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## 1. COMPETITION

### 1.1. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The U SPORTS Men's Hockey Championship shall have a total of eight (8) 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, but not 5<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> place games. The U SPORTS Men's Hockey Championship will be a single elimination format.

### 1.2. CHAMPIONSHIP BERTH STRUCTURE

The Berth Structure is the makeup of the teams that qualify to the National Championship tournament and will include at minimum, a Host and Conference Champions.

### 1.3. TEAMS

The participating teams for the **2023** Championship will be in accordance with Policy 20.20.4 and the revised National Championship Principles (v 2021).

- AUS Champion
- OUA Champion
- CW Champion
- 1 Host (**University of Prince Edward Island**)
- 2 Assigned Berths OUA
- 1 Assigned Berth CW
- 1 Assigned Berth AUS

\*\* When AUS hosts: 3 OUA, 3 AUS, 2 CW

\*\* When CW hosts: 3 OUA, 2 AUS, 3 CW

\*\* When OUA hosts: 4 OUA, 2 AUS, 2 CW

### 1.4. SEEDING, DRAWS, TRIALS AND HEATS

#### 1.4.1. SELECTION/SEEDING COMMITTEE

1. Chair: A non-voting U SPORTS Office staff member.
2. Members: U SPORTS will select a representative from each Conference in collaboration with the Conference staff.
3. President of the Coaches Association: The President of the Coaches Association will take part in the conference call and shall only vote in the case of a tie.



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4. Should any member be the coach of a team that has qualified for the championship, the U SPORTS Office will select a designate.

#### 1.4.2. SEEDING

Seeding is defined as how a team is ranked competitively and then slotted into a draw. The seeding reflects the current strength of the eight (8) participating teams at a U SPORTS National Championship.

##### 1.4.2.1. SEEDING PRINCIPLES

The Men's Hockey seeding principles are currently listed as follows:

1. Results of conference playoffs must be respected
2. Conference champions must be seeded in the top 3 spots
3. Conference match ups will be avoided in the 1<sup>st</sup> round for the top 2 qualifiers from each conference

##### 1.4.2.2. SEEDING CALL

The purpose of the seeding call is to complete the seeding of teams participating in the U SPORTS National Championship.

##### 1.4.2.3. SEEDING CRITERIA

1. The three (3) Sport Conference champions will be seeded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> based on their respective team national ranking in the final Top Ten of the season. The last Top 10 ranking will be done after the Sport Conference playoffs are completed.
2. The OUA finalist will be seeded #4.
3. The remaining 4 qualifying teams will be seeded using the final Top Ten of the season as a guiding tool.
4. Once the seeding has been completed, teams 5 through 8 can be flipped no more than two spots (up or down) to try to avoid first round match-ups of teams from the same sport conference. (This means teams seeded 1 through 4 cannot be flipped).
5. The Host may flip the brackets to ensure a local team plays at a preferred time to assist with ticket sales. However, 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 and the integrity of the draw is maintained.
6. 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 teams traveling East). If the teams playing are not



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impacted by the time zone change then there can be no switching of game times.

1.4.2.4. SEEDING PROCEDURES

1. The Seeding Committee shall meet via conference call on the Sunday prior to the Championship (as soon as possible upon completion of final top 10) to complete the seeding.
2. Immediately following approval of the seeding, the U SPORTS office will release the final seeding and schedule.
3. The U SPORTS Office will provide the championship day 1 match-ups to Game Tape Xchange immediately following the completion of the seeding to ensure access to game footage is available to the appropriate schools.
4. There shall be no appeal of decisions regarding seeding.
5. Any member institution that releases seeding information prior to the embargo established by the U SPORTS office will be fined \$500.00.

1.4.3. DRAW

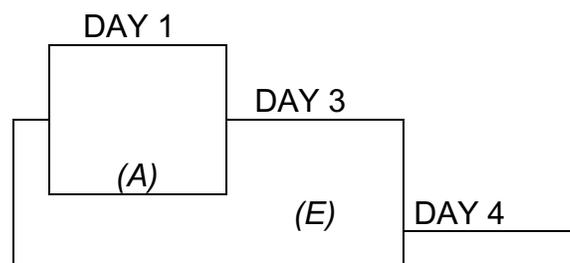
The draw is defined as how a team is scheduled into the National Championship tournament.

- 1 vs 8
- 4 vs 5
- 2 vs 7
- 3 vs 6

1.5. FORMAT

The Format of a National Championship will depend on the sport and will encompass a wide range of aspects including:

1. Style of the Championship (single elimination, pool play, etc.)
2. Number of participating teams
3. Number of days the Championship will take place

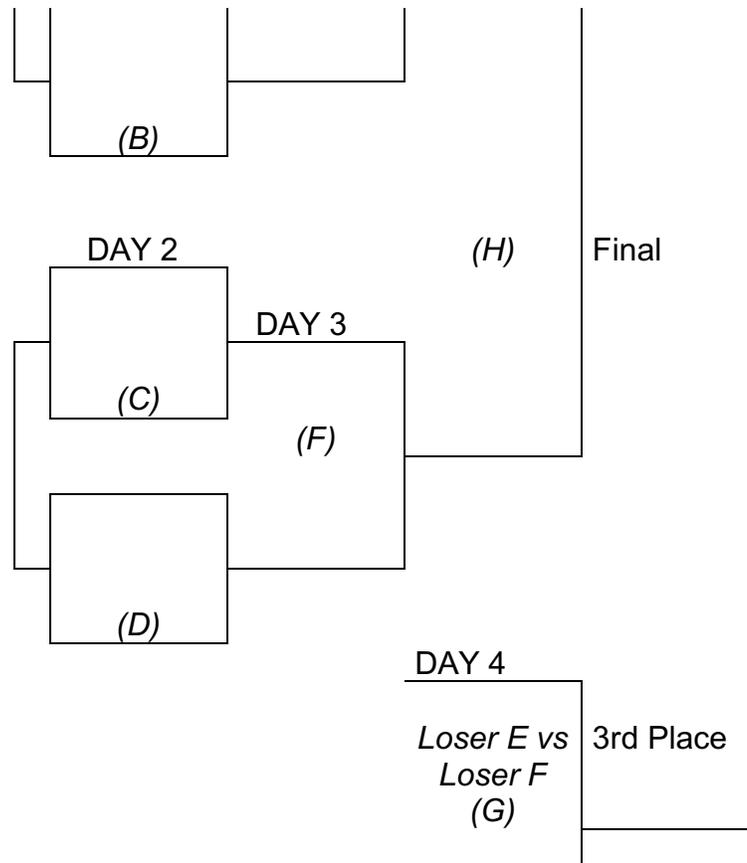




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Note 1: To ensure the integrity of the draw, the structure of the brackets must be maintained (i.e. Game A and Game B must always stay together and Game C and Game D must always stay together) so that common rest times are protected. Game A and Game B can however be moved to the bottom side of the draw, allowing Game C and Game D to move to the top side of the draw.

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

### 1.6. SCHEDULES OR ORDER OF EVENTS

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



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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.

### 1.7. GAME TIMES

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

U SPORTS games will consist of three 20-minute periods, not including overtime, with a 17-minute intermission and flood between each period.

### 1.8. PRACTICE TIMES / WARM-UPS

A defined practice schedule is to be prepared by the Host Organizing Committee in advance of the championship and circulated to all participating teams. The practice schedule is to be developed based on the following:

- 1.8.1. Each of the eight (8) teams will receive an optional one (1) hour of practice time in the championship facility on the day prior to the start of the championship.
- 1.8.2. On day 1 and day 2 of the competition the two (2) teams having a bye on each day will receive an optional one-hour morning practice. Where possible this practice should be held at the competition venue.
- 1.8.3. Teams playing on each day of competition will receive an optional 45-minute morning practice time at the game day facility.
- 1.8.4. On the championship final day the two (2) teams playing in the Gold medal game will receive an optional 45-minute morning practice time at the game day facility.
- 1.8.5. The following order of priority will be considered when teams are assigned practice times:
  1. Game times
  2. Time of arrival in the host city.

### 1.9. OVERTIME, TIMEOUTS & TIE-BREAKING

1. Quarter-final, semi-finals and Gold medal games (All overtime periods are 5 on 5):  
In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time, a 3-minute bench rest shall be permitted and then a 10-minute sudden victory overtime period (5 on 5) will be played. If the outcome is still undecided, teams shall leave the ice for the standard



championship intermission time, determined by the Host Committee prior to the championship (in consultation with CUHCA), to allow resurfacing of the ice. Play will then continue with 20-minute sudden victory overtime periods until a goal is scored. At the end of each 20-minute period, teams shall leave the ice for the standard championship intermission time to allow resurfacing the ice.

Note: Team change ends only after resurfacing of the ice.

2. Bronze Medal game:

In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time, a 3-minute bench rest shall be permitted and then a 10-minute sudden victory overtime period (5 on 5) will be played. If the outcome is still undecided, teams will proceed immediately to a shoot-out.

3. Shootout Procedure:

Where a shootout is required the IIHF shootout protocol shall be used with the exception that the 5 shooters for each team will be selected by the respective coaches at the conclusion of overtime and communicated to the referee within 3-minutes. Refer to the Appendices for shootout protocol.

1.10. SCORING AND STANDARDS (N/A)

1.11. RECORDS AND STATISTICS (SUSPENSION)

1.11.1. Each hockey Sport Conferences' convener is responsible for keeping a weekly record of game misconduct/gross misconduct/match penalties of all games (league, playoff, and exhibition). These totals are to be presented to the Championship Management Committee at the pre-championship technical meeting.

1.11.2. League Stat is the official scoring and statistics application for U SPORTS Hockey.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

2.1. All players who have used a year of eligibility are allowed to play in the championship. Teams may dress any twenty (20) players for each championship game. If the third goaltender has not used a year of eligibility he must be designated on the eligibility roster and may only play in the event that the championship physician certifies one of the two originally declared goaltenders are unfit to play.

Note: Twenty-one (21) players may dress for the warm-up. After warm up one player must be scratched from the line-up. **(Note: Exception to Hockey Canada Rules)**

2.2. GAME DAY ROSTERS



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2.2.1. Coaches must identify their twenty (20) players and declare their starters to the Host Organizing Committee 60 minutes prior to start of game.

2.2.2. The Host Organizing Committee will complete the game sheet for both teams at the end of warm-up OR no less than 10 minutes prior to the start of the game (whichever comes first). The Head coach must sign off on the final game sheet.

### 3. TEAM BENCH

A team can have a maximum of 27 team members in the team bench area including athletes, coaches and support staff. Only players in uniform and a maximum of seven (7) team officials shall be permitted to occupy the players' bench. These individuals shall be registered and entered on the official game report.

Note: Any team member above the 27 is considered a spectator and will sit in the stands.

#### 3.1. TEAM DESIGNATION

3.1.1. Teams seeded 1 through 4 will be considered the home team and will wear light jerseys. Top seeds will maintain home team status throughout the championship.

**3.1.2. The Championship Management Committee will decide the bench designation for participating teams based on dressing room location each game and facility specific requirements.**

3.2. INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY(N/A)

3.3. INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES (N/A)

3.4. INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (N/A)

#### 3.5. TEAM ENTRIES

All Sport Conference championships shall be completed the Saturday prior to the start of the U SPORTS Championship.

3.6. TEAM RANKINGS (N/A)

### 4. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

4.1.1. Dressing rooms should be made available to teams at least two (2) hours before each game.

4.2. BALL (N/A)



### 4.3. RECORDING OF GAMES

#### 4.3.1. GAME FILM

##### 4.3.1.1. FIRST ROUND OPPONENT

Pre-Championship: First round opponents must exchange recordings of their final two (2) matches prior to the U SPORTS National Championship. The recording must be uploaded no later than Monday at 12:00 pm EST. Teams will have access to their opponent's game film for downloading once both teams have completed the uploading process.

##### 4.3.1.2. HOST REQUIREMENT

The Host must record all games at the U SPORTS National Championship and provide the recordings to each participating team and the officials at the conclusion of each match and no later than 90 minutes after the final whistle.

### 4.4. UNIFORMS

Teams must travel to the Championship with two sets of jerseys: one light set and one dark set.

#### 4.4.1. U SPORTS LOGO

U SPORTS reserve 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 must be placed on the top, right chest area of each uniform.

#### 4.4.2. CORPORATE LOGOS

Should any team have a corporate logo on their jersey, they must send a photo to the U SPORTS Office prior to the Technical Meeting for approval. Teams who do not provide this will not be approved to wear corporate logos on their uniforms and must remove prior to competition.

### 4.5. SHORTS, SOCKS, BRACES, EQUIPMENT & DRESS CODE (N/A)

### 4.6. HEAD GEAR AND HELMETS



Conferences are permitted to approve the use of a Type 4 CSA approved visor (half-visor) for use in league play. Universities are required to provide the option for student-athletes to wear either the half-visor or the full-face visor. If, however, the half-visor is worn, an internal mouth guard must also be utilized. Should officials encounter a player who is not wearing an internal mouth guard, they are instructed to remove the player from the playing surface and that player cannot participate in the play until such time as he obtains an internal mouth guard. Should the player return without an internal mouth guard, or refuse to leave the ice when instructed to do so by the referee, he shall be assessed a 10-minute misconduct.

Goaltenders must at all times wear a CSA approved helmet and facial protector while participating in the game. Alternate goaltenders, while seated on the players' bench, are permitted to wear a player's helmet (properly fastened) with the minimum CSA approved half-visor.

- 4.7. CAPTAINS IDENTIFICATION (N/A)
- 4.8. DEPTH CHARTS (N/A)
- 4.9. SPOTTER PHONES (N/A)
- 4.10. FACILITY REQUIREMENTS (N/A)

## 5. RULES

Competition shall be governed by the official playing rules of Hockey Canada for the U SPORTS Championships with the following exceptions:

### 5.1. INTERMISSION

The U SPORTS Championships will have 17-minute intermission periods

### 5.2. ICING THE PUCK

If the goaltender leaves his crease to play the puck, play shall continue and the 'icing the puck' rule shall not apply.

1. Should a player of a team equal or superior in numerical strength propel the puck in any manner (stick, glove, skate, body) from his own half of the ice to beyond the icing line of the opposing team – including off the boards or the protective glass – without the puck being touched by any player from either team in the offensive half of the ice before the puck crosses the icing line, an icing will be in effect.
2. There are two decisions a linesman must make under hybrid icing rules. First, they must determine that the shot from a player's own side of center ice will



cross the icing line in the attacking zone. Second, they must determine whether a defending skater or attacking skater would be first to touch the puck.

3. This second decision must be made no later than the instant the first of the players reaches the end zone faceoff spots, although the decision can be made earlier. The skates of the skaters are the determining factor.
4. Should the puck be shot or propelled in such a way that it travels around the boards and slides back towards center ice, the linesman will determine which player would be first to touch the puck. In this instance, the determining factor is not the end zone faceoff spots but the puck itself.
5. If there is no “race” for the puck, icing will be not called until a defending player crosses his defending blue line and the puck crosses the icing line.
6. If the race for the puck is too close to determine which player from which team would touch the puck first, icing will be called
7. During an icing situation where the icing has been cancelled because an attacking player has gained positional advantage, players must compete within the rules pertaining to physical contact.

#### 5.2.1. LINE CHANGES ON ICING

1. A team that is in violation of the icing rule shall not be permitted to make any player substitutions prior to the ensuing face-off.
2. Should the stoppage of play following the icing infraction coincide with a commercial time-out, 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 attacker, to replace an injured player, or when a penalty has been assessed which affects the on-ice strength of either team.
3. The determination of players on ice will be made when the puck leaves the offending player’s stick

#### 5.3. COACH VIEWING

The head coaches and/or their assistant 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 team has left the ice.

#### 5.4. PENALTIES

**5.4.1. The team on a powerplay will have the choice of which side of the ice (right or left) the first faceoff is on after the penalty is called.**



#### 5.4.2. INSTIGATOR / AGRESSOR IN A FIGHT

Instigator of, or aggressor in a fight - a one game additional suspension along with the one game suspension for fighting (a total of two (2) games).

Player involved in a fight against an instigator (where an instigator penalty is called) – would be ejected from the game, but would not be suspended for the following game(s).

#### 5.4.3. GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

1. A player receiving a fighting major receives an ejection from the current game plus a one (1) game suspension.
2. A player(s) identified as being involved in a 2nd, 3rd or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play receives a two (2) game suspension.
3. A player(s) 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc. man into a fight receives a minimum two (2) game suspension.
4. Players' leaving the team bench or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of starting a fight receive a two (2) game suspension.
5. Verbal abuse of a game official receives a minimum one (1) game suspension for the first offense, a minimum three (3) game suspension for the second offense, and an indefinite suspension for any subsequent offense until reviewed by the Championship Management Committee (which includes the President of the Coaches Executive or designate).
6. A player receiving a two (2) minute minor Checking From Behind penalty receives an automatic 10 minute misconduct. A substitute player will serve the 2 minute penalty. The misconduct penalty will commence on the termination of the minor penalty. The player serving the misconduct shall remain on the penalty bench until the first stoppage of play following the expiry of the 10 minute misconduct penalty.
7. A player receiving a five (5) minute major Checking From Behind penalty and a game misconduct automatically receives a one game suspension. For a second occurrence, the player will receive a two game suspension. For a third occurrence, the player will receive an indefinite suspension until reviewed by the Association President or designate.
8. A player receiving a five (5) minute major Checking to the Head penalty and a game misconduct automatically receives a one game suspension. For a second occurrence, the player will receive a two-game suspension. For a third occurrence, the player will receive an indefinite suspension until reviewed by the Association President or designate.
9. In the event of an error in the regulations (due to changes to the rule book), as it relates to suspensions, the Championship Management Committee will have the discretion to make any necessary adjustments as required.



#### 5.4.4. GROSS MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

1. Player assessed a gross misconduct - minimum of two (2) game suspension.
2. A second gross misconduct assessed to the same player in the same season results in a minimum of a one-season suspension including play-offs, plus review by the Association President or designate prior to reinstatement.

#### 5.4.5. MATCH PENALTIES

1. Hair pulling or spitting - two (2) game suspension.
2. Butt ending, head butting or grabbing facemask - three (3) game suspension.
3. Spearing, kicking, or stick swinging - three (3) game suspension.
4. Deliberate attempt to injure not covered above - four (4) game suspension.
5. Molesting an official - referred to Judicial Committee.
6. A second match penalty assessed to the same player in the same season - indefinite suspension until reviewed by the Association President or designate.

#### 5.4.6. COACHES DISCIPLINE

1. Coaches receiving a game misconduct receive a one game suspension. Coaches receiving a second game misconduct in the same season receive a two-game suspension.
2. Coaches receiving a gross misconduct for disrespect of an official will receive a minimum three games suspension and the case will be referred to a Judicial Committee to determine if further sanctions are to be imposed.
3. Coaches identified as having player(s) leaving players' or penalty bench at the same time during a fight for the purpose of starting a fight - one (1) game suspension.
4. Coach identified as having the first player(s) leaving players' or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of starting a fight - two (2) game suspension.

### 5.5. ACCUMULATION OF PENALTIES

#### 5.5.1. SUSPENSIONS

Game suspensions are to be served immediately and consecutively in previously scheduled games.

#### 5.5.2. STICK RELATED PENALTIES

Should a player be ejected from a game for the second time in the same season for accumulation of three stick infractions in one game, the player will receive a



two-game suspension. For a third occurrence, the player will receive an indefinite suspension until reviewed by the Association President or designate.

5.5.3. CHECKING FROM BEHIND AND HIT TO THE HEAD (where a 2-minute penalty and a 10-minute misconduct was assessed)

1st occurrence: 2-minute plus a 10-minute misconduct

2nd occurrence: 2-minute plus a 10-minute misconduct

3rd occurrence: 2-minute plus a 10-minute misconduct plus one game suspension

4th occurrence: 2-minute plus a 10-minute misconduct and indefinite suspension until reviewed by the league convener for further disciplinary action

Note: Penalties assessed under rule 6.4.2. and 6.7.3 would count in the accumulating of penalties for the checking from behind infraction.

## 5.6. VIDEO REVIEW

For the purposes of the National Championships, the following are subject to video review:

### 5.6.1. VIDEO GOAL REVIEW (Please see APPENDIX 11.2 for more details)

### 5.6.2. SUPPLEMENTARY VIDEO REVIEW (Please see APPENDIX 11.3 for more details)

1. A violent/dangerous act has occurred that is missed by the on-ice officials and a penalty is not called or not called in accordance with Hockey Canada standards
2. A violent/dangerous act requires a more stringent penalty. (increase a minor to a 2 +10, a minor to a 5 + game, a minor or a major to a match)
3. A player injury occurs and falls under the two previous categories

## 6. MEETINGS

### 6.1. TECHNICAL MEETING

A Technical meeting will be held in person prior to the first game at a U SPORTS National Championship. Time of the meeting is at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee.

The Head Coach from each participating team, an Officials Representative (ideally the head official or Referee Coach/Supervisor), the U SPORTS Delegate, and members of the Host Committee must attend this meeting.



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The Chair of the Technical Meeting will be the U SPORTS delegate.

Note: A representative of the Official Broadcaster may be in attendance.

## 6.2. COACHES MEETING

An unofficial Coaches meeting may be organized and require a meeting room during the championship. Date and time of the meeting is at the discretion of the Host Organizing Committee working in consultation with the President of the Coaches Association.

Note: This is not be an official U SPORTS Sport Technical Sub Committee (STSC) meeting and thus any decisions affecting U SPORTS Policy or Regulations must be sent to the STSC. This is the responsibility of the President of the Coaches Association or their designate.

## 6.3. COACHES CLINIC

The host coach or designate may be responsible for arranging and organizing the Coaches Clinic at the U SPORTS Championship. The time of the clinic should be included in the bid package.

## 7. COMMERCIAL

### 7.1. MEDIA CONFERENCE

The date and time for a U SPORTS National Championship media conference is determined by U SPORTS and the Host Organizing Committee.

## 8. OFFICIALS

### 8.1. FUNDED OFFICIALS

U SPORTS will cover the cost of travel for five (5) officials.

### 8.2. OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENT

Five officials and six linespersons are selected by Hockey Canada and where possible should include one from each Sport Conference of U SPORTS.

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

### 8.3. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICIALS



8.3.1. Experience officiating U SPORTS Men's Ice Hockey. Officials must have officiated at least three (3) U SPORTS league or playoff games in the current season in order to be eligible for selection.

**8.3.2. Certified “National High Performance” for a junior or senior National Championship**

**8.4. HOST RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. To pay and provide accommodation (double occupancy or single occupancy during a Pandemic), meals (per diem), local ground transportation and game fees for the 5 funded officials. Any changes in accommodations by an official(s), resulting in additional costs, will be the responsibility of the individual(s) involved (example: a request of an official to stay on longer than required).
2. To provide, at their cost, local ground transportation for the Referee Coaches/Assignors/Evaluators to and from the championship venues, as required.
3. To arrange for accommodation for any Referee Coaches/Assignors/Evaluators at the same hotel as the other officials.
4. Per diems for game officials will be covered by the Championship Host Committee at the following approved U SPORTS rates: \$55.00 per day per official [(B)\$10.00, (L)\$20.00 and (D)\$25.00] unless complimentary meals are provided.
6. To provide a tournament accreditation pass to the assigned Referee Coaches/Assignors/Evaluators allowing them access to the venue and competition court. There should be designated seats provided to the Referee Coaches at either the scorer's table or at a raised media table close to or directly behind the scorer's table.

**8.4.1. GAME DAY REQUIREMENTS**

- 8.4.1.1. Dressing room and shower facilities at the competition site.
- 8.4.1.2. Towels for after game showers.
- 8.4.1.3. Refreshments for half time and post-game (water, Gatorade, fruit, cereal bars, etc.). These items can be left of their dressing room.

**8.5. NSO RESPONSIBILITIES**



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1. To cover the cost of accommodation, meals, and transportation for the Referee coaches/assignors/evaluators.
2. To provide to the Championship Host Committee an invoice for the total amount of fees and per diems in advance of the championship (should include per diems for a minimum of 5 days). The invoice should be sent to the Championship Host Committee 30 days in advance of the championship.

#### 8.6. FEES

Officials Fee: \$155/game/official  
Linesperson: \$80/game/official

#### 8.7. STANDBY OFFICIAL (N/A)

#### 8.8. SELECTION PROCESS

**8.8.1. Hockey Canada will identify a shortlist of officials who are eligible for the Championship.**

**8.8.2. Hockey Canada will circulate the list to their Member Branches, U SPORTS, and the Sport Conferences for review, no later than 60 days prior to the Championship. At this time, officials who should not be considered, because they have not worked sufficient games or have been subject to disciplinary action, should be identified and reported to Hockey Canada.**

**8.8.3. Hockey Canada will determine the final selection, in consultation with U SPORTS, no later than 30 days prior to the Championship.**

#### 8.9. ON-SITE OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENT

8.9.1. The (lead) Referee Coach(es) Assignor(s) / Evaluator(s) will attend the pre-championship Technical meeting. Only technical issues relating to officiating will be discussed. Opinions on the quality of officiating and individuals will not be discussed at this meeting. There will be no other meetings between coaches and Referee Coaches once the championship begins.

8.9.2. All games will be assigned according to ability as determined by the Referee Coaches.

#### 9. SEASON AND CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

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



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### 9.1. ALL-CANADIANS

- 9.1.1. 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).
- 9.1.2. 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.
- 9.1.3. Final voting for the U SPORTS awards must be done a minimum of 10 to 12 days prior to the start of the championship.
- 9.1.4. To win the national award the nominees must have been named to the All-Star team in their sport conference, if such a team is named.

### 9.2. OUTSTANDING PLAYER OF THE YEAR (SENATOR JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN TROPHY)

- 9.2.1. Selected by Award Selection Committee
- 9.2.2. 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. DEFENCEMAN OF THE YEAR

- 9.3.1. Selected by Award Selection Committee
- 9.3.2. Must be a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Canadians.
- 9.3.3. To win the national award the athlete must have won the defenceman 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.

### 9.4. GOALTENDER OF THE YEAR

- 9.4.1. The goalie selected to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Canadians.
- 9.4.2. To win the national award the athlete must have won the Goaltender of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists or be a member of their



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Sport Conference All-Star team, and final voting must adhere to the conferences rank order.

#### 9.5. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (CLARE DRAKE TROPHY)

9.5.1. Selected by Award Selection Committee

9.5.2. Recipient must be 21 years of age or younger as of September 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of entry into U SPORTS hockey competition.

9.5.3. Recipient must be in their first year of U SPORTS eligibility.

9.5.4. 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.

#### 9.6. ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

9.6.1. Six (6) positioned players who meet the age and eligibility restrictions will be selected by the Coaches Executive (3 Forwards, 2 Defensemen & 1 Goaltender).

9.6.2. Must have been a rookie of the year nominee or be a member of the All-Rookie Team in their Sport Conference and final voting must adhere to the conferences rank order.

#### 9.7. STUDENT-ATHLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (RANDY GREGG AWARD)

9.7.1. Selected by Award Selection Committee

9.7.2. Recipient who best exhibits outstanding achievement in 3 areas: hockey, academics and community involvement.

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

#### 9.8. MOST SPORTSMANLIKE PLAYER OF THE YEAR (R.W. PUGH AWARD)

9.8.1. Selected by Award Selection Committee

9.8.2. Awarded to the player who best combine outstanding play and sportsmanship.

#### 9.9. COACH OF THE YEAR (FATHER GEORGE KEHOE MEMORIAL AWARD)

9.9.1. Selected by Award Selection Committee



9.9.2. Based on overall record, improvement, leadership and contribution to university hockey.

9.9.3. 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.

9.10. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (JOE KANE AWARD)

9.10.1. Selected by the Host Organizing Committee.

9.11. CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY (UNIVERSITY CUP) & U SPORTS PENNANT

Presented to the U SPORTS Championship Team.

9.12. CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS

Presented to the top 3 teams in the U SPORTS Championship (gold, silver, bronze).

9.13. CHAMPIONSHIP MVP (MAJOR W.J. (DANNY) MCLEOD AWARD)

9.13.1. Selected by a 3-person committee established by the Host. Best efforts should be made to include non-participating coaches attending the Championship.

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

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

9.14. CHAMPIONSHIP ALL STAR TEAM

9.14.1. Selected by a 3-person committee established by the Host. Best efforts should be made to include non-participating coaches attending the Championship.

9.14.2. Selection based on the student-athletes' performance at the U SPORTS Championship

9.15. CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS OF THE GAME

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

9.15.2. The Head Coaches of the participating teams or a 3-person committee established by the Host will select the Player of the game for the opposing team.



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## 10. COMMITTEES

### 10.1. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Award Selection Committee is to be chaired by the Coaches Association President. The Committee will be made up of the four (4) Sport Technical Sub Committee coach representatives.

This committee will select the recipients of the following awards:

- All-Canadians (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team)
- Outstanding Players of the Year
- Rookie of the Year and All-Rookie Team
- Most Sportsmanlike
- Student-Athlete Community Service Award
- Coach of the Year

Note: If a Coach of the Year Nominee is part of the Award Selection Committee they will not have a vote in that category.

### 10.2. CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### 10.2.1 Role of the Committee

The Management Committee shall rule on all matters necessary for the championship to proceed and will, in addition, act as the Protest Committee during the U SPORTS National 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.

#### 10.2.2 Composition of the Management Committee shall be:

1. Championship Convener
2. U SPORTS Delegate;
3. Head Official (or designate from officials' group);
4. President of the Coaches Association, or designate.

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

#### 10.2.3 Disciplinary Action

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 , the U SPORTS Championship Management Committee shall have the authority 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 and communicated with U SPORTS immediately. 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.

### 10.3. JURY OF APPEAL (N/A)

### 10.4. DELEGATES (N/A)

## 11. APPENDICES

### 11.1. SHOOTOUT PROCEDURE

1. Each shoot-out must have a winner.
2. Eligible to participate in the shooting competition will be the players registered for the championship. Each team shall nominate two goalkeepers and five players by name and uniform number in the order they will take the shots, on the form handed over to them by the linesman. The lists submitted by the teams will be binding for the entire shoot-out competition.
3. Suspended players are not eligible for the shooting competition
4. The goalkeepers may be changed after each shot.
5. The team designated as the visiting team will shoot first in the shoot-out. Teams will take shots alternately.



6. If still tied after 5 shooters, move to a sudden victory format (same 5 shooters in same order) until a winner is declared.

## 11.2. VIDEO GOAL REVIEW

Note: Only the ON-ICE Official and the Video Goal Judge may review a goal.

The following situations are subject to review by the Video Goal Judge:

1. Puck crossing the goal line.
2. Puck in the net prior to the goal frame being dislodged.
3. Puck in the net prior to, or after expiration of time at the end of the period.
4. Puck directed or batted into the net by a hand or foot or deliberately batted with any part of the attacking player's body.

With the use of a foot/skate, was a distinct kicking motion evident when the puck is in the crease? If so, the apparent goal must be disallowed. A **DISTINCT KICKING MOTION** is one which, with a pendulum motion, the player propels the puck with his skate into the net. If the Video Goal Judge determines that it was put into the net by an attacking player using a distinct kicking motion when the puck is in the crease, it must be ruled **NO GOAL**. This would also be true even if the puck, after being kicked in the crease, deflects off any other player of either team and then into the net. This is still **NO GOAL**.

5. Puck deflected directly into the net off an Official.
6. Puck struck with a high-stick, above the height of the crossbar, by an attacking player prior to entering the goal. The determining factor is where the puck makes contact with the stick in relation to the crossbar. If the puck makes contact with the portion of the stick that is at or below the level of the crossbar and enters the goal, this goal shall be allowed.
7. To establish the correct time on the official game clock, provided the game time is visible on the Video Goal Judge's monitors.
8. The video review process shall be permitted to assist the referees in determining the legitimacy of all potential goals (e.g. to ensure they are "good hockey goals"). For example (but not limited to), pucks that enter the net by going through the net meshing, pucks that enter the net from underneath the net frame, etc.
9. The puck is hand passed to a teammate, in the offensive zone, who subsequently scores, or, the puck is high sticked to a teammate, in the offensive zone, who subsequently scores.

**NOTE:** The Video Goal Judge is able to review a hand pass or high stick in the attacking zone that results in a goal until one of the following situations occurs:



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10. The puck leaves the attacking zone by completely crossing the blue line into the neutral zone.
11. Any other player from either Club (except the player who received the hand pass or high stick) is able to control the puck with his stick, hand or skate.
12. If the player who received the puck on a hand pass or high stick, passes or shoots the puck and it is intentionally played by a teammate or opponent.
13. If the puck is batted or high sticked into the crease by an attacking player, no goal can be legally scored by an attacking player during a scramble for the puck in the crease. If a defending player clearly shoots the puck into his own net, the goal will be permitted. Once the puck is cleared out of the crease, it is now eligible to be shot legally into the net by an attacking player.
14. When a goal has been scored and the Video Goal Judge has conclusive video evidence that the puck hit the netting (therefore out of play) and went back onto the ice surface which was undetected by the on-ice officials, this goal shall not be allowed. If the puck subsequently leaves the attacking zone after hitting the net, this play is no longer reviewable by the Video Goal Judge.
15. The Video Goal Judge will notify the time keeper to sound the arena horn / buzzer to stop play on a situation where the puck has entered the net (which he has confirmed by video review) but has gone undetected by the on-ice officials, and play has continued. As this procedure will require some time for the Video Goal Judge to conclusively determine that a goal was scored, after the horn / buzzer sounds to stop play, the clock must be reset to the time when the puck completely crossed the goal line.

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** Under this new procedure, the VGJ will only instruct the timekeeper to sound the horn / buzzer (as play continues), if there is definitive video evidence that a goal was scored.

### 11.3. SUPPLEMENTARY VIDEO REVIEW

11.3.1. A play from a game may be reviewed by video when:

1. A violent/dangerous act has occurred that is missed by the on-ice officials and a penalty is not called or not called in accordance with Hockey Canada standards
2. A violent/dangerous act requires a more stringent penalty. (increase a minor to a 2 +10, a minor to a 5 + game, a minor or a major to a match)
3. A player injury occurs and falls under the two previous categories

11.3.2. Process for Video Review



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1. USPORTS Delegate and/or the Referee in Chief may initiate a video review process
2. Both teams will be informed that a review will be initiated and the details of the play to be reviewed within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the Post Game Media conference.

11.3.3. Video Review Process and Timelines

1. A Championship Tournament Review Committee consisting of the USPORTS Delegate, the Referee in Chief and one other impartial sport expert will review the incident and will make a final and binding decision and advise the team and next opponent, if applicable, by 9:00 AM the following day
2. Sanctions if required will be applied as per the U SPORTS/Hockey Canada Sanctions Chart
3. The U SPORTS Delegate will prepare and provide a written report of the Tournament Review Committee’s decision in a timely manner
4. The decision is final and binding and cannot be appealed