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1. COMPETITION

1.1. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The U SPORTS Women's Hockey 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 that includes a 3rd place game and a consolation 5th place game, but no 7th place game.

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 **2024** Championship will be as follows:

- AUS Champion
- OUA Champion
- RSEQ Champion
- CW Champion
- Host (**University of Saskatchewan**)
- One (1) assigned berth to OUA (*must be conference medalist*)
- **One (1) assigned berth to RSEQ (*must be a conference medalist*)**
- One (1) assigned berth to AUS (*must be a conference medalist*)

1.4. SEEDING AND DRAW

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



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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 following seeding principles must be respected in the final determination of the championship draw:

1. Results of conference playoffs must be respected (order of finish).
2. Conference champions must be seeded in at least one of the top 4 spots
3. Conference match ups will be avoided in the 1st round for the top two (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. 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. The last Top 10 ranking will be done after the Sport Conference playoffs are completed.
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.

1.4.2.4. SEEDING PROCEDURES

1. The seeding call takes place on the Sunday prior to the start of the U SPORTS National Championship following the last Conference Championship.
2. Immediately following the seeding call, the U SPORTS office will release final seeding and schedule to media and members.
3. There shall be no appeal of decisions regarding seeding.



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4. 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

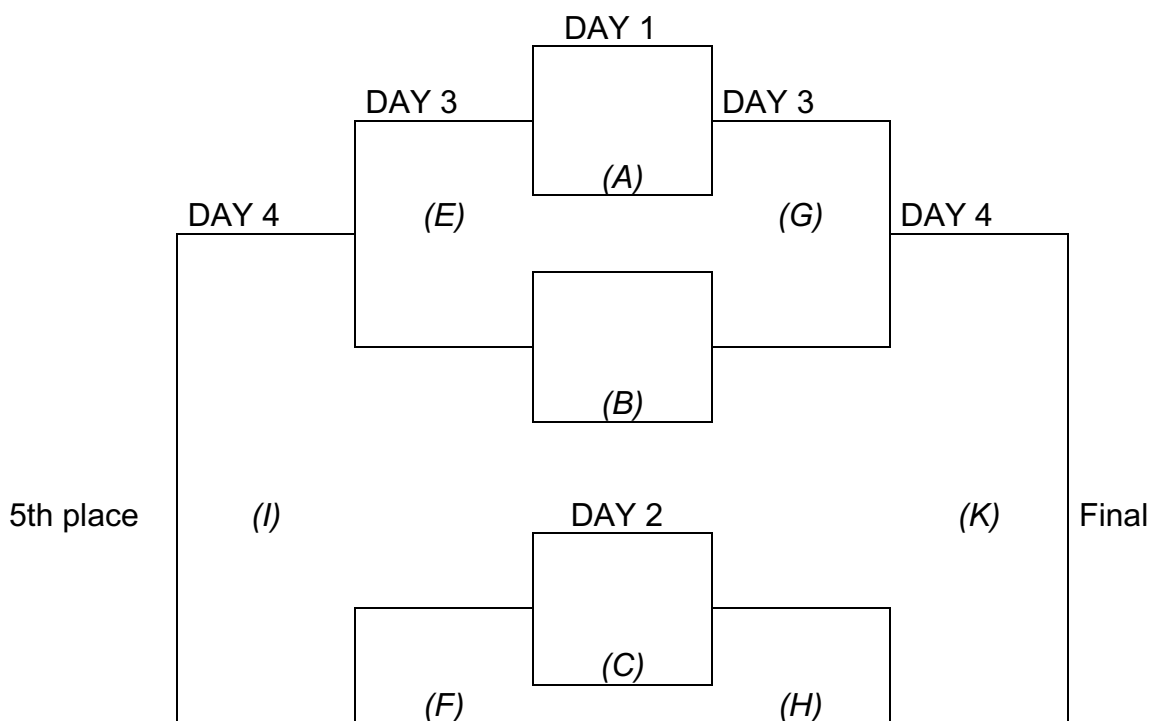
The draw is defined as how a team is scheduled into the National Championship tournament.

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

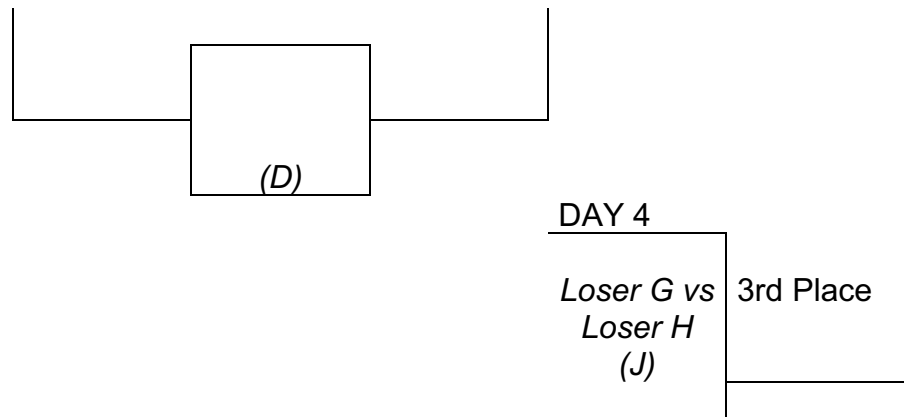




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Note 1: To ensure the integrity of the draw, the structure of the brackets must be maintained (i.e. Game A and Game B must always stay together and Game C and Game D must always stay together) so that common rest times are protected. Game A and Game 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. PROCEDURES AND PROTESTS

For the protest of any games during the Championship the procedures will be as follows.

- 1.6.1. 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.
- 1.6.2. The U SPORTS Delegate on-site will deliver a copy of the protest to the protested team, without any undue delay.
- 1.6.3. 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.
- 1.6.4. 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.



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1.6.5. The U SPORTS Management Committee shall have full power to rule on the protest. The decision shall be final.

1.6.6. 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.

1.7. SCHEDULES OR ORDER OF EVENTS

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

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.

1.8. 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.

1.9. PRACTICE TIMES / WARM-UPS

Warm-up shall start 35 minutes prior to game time for a 15-minute duration.

Where possible, practice times will be allocated as follows: 1 hour on game day and 1½ hours on non-game days.

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.

1.10. OVERTIME, TIMEOUTS & TIE-BREAKING



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1.10.1. QUARTER FINAL, SEMI-FINAL, CONSOLATION AND BRONZE MEDAL GAMES

All overtimes for Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Bronze Medal games shall be played with each team at the numerical strength of four (4) skaters and one (1) goaltender.

Tied games at the end of regulation play shall be broken by a 10-minute sudden victory overtime period following a 2-minute bench rest. Teams will change ends for this 10-minute period. If the score is still tied, proceed to a shootout competition.

1.10.2. CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

The championship game overtime period shall be played with both teams at the numerical strength of five (5) skaters and one (1) goaltender.

In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time in the gold medal match, there shall be a 20-minute sudden death overtime following a **17-minute** intermission during which the ice will be resurfaced. The teams will change ends for the overtime period. If the outcome is still undecided, teams shall leave the ice for **seventeen (17)** minutes to allow resurfacing of the ice. Twenty (20) minute overtime periods, with **seventeen (17)** minutes off ice rest periods to allow resurfacing of the ice, shall be utilized until a team scores a goal. Each new overtime period, teams will change sides.

1.10.3. 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. The referee will call the two captains to the on-ice officials' crease to call a coin toss. The winner has the choice to have their team shoot first or second. Goaltenders will defend the same goal net as in the overtime period. 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.

1.11. SCORING AND STANDARDS (N/A)



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1.12. RECORDS AND STATISTICS (SUSPENSION)

- 1.12.1. 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). **At the conclusion of each Conference Championship, Convenors will be required to send a summary to the Host Committee Convenor.** These totals are to be presented to the Championship Management Committee at the pre-championship technical meeting.

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

2. CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

- 2.1. 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. No changes/additions can be made to this list once submitted.



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2.2. The Host Organizing Committee will supply a form to each Head Coach for each game, with a list of the already declared twenty-three (23) players.

2.3. GAME DAY ROSTERS

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

2.3.2. 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 (N/A)

3.6. TEAM RANKINGS (N/A)

4. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY

4.1. BALL (N/A)

4.2. RECORDING OF GAMES



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4.2.1. GAME FILM

Videotaping an opponents' practice will not be permitted.

4.2.1.1. 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 on the identified U SPORTS platform 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.

4.2.1.2. 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.

4.3. UNIFORMS

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

4.3.1. 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.

4.3.2. CORPORATE LOGOS

Should any team have a corporate logo on their jersey, they must send a photo to the U SPORTS Office (Director of Sport) prior to the conclusion of their conference playoffs for approval by the CEO. Teams who do not provide this will not be approved to wear corporate logos on their uniforms and must remove / cover prior to competition.

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



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- 4.5. HEAD GEAR AND HELMETS (N/A)
- 4.6. CAPTAINS IDENTIFICATION (N/A)
- 4.7. DEPTH CHARTS (N/A)
- 4.8. SPOTTER PHONES (N/A)
- 4.9. FACILITY REQUIREMENTS (N/A)

5. 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:

5.1. LENGTH OF PERIODS

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

5.2. FACE-OFF LOCATION AFTER PENALTY

- 5.2.1. 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:

- i. Start or end of period
- ii. Non-penalized team ices puck
- iii. Defense come in (i.e. scrum at net)
- iv. Illegal substitution of goalie

- 5.2.2. 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 affects 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



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players after they have iced the puck and warned by the referee, the referee shall access to the offending team, a bench minor penalty.

5.2.3. Delaying the Game – Shooting the Puck Outside the Playing Area

1. 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.
2. 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
3. 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.
4. 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.

5.3. 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.

5.4. HYBRID ICING (As per IIHF Rule 65)

1. Should a player of a team equal or superior in numerical strength propel the puck in any manner (stick, glove, skate, body) from their 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 linesperson 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 linesperson will determine which



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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 their 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.

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.

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

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 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.

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.



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8. OFFICIALS

U SPORTS Women's Hockey uses a 4-official format.

8.1. FUNDED OFFICIALS

U SPORTS will cover the cost of travel for the seven (7) officials.

8.2. OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENT

The 7 (seven) officials and 7 (seven) linespersons are selected by Hockey Canada and where possible should include one from each Sport Conference of U SPORTS.

The 7 Linespersons are assigned as follows:

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

8.3. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICIALS

8.3.1. Experience officiating U SPORTS Women's Ice Hockey

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 7 funded referees and 7 linespersons. 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.



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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 during intermissions and post-game (water, Gatorade, fruit, cereal bars, etc.). These items can be left outside of their dressing room.

8.5. NSO RESPONSIBILITIES

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



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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.*

9.1. ALL-CANADIANS

9.1.1. Selected by the Awards 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.

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.



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- 9.1.5. Six 1st Team and six 2nd 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 1st and 2nd All-Canadians teams (1-3 to the 1st team and 4-6 to the 2nd team). If the U SPORTS Outstanding Player of the Year is a forward, she shall automatically be named to the 1st 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 1st and 2nd 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 1st 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 1st and 2nd All-Canadians teams (1 to the 1st team and 2 to the 2nd team). If the U SPORTS Outstanding Player of the Year is a goalie, she shall automatically be named to the 1st Team, and the remaining goalie receiving the best combined rankings shall be named to the 2nd 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.



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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 1st 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.

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



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- 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 All-Rookie 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.



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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.

9.5.5. 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 & U SPORTS PENNANT

Presented to the U SPORTS Championship Team.

9.8. CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS

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

9.9. CHAMPIONSHIP MVP

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

9.9.2. 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



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

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

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

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. A designated committee or the Head Coaches of the participating teams will select the Player of the game for the opposing team.

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 (1st and 2nd Team)
- Outstanding Player of the Year
- Rookie of the Year and All-Rookie Team
- 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



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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 (N/A)