).

8.5.2 Accommodations for the (6) six championship linesmen (double occupancy), as required.

8.5.3 Meal per diems for all game officials commencing on their arrival day including their departure day.

8.5.4 Championship access.

8.5.5 Transportation to the arena from the hotel.

8.5.6 Game fees.

**8.6 NSO'S RESPONSIBILITIES (N/A)**

Hockey Canada will provide transportation, meals, accommodation (double occupancy) and fees for the assignor/evaluator.

**8.7 FEES**

\$80/referee/game & \$40/linesman/game

**8.8 STAND BY OFFICIAL (N/A)**

**8.9 SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection process for officials chosen to participate in the U SPORTS Championship is as follows:

8.9.1 Coaches shall recommend in a ranked order, a maximum but not necessarily, 3 officials from their area to the Women's Hockey Convener or Sport Conference chair of their Sport Conference.

8.9.2 Sport Conference Women's Hockey Conveners shall submit a list, in ranked order, their top 3 officials within 45 days of the championship to the U SPORTS Office.

8.9.3 Hockey Canada, U SPORTS and CWHCA representative shall select a final list of officials via a conference call, to be managed by the U SPORTS Office.



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8.9.4 Hockey Canada shall determine the final selection of officials 30 days prior to the U SPORTS championship.

#### 8.10 ON-SITE ASSIGNMENT

The Hockey Canada appointed Assignor/Evaluator will determine the final selection of officials for each game, including the Gold medal final. Feedback from participating coaches may be shared with the Assignor/Evaluator.

### 9. SEASON AND CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

*\*Please refer to policy 60.20 for more details re standard championship awards.*

#### 9.1 ALL-CANADIANS

9.1.1 The Selection Committee will consist of two (2) head coaches from each Sport Conference, as chosen by that Sport Conference. Note: Coaches nominated for the U SPORTS Coach of the Year award shall not be eligible to be members of the Selection Committee.

9.1.2 Sport Conference awards must be finalized 14 days prior to the start of the U SPORTS championship. Final conference selections must be submitted by each Sport Conference, in rank order, by using the U SPORTS on-line awards system. Detailed submission instructions will be provided by the U SPORTS Office. Conferences shall only submit their major award nominees, first team all-stars and first team all-rookies. Only athletes submitted under these guidelines are eligible for U SPORTS season awards.

9.1.3 Members of the Selection Committee are permitted to vote for athletes and coaches from their own Sport Conference. Each voting process will be anonymous and conducted by using the U SPORTS on-line awards voting system. The U SPORTS Office will monitor the final votes.

9.1.4 Final voting for the U SPORTS awards must be done a minimum of 10 to 12 days prior to the start of the championship.

9.1.5 Six 1<sup>st</sup> Team and six 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Canadians will be selected by the coaches (includes 3 forwards, 2 defense and 1 goaltender for each team).

9.1.6 Each Sport Conference nominates six players for consideration as All-Canadian (will be each Sport Conference's First All-Star team).

9.1.7 Each Selection Committee member will rank their preferred nominees by position. Forwards shall be ranked 1-6, Defence 1-4 and Goalies 1-2. Voting must adhere to each conference's rank order. For example, a Voting Group member cannot vote for a conference's number 2 ranked forward ahead of that same conference's number 1 ranked forward.

9.1.8 The six forwards receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> All-Canadians teams (1-3 to the 1<sup>st</sup> team and 4-6 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team). If the U SPORTS Outstanding Player of the Year is a forward, she shall automatically be named to the 1<sup>st</sup>



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Team, and the five other forwards receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the remaining forward positions.

- 9.1.9 The four defence receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> All-Canadians teams (1-2 to the First team and 3-4 to the Second team). If the U SPORTS Outstanding Player of the Year is a defence, she shall automatically be named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team, and the three other defence receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the remaining defence positions.
- 9.1.10 The two goalies receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> All-Canadians teams (1 to the 1<sup>st</sup> team and 2 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team). If the U SPORTS Outstanding Player of the Year is a goalie, she shall automatically be named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team, and the remaining goalie receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team.
- 9.1.11 Sport Conference MVPs are not automatically All-Canadians, although their inclusion is preferred if possible.

## 9.2 OUTSTANDING PLAYER OF THE YEAR (BRODRICK TROPHY)

- 9.2.1 Selection similar to the All-Canadians.
- 9.2.2 Each Sport Conference nominates one player for consideration (will be the Sport Conference's MVP/Player of the Year). The nominated players' institution is responsible for circulating relevant information on the player prior to final vote.
- 9.2.3 The Selection Committee members will rank the nominees from 1 to 4, with 1 being their preferred nominee. The player receiving the best combined ranking shall be named the Outstanding Player of the Year.
- 9.2.4 Should there be a tie, the player with the most first place votes shall be named the Outstanding Player of the Year. Should there still be a tie, the players who are not tied are taken out of the process and a re-vote will occur.
- 9.2.5 The Outstanding Player of the Year shall also earn automatic inclusion as a 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Canadian.
- 9.2.6 To win the national award the athlete must have won the player of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists or be a member of their Sport Conference All-Star team, and final voting must adhere to the conferences rank order.

## 9.3 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

- 9.3.1 Selection similar to the All-Canadians.
- 9.3.2 Each Sport Conference nominates one player for consideration (will be the Sport Conference's Rookie of the Year). The nominated players' institution is responsible for circulating relevant information on the player prior to final vote.
- 9.3.3 Athletes must be in their first year of U SPORTS eligibility.
- 9.3.4 Each Selection Committee member shall rank the nominees from 1 to 4 with 1 being their preferred nominee. The player receiving the best combined ranking shall be named the Rookie of the Year.



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- 9.3.5 Should there be a tie, the player with the most first place votes shall be named the Rookie of the Year. Should there still be a tie, the players who are not tied are taken out of the process and a re-vote will occur.
- 9.3.6 The Rookie of the Year shall also earn automatic inclusion on the U SPORTS All-Rookie team.
- 9.3.7 To win the national award the athlete must have won the rookie of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.

#### 9.4 ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

- 9.4.1 Each Sport Conference nominates six players for consideration as All-Rookie team members (will be each Sport Conference's First All-Rookie Team).
- 9.4.2 Each Selection Committee member will rank their preferred nominees by position. Forwards shall be ranked 1-3, Defence 1-2 and top rookie goalie. Voting must adhere to each conference's rank order. For example, a Selection Committee member cannot vote for a conference's number 2 ranked forward ahead of that same conference's number 1 ranked forward.
- 9.4.3 The three rookie forwards receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the All-Rookie Team. If the U SPORTS Rookie of the Year is a forward, she shall automatically be named to the All-Rookie Team, and the two other forwards receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the remaining forward positions.
- 9.4.4 The two rookie defence receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the All-Rookie team. If the U SPORTS Rookie of the Year is on defence, she shall automatically be named to the First Team, and the one other defence receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the remaining defence position.
- 9.4.5 The rookie goalie receiving the best combined ranking shall be named to the All-rookie team. If the U SPORTS Rookie of the Year is a goalie, she shall automatically be named to All-Rookie team, and no further voting is necessary for that position.

#### 9.5 STUDENT-ATHLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (MARION HILLIARD AWARD)

- 9.5.1 The award is for outstanding achievement in hockey, academics and community involvement.
- 9.5.2 Each Sport Conference nominates one player for consideration (will be the Sport Conference's Marion Hilliard award winner or equivalent). Each player's institution is responsible for providing the U SPORTS with relevant information on the player prior to final vote.
- 9.5.3 Each Selection Committee member shall rank the nominees from 1 to 4 with 1 being their preferred nominee. The player receiving the best combined ranking shall be named the Marian Hilliard Award winner.
- 9.5.4 Should there be a tie, the player with the most first place votes shall be named the Marian Hilliard Award winner. Should there still be a tie, the players who are not tied are taken out of the process and a re-vote will occur.



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9.5.6 To win the national award the athlete must have won the same award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.

**9.6 COACH OF THE YEAR**

9.6.1 Each Sport Conference nominates one coach for consideration (will be the Sport Conference's Coach of the Year). Each coach's institution is responsible for providing U SPORTS with relevant information on the coach prior to final vote.

9.6.2 Each Selection Committee member will rank the nominees from 1 to 4 with 1 being their preferred nominee. The coach receiving the best combined ranking shall be named the Coach of the Year.

9.6.3 Should there be a tie, the coach with the most first place votes shall be named the Coach of the Year. Should there still be a tie, the coaches who are not tied are taken out of the process and a re-vote will occur.

9.6.4 To win the national award the coach must have won the coach of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.

**9.7 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY AND U SPORTS PENNANT**

Presented to the U SPORTS Championship team.

**9.8 CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS**

Gold, silver and bronze medals presented to the top 3 teams.

**9.9 CHAMPIONSHIP MVP**

9.9.1 Selected by a sub-committee of the Organizing Committee coordinated by the Championship Convener.

9.9.2 Selection based on the athletes' performance at the Championship.

9.9.3 Must be a member of the Tournament All-Star team.

**9.10 CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-STAR TEAM**

9.10.1 Selected by a sub-committee of the Organizing Committee coordinated by the Championship Convener.

9.10.2 Six (6) All-Stars will be selected.

9.10.3 Selection based on the athletes' performance at the Championship.

**9.11 CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS OF THE GAME**

9.11.1 One player from each team will be picked as the player of the game.

9.11.2 In games that are televised, the primary lead broadcaster will make the selection of the players of the game.

9.11.3 In games that are not televised, the Host will work with the Coaches Executive to determine the make-up of the selection committee.





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## 10. COMMITTEES

### 10.1 CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee shall rule on all matters necessary for the championship to proceed and will, in addition, act as the Protest Committee at the championship. The Management Committee shall apply U SPORTS Rules. The Management Committee may not, nor may any member, make an exception to any U SPORTS Rule or to a sanction imposed by U SPORTS. The Management Committee has no jurisdiction to consider or interpret U SPORTS Eligibility Regulations.

Composition of the Management Committee shall be:

1. Convener of championship – non-voting chair
2. U SPORTS Delegate
3. Technical Delegate (Assignor/Evaluator as appointed by Hockey Canada)
4. Coaches Executive Representative.

A quorum shall require all four members, or their replacement.

If a member of the Management Committee was involved, directly or indirectly, in a decision or an interpretation of a U SPORTS Rule that is being appealed/protested to the Management Committee that member shall be excused from the Management Committee. In this event, the remaining members of the Management Committee have the authority to appoint as a replacement for the excused member an individual who is independent, unbiased and uninvolved in the matter in dispute. The decision regarding whether a member of the Management Committee should be excused and replaced lies solely with the Management Committee.

Notwithstanding the procedures described in U SPORTS policy 90.70.4.1.1 (see below), the U SPORTS Championship Management Committee shall have the power and jurisdiction to take interim on-the-spot measures to address minor code of conduct issues (inappropriate or unsportsmanlike conduct that is not criminal in nature) that arise at U SPORTS Championships, in a timely fashion. The record of the incident, including the interim measures taken to address it shall be copied to the Athletic Director(s) of the affected school(s), and the U SPORTS office and Discipline Committee.

It is the expectation of U SPORTS that persons representing Member institutions, and/or U SPORTS, at U SPORTS Championships will behave responsibly, and with propriety, and in accordance with the laws of the land.

#### 90.70.4.1.1 Procedures Regarding Misconduct



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Where misconduct occurs at a U SPORTS Championship (including traveling to and from the event, practice days and competition days), the Chief Executive Officer, assisted by the event Convener, shall:

1. Investigate the particulars of the incident that gave rise to the misconduct.
2. Determine the amount and type of damage to property or injury to persons.
3. Identify the persons and institutions responsible for the incident; and
4. Summarize this information in a written report.

The Chief Executive Officer shall provide a copy of the written report to the President, who may bring a complaint in accordance with U SPORTS Policy 90.40 - Discipline. A copy of the written report shall be provided to the Directors of Athletics of the institutions involved.

All decisions on discipline by the committee are final and are not subject to appeal. A written report of any disciplinary action will be forwarded to the Athletic Director of the University involved and the President of their Branch.

Release of information regarding any disciplinary action is to be carried out ONLY by the U SPORTS office in consultation with the Championship Host Convener. This includes but is not limited to information presented to the media or to the Branch concerned.

Where a player or coach is penalized under these suspensions in one series and then is subsequently penalized under these suspensions in another series, further supplementary discipline may be imposed at the discretion of U SPORTS.

Any incident requiring the aforementioned discipline actions is to be reported on the back of the game sheet by the referee. All such game sheets are to be faxed the next day to the U SPORTS office (613) 562-5669. Any incidents involving Officials or Deliberate Injury will be reported to Hockey Canada by the U SPORTS office.

10.2 JURY OF APPEAL (N/A)

10.3 DELEGATES (N/A)

## 11. APPENDICES

### 11.1 TOP TEN VOTING PROCEDURES

Each Regional Association will appoint a Top Ten representative to submit the association's Top Ten vote to the Coaching Executive's VP Promotions/Top Ten. It is at the discretion of each Regional Associations to determine how they will generate their Top Ten list. Regional Associations are to submit their votes by 11:59am EST every Monday, from the first week of October through to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December and 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January through end of February (exact dates to be determined annually).



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The U SPORTS Top Ten shall be determined by assigning points to each Regional Association's Top Ten vote and assigning points based on a team's relative position on that Top Ten (10 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place vote, 9 points for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place vote and so on). Each Regional Association's votes will then be blended together. The team with the most points overall will be ranked #1 on that week's Top Ten with the remaining teams being ranked in descending order based on the points they accumulated that week.

The final Top Ten may be used to aid the U SPORTS and the Seeding Committee in the seeding of the pools for the U SPORTS Women's Ice Hockey Championship. The final Top Ten is to be submitted following the completion of the conference playoffs.

In the event of a tie, the following tie-breaking guidelines shall be considered in the following sequence:

a) Rankings submitted by the Regional Association shall prevail.  
Example: Team A and Team B are both from Canada West. Both teams have a U SPORTS ranking value of 20 points which puts them in a tie for 6<sup>th</sup> position. Canada West rankings have Team A ranked at position number 6 and Team B ranked at position number 7. The U SPORTS ranking shall position Team A above Team B.

b) The team with the greatest number of superior rankings shall be ranked higher.  
Example: Team A and Team B both have 20 total points. Team A has the following rankings:

5 (for 6 points)  
6 (for 5 points)  
6 (for 5 points)  
7 (for 4 points)  
Total of 20 points

Team B has the following rankings:

5 (for 6 points)  
5 (for 6 points)  
6 (for 5 points)  
8 (for 3 points)  
Total of 20 points

As Team B has been ranked in the number 5 position by two separate conferences and Team A has only been ranked in this position once. Team B shall be placed in the higher ranking position.

c) When all rankings are equal, the team with the best winning percentage resulting from conference play to that point shall be ranked in the higher position.  
Example: Team A and Team B both have 20 total points. Team A has 5, 6, 6, and 7 as conference rankings, while Team B has 5, 6, 6, and 7 as conference rankings. Team A



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has a 16 – 5 win-loss record (.7619) while Team B has a 14-2 win-loss ranking (.875). Team B would be ranked in the higher position.

- d) When the above guidelines fail to provide a clear ranking separation of two tied teams, the higher ranking team from the previous week, shall remain in the higher position for the current week, while the lower ranking team from the previous week shall fall to the next lower position.

Example: In the previous week, Team A was ranked in the 5<sup>th</sup> position and Team B was ranked in the 7<sup>th</sup> position. Tabulated results for the current week have the teams tied in the 5<sup>th</sup> position. Team A shall remain in the 5<sup>th</sup> position and Team B shall be placed in the 6<sup>th</sup> position as Team A was ranked higher in the previous week.

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The week's game results are available to the Regional Associations on-line at [www.universitysport.ca](http://www.universitysport.ca). Regional associations will be responsible for researching the week's results. At the Regional Associations' request the VP Promotions/Top Ten will make the game results available in excel spreadsheet format.

The VP Promotions/Top Ten will disclose all the voting results at the annual U SPORTS Women's Hockey Coaching meeting, or at the request of the members of the U SPORTS Women's Hockey Coaching Executive throughout the season.

The voting week will run Monday through Sunday. All results in this time frame may be considered when generating the Regional Associations' Top Ten. Top Ten ranking should be based on the following:

- a. The week's results.
- b. Game results dictate movement. Ranking should not be based on perceived potential or lack thereof.
- c. All game results are to be considered regardless of "other" or compassionate considerations. Injuries may be considered.
- d. All games against U SPORTS competition will be considered when ranking.
- e. Out of conference play, including exhibition games, will be used as a criteria in determining the strength of conference, which may affect weekly rankings.
- f. Games against a non-U SPORTS opponent who has been ranked within their own organization (ie NCAA ranking), may be considered in Top Ten rankings.
- g. Wide swings in rankings should only occur under extreme circumstances.
- h. In conference play-offs, if a lower team defeats a higher team the following should apply: if the teams are one or two positions apart they could flip flop positions. If the teams are more than two positions apart and have been consistent throughout the season, then the higher team should drop but not necessarily below the team that defeated them.



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The Regional Associations shall submit their Top Ten ranking to the VP Promotions via e-mail.