

Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association

VARSITY PLAYOFFS

-RULES-

Playoff seeding is determined by Rule 3-G-7 in the MVCHA Rule Book.

Format for All Varsity Playoff Games are:

Points: 2 points for a win.

0 points for a loss.

Games in Varsity Playoffs cannot end in a tie. The team ending up with the most points in each round advances. **If the third game is not necessary to determine the winner, the ice for the third game slot will be used at the discretion of the MVCHA Board of Directors in accordance with the needs of the League and may, or may not, be assigned to the team advancing to the next round.**

Varsity playoff games will be 1 hour and 15 minutes in length, fourteen minute periods. **Games will be played in their entirety; the clock will NOT be dropped. Rule 1-P-4 EARLY TERMINATIONS will remain in effect.**

In Varsity Playoff games, if at the end of regulation play, in all games (if needed), the tie-breaker will be the "Best of 3 Shoot-Out". The first three players on each team's shoot-out list will shoot in a "penalty shot" format, alternating teams. USA Hockey Rule 406 "Penalty Shot" will apply. Once the player taking the shot has touched the puck, it must be kept in motion towards the opponent's goal line and once it is shot the play shall be considered complete. **Home Team has the choice to shoot first or second.** "The Best of 3" competition will consist of one shot from the first team and one shot from the second team, alternating until all three players from each team have taken a shot. The team with the most goals after the "Best of 3" shooters will be the winner. If there is a tie at the end of the "Best of 3 Shoot-Out", there will be a "Sudden Death Shoot-Out". The next five players on each team's shoot-out list will shoot in a "penalty shot" format, alternating teams. A Sudden Death Round will consist of one shot from the first team and one shot from the second team. The first Sudden Death Round that does not end in a tie, (first unanswered goal) will decide the winner. If a tie remains after all five shooters have taken their shots, the shoot-out will start over from the top of the list using the same eight players shooting in turn again in the sudden death format.

Players who are serving penalties of any kind at the end of regulation play or have been given game misconduct penalties during regulation play will not be allowed to return to the ice for the Shoot-out Rounds. The penalized player's name will be scratched from the shoot-out list and, the first substitute player whose name is listed on the shoot-out list as an alternate, will become the eighth player on the shoot-out list -- to maintain an eight (8) player shoot-out list. For example: If player #6 on the shoot-out list has an unfinished penalty, his/her name will be scratched. Player #7 moves up in the rotation, and the #8 spot on the list becomes open and must be filled with a player from the bench that is already on the shoot-out list as an alternate.

To expedite the shoot-out process, each team must submit a complete shoot-out order using the official MVCHA Playoff Shoot-out List form to the scorer's box at the same time they turn in their game day roster. The shoot-out list will consist of eight players, and four alternates, who are rostered for the game, in the order in which they will shoot. **Failure to submit a shoot-out list will result in a 2:00 minute delay of game penalty to be served at the beginning of regulation play. The scorekeeper must notify the referee if a team has not submitted the shoot-out list in order that the proper penalty is assessed.**

Except for the provision listed above concerning penalties, a player who is unable to take his/her turn as listed, will be disqualified from the shoot-out and the list will move to the next player. **From the time the shoot-out begins, no player may shoot twice until every player on the Shoot-out list has shot once.**

Final Authority: The MVCHA Rules Committee will have the final decision on all matters related to the operation and administration of the Playoffs.

Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association Playoff Shoot-Out List

This form must be submitted to the scorekeeper at the beginning of each playoff game. Failure to do so will result in a 2:00 minute delay of game penalty to be imposed at the beginning of regulation play. If a player in line to participate in the shoot out is unable to do so as a result of penalties or injuries, the Head Coach must notify the scorekeeper immediately. His/her name will be crossed out, and the next player in line will take his/her position, the first player from the alternates list will move to the 8th spot on the Shoot Out List and go as the last player. All players must shoot in turn as identified by this list. Goalies are not eligible to take part, as a shooter, in shoot out rounds.

TEAM NAME: _____

Date: _____ Opponent: _____

Player #	Player Name

In the event of a penalized or injured player, alternate players in order of rotation are:

Player #	Player Name

Head Coaches Signature: _____