



2024-2025 ICE HOCKEY

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Ice Hockey Athletic Directors, Coaches and Officials:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 CHSAA Ice Hockey Season! After another year of tremendous growth for the sport in Colorado, we're excited about the possibilities the upcoming season will bring. The beginning of a new cycle will see a shift in classification assignments for schools, as well as Conference realignment. New varsity programs have been added in both the 4A and 5A Classifications with the addition of Caprock Academy (4A) and Grandview High School (5A). Additionally, Aspen High School will be hosting a varsity program at the school after playing the last cycle at the Junior Varsity level. In total, participation numbers for the 24-25 season will reach heights never seen before with the sport in CHSAA.

Not only will there be changes to Conference and Classification makeup for 24-25, but new safety measures were put in place with the requirement for all players on the ice to wear neck laceration protection starting this season. It is also a recommendation that all players wear cut resistant socks, sleeves, and undergarments. The new rule helps to mitigate risk for players on the ice, while aligning the National Federation and CHSAA with leagues across the country.

The online Bulletin is published yearly to offer information on the regular and post season, important dates, along with CHSAA and NFHS rules and procedures. It is your responsibility to review and make yourself familiar with the information contained within this Bulletin. Should you have any questions throughout the season, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. You will also be able to find relevant information on the www.CHSAANOW.com website.

Best wishes to all thirty-six of our CHSAA Member Ice Hockey schools during the upcoming season.

Sincerely,

Justin Saylor
Assistant Commissioner
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2024-2025 Ice Hockey Calendar

November 11	First Practice Academic Eligibility Regain Date
November 16	First Scrimmage
November 21	First Contest
December 7	SAT test date
December 14	ACT test date
December 16	Restricted Varsity Eligibility Regain Date
December 24-27 January 1	Winter Game/Practice Prohibition Voluntary Practice Allowed 12/28-12/31
February 8	ACT test date
February 15	Regular Season Ends Ice Hockey Waivers Due by 5:00 pm
February 17	Ice Hockey Waiver & Seeding Meetings Gate lists due
February 20, 21 or 22	First round games (higher seed hosts)
February 24	5A Quarterfinals Planning meeting at 10am via Zoom
February 25-26	Quarterfinal games (4A - higher seed hosts/5A at South Suburban)
February 27	Semifinals Planning meeting at 10am via Zoom
March 1	Frozen Four - Semifinal games
March 3	Finals Planning meeting at 10am via Zoom
March 4	Frozen Four - Championship games
March 11	Ice Hockey Committee Meeting

5A Quarterfinals – at South Suburban Sports Complex (date/time/location subject to change)

Tuesday, February 25 – 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26 – 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals – Saturday, March 1st at TBD (date/time/location subject to change)

4A Semifinal Game #1 at 11:30 a.m.

4A Semifinal Game #2 at 2:00 p.m.

5A Semifinal Game #1 at 4:30 p.m.

5A Semifinal Game #2 at 7:00 p.m.

Championships – Tuesday, March 4th at TBD (date/time/location subject to change)

4A Championship game at 5:00 p.m.

5A Championship game at 7:30 p.m.

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2024-2025 Ice Hockey Committee

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Matt Wilson, Palmer HS; Scott Bradley, Lewis-Palmer HS; Tony Pergola, Ralston Valley HS

MAJOR COMMITTEE CHANGES FOR ICE HOCKEY

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM 2023-2024 REPORT:

- A. Mirror the start and end dates for the 24-26 cycle to those of the 22-24 cycle.
- B. Require that all players wear neck laceration protection during all CHSAA Ice Hockey games and practices (Now required by NFHS rule). In addition to neck laceration protection, the proposed rule recommends that players wear cut-resistant socks, sleeves or undergarments. The proposed rule also recommends that game officials wear a neck laceration protector.

II. RATIONALE:

- A. The NFHS calendar pushes back a week during the 24-25 school year. This creates scheduling issues for Frozen Four venues and would force Ice Hockey to compete with Great 8 Basketball dates. By keeping the corresponding dates for the 24-26 cycle to mirror the 22-24 cycle, we limit the conflicts that the NFHS calendar adjustment would create.
- B. The sport of ice hockey carries with it a risk of catastrophic injury or death from a skate blade laceration to the neck during play. By requiring that all players wear laceration protection during both practice and games, the risk of such injuries is greatly reduced. Currently five states that sanction NFHS Ice Hockey require such protection (CT, MI, OH, NJ, VT). USA Ice Hockey has voted to make neck laceration protection mandatory and the NFHS is discussing similar measures at their April rules Meeting. The CHSAA is aligning itself with USA Hockey, several member states, and getting out in front of possible requirements from the NFHS.



The CHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee's mission is to provide information, vision and guidance to the CHSAA while emphasizing the health, and safety of students participating in interscholastic sports and activities. For more information about the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and their policies (including Lightning Policy), [click here](#).

CHSAA Emergency Action Plan

Every member school is required to create a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (VEAP) for each site that the member school practices and hosts athletic contests. On rSchool, there is an Emergency Action Plan under Forms that you can either upload your VEAP(s) or fill out the form on rSchool. If you would like to fill out one to upload, you may use this [template for each venue](#).

The Americans Disability Act

Please note: All rules and policies contained within this bulletin are subject to the ADA's requirement to provide reasonable modifications for a disabled student(s). A reasonable modification(s) shall provide a disabled student with equally effective access [to the activity] unless the provision of such reasonable modification would constitute a fundamental alteration of the essential elements of the activity involved. Please refer to CHSAA bylaw 500 for more detailed information.

MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES 2024-2025

1. ***CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS***
 -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 1500, Rule 1500.1, 1500.2
 1500.24, 1500.25, 1500.26 & 1510page 40-45
2. ***COACHES REQUIRED TO ATEND RULES MEETING***
 -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 16, Rule 1650.1page 50
3. ***KEEP SPRING SEASON OF SPORT CONSISTENT***
 -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 28, Rule 2890..... page 119
4. ***FOOTBALL SEASON OF SPORT***
 -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 34, Rule 3401.1.....page 124
5. ***ICE HOCKEY SEASON OF SPORT***
 -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 37, Rule 3700.1..... page 129
6. ***T & PF PROCESS & STRUCTURE CHANGE***
 -- CHSAA T & PF Committee Report
 Please refer to CHSAANow.com, Legislative Council, January Committee Reports

Please note that the CHSAA staff continually updates the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws as needed. The most updated document can be found at [CHSAA NOW.com](https://chsaa.com), under Info.

COLORADO STATE RULE ADOPTIONS

Suspended Games During Regular Season: If, in the opinion of the referees, the conditions become unsatisfactory during the course of the game, they may call the game at any time. If, before two periods have been completed, a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities (i.e., not involving the players), it shall be continued from the point of interruption at a later date/time or declared a no-contest. If the interruption occurs after two periods, the game is considered completed and the score shall stand.

Officiating System: The following referee system will be utilized for officials during varsity games. In accordance with the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Book listed under Rule 5, Section 2, Article 1: The two-official system consists of two referees. The three-official system consists of two referees and one linesman. The four-official system consists of two referees and two linesmen.

5 Penalties on a Player: Any player who incurs five penalties shall be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty and **WILL** serve an additional one-game suspension.

Additional Penalties for Fighting: Any player ejected for fighting will be required to serve a two-game suspension. Any player ejected for fighting a second time during the same season will be required to serve a four-game suspension and meet with the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner overseeing Ice Hockey.

15 Penalties on a Team: At the end of the game, the referee will review the number of penalties of any kind assessed to each team. If a team has received 15 or more penalties, then the coach is to be suspended for the next game. The referees are to notify the team of this situation and remind the team of the coach's situation.

Game Misconduct Penalty: Any player who receives a Game Misconduct penalty **WILL** serve an additional one-game suspension.

Post-Game 10 Minute Misconduct: After a game has ended (players have separated after the final whistle), the Referee or the ARs may assess a 10-minute misconduct that will be served at the beginning of the next game. This rule is to prevent post-game situations and to enforce sportsmanship even after the final whistle. These are typically for lack of sportsmanship issues with the other team or verbal abuse of officials and would not be severe enough to warrant a Disqualification Penalty.

Ejected Player/Coach Penalty: A player or coach ejected will be subjected to the CHSAA player/coach ejection policy, By-law 2200 and 2210.

Goal Differential Rule (Mercy Rule): The goal differential rule is in effect for all regular season and CHSAA bracket post-season tournament games with the exception of the State Semifinal and Championship games. A running clock shall be used when the goal differential reaches 6 goals. The clock will only be stopped during the mercy rule for: injury; end of period. If the goal differential is reduced to 5 goals, the regular game timing resumes. During the period of the use of running game clock, the penalty should begin at the next drop of the puck and count down to the end of the penalty time assessed.

Coach Safety: The Colorado High School Ice Hockey Coaches Association has implemented that all coaches wear protective helmets while on the ice during all practice sessions.

Shooting the puck toward the sideboards and glass in the neutral ice area during the pre-

game warm-up is prohibited. Passing drills between teammates, shooting the puck toward the net or any other warm-up drill that causes for the puck to be shot toward the team's end zone is acceptable.

Penalty: Warning for a first violation; 10 Minute Misconduct to offending player(s) shall be assessed if continued.

Regular Season and Postseason Game Times (Varsity): Three (3) seventeen-minute periods with 10-12-minute intermissions.

Lower-Level Game Management: Three (3) fifteen-minute periods. One ice-resurface (between 1st and 2nd periods) can be eliminated if both coaches agree it is in the best interest of the contest. There will be no overtime periods at the sub-varsity level.

Overtime Procedures for Regular Season (Varsity): 1-minute break (stay on same side). One 5-minute sudden victory overtime period (first goal scored). After this 5-minute overtime period still tied the game will end in a tie. NO OVERTIME for JV games.

Overtime Procedures for Postseason (Varsity): With the score tied at the conclusion of regulation time: There will be an ice resurface, followed by an (8) eight-minute sudden victory (first goal scored) period. If the score remains tied following the first (8) eight-minute overtime period, a one-minute intermission will follow. Teams will change ends, followed by an (8) eight-minute sudden victory (first goal scored) period. If the score remains tied following the second (8) eight-minute overtime period, a one-minute intermission will follow. Teams will change ends, followed by an (8) eight-minute sudden victory (first goal scored) period. If the tie is not broken, the teams will have a full intermission and ice resurface. When the teams return to the ice, the period(s) will remain sudden victory (8) minute periods playing 4-on-4 for all remaining overtime period(s). Ice resurfacing will take place following three (8) eight-minute overtime periods.

CHSAA has a set of rules pertaining to Sportsmanship and Game Misconducts that may require a game suspension or other disciplinary action exceeding what is defined in the NFHS rule book. CHSAA rules and requirements shall not be less than but may supersede those in the NFHS Ice Hockey Rulebook. Game Misconducts will result in an additional game suspension.

Student/Team Practice Requirement: Each student competing in an interscholastic sports program must have had a minimum practice period of three days in his/her/their sport(s) (exclusive of Sundays) before representing his/her/their school in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage. A student must have a minimum of nine days of practice in football. Receiving school must have written verification on file if transfer of schools is involved.

Protective Equipment (NEW): Require that all players wear neck laceration protection during all CHSAA Ice Hockey games and practices (Now required by NFHS rule). In addition to required neck laceration protection, it's recommended that players wear cut-resistant socks, sleeves or undergarments. It is also recommended that game officials wear a neck laceration protector.

2024-2025 NFHS ICE HOCKEY RULES CHANGES

Rule 3-3-1

CHANGE: ART. 1 . . . Required equipment for goalkeepers shall include gloves, skates, stick, neck laceration protector, flapper-style throat protector, leg pads, padded hockey pants/hip pads, protective cup or pelvic protector, and chest and arm protector. In addition, HECC/ASTM full face mask and helmet with chin strap are required. Pants or socks shall be worn under leg pads to cover exposed skin on the legs. The headgear should be fastened in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, protecting the entire crown, front, temple and back of the head.

The neck laceration protector and the flapper-style throat protector must be separate pieces of equipment, shall not be modified from their original manufactured state, and shall be worn as intended by the manufacturer. The flapper-style throat protector shall be properly attached to the helmet or face mask.

PENALTY: MINOR.

RATIONALE: The health and safety of participants is paramount in the rules-writing process for the NFHS. While it may not happen often, lacerations and impact to the neck area are very dangerous. Youth hockey in the U.S. now requires neck laceration protectors and several state high school associations also require neck protection. The NFHS continues its mission to create an environment for participants centered around health and safety.

Rule 3-3-5

CHANGE: ART. 5 . . . If a goalkeeper's mask, helmet, neck laceration protector, flapper style throat protector, or glove(s) is displaced, or a skate blade is broken or displaced, play shall be immediately stopped.

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Rule 3-4-4

CHANGE: ART. 4 . . . All players shall properly wear a neck laceration protector that shall not be modified from its original manufactured state, and shall be worn as intended by the manufacturer.

If a player's neck laceration protector is not being worn, or comes off while play is in progress, an official shall order the player to return to the player's bench and play may continue. If the player does not comply, play shall be stopped and that player shall be penalized.

PENALTY: MINOR.

RATIONALE: The health and safety of participants is paramount in the rules-writing process for the NFHS. While it may not happen often, lacerations and impact to the neck area are very dangerous. Youth hockey in the U.S. now requires neck laceration protectors and several state high school associations also require neck protection. The NFHS continues its mission to create an environment for participants centered around health and safety.

Rule 9-4-5

CHANGE: ART. 5...Control of the Puck is the act of propelling the puck with the stick, hand or feet. Control of the puck is not lost when contact with the puck is made by an opponent, the boards or the net, provided the player in control of the puck continues propelling the puck.

RATIONALE: The usage of the terms possession, control, and possession & control were all used previously and language was inconsistent at times throughout the book. Adding the definition of both "possession" and "control" will create consistency as well as continue the current interpretation of the rules. The intent of this change is not to change the interpretation of the rules, but simply clarify the language within the current rules.

Rules Affected: 2-5-7; 4-7-9; 7-1-1,2; 7-9-1; 7-17-2; 9-6-1, 2b;

Rule 9-4-6

CHANGE:

The last player to physically touch the puck with the stick or body shall be considered in possession of the puck. NOTE: A player can have possession of the puck without control, but cannot have control of the puck without possession.

RATIONALE: The usage of the terms possession, control, and possession & control were all used previously and language was inconsistent at times throughout the book. Adding the definition of both "possession" and "control" will create consistency as well as continue the current interpretation of the rules. The intent of this change is not to change the interpretation of the rules, but simply clarify the language within the current rules.

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NFHS Ice Hockey Uniform Rules

RULE 2-1-1:

ART. 1... A team shall be composed of six players, designated: goalkeeper, right defense, left defense, center, right wing and left wing.

RULE 2-1-2:

ART. 2... All players shall wear numbered uniforms. It is required that all players be numbered with at least 10-inch-high Gothic, colored numbers on the back of their jerseys and the same numbers at least 4 inches in height on both sleeves of the jersey. The color of the numbers shall contrast with the color of the jersey.

- A. All members of a team shall wear identical uniforms relative to color of helmets (excluding goalkeepers), jerseys, socks, pants, and length of pants.
- B. It is required that the visiting team shall wear dark-colored jerseys; the home team shall wear white/light-colored jerseys.
- C. One manufacturer's logo/trademark 2 ¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches and one American flag, not to exceed 2 inches by 3 inches, may be worn or occupy space on each item of uniform apparel.
- D. By state association adoption, to allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patches, not to exceed 4 square inches, may be worn on jerseys without compromising the integrity of the uniform.

RULE 2-2-1:

ART. 1... Each team shall designate prior to the game any combination of captains or alternates, not to exceed three. If more than one is on the ice at one time, only one may speak to the referee.

- A. The captain(s) and alternate(s) shall wear a "C" or an "A" in a contrasting color on the left, front shoulder of the jersey. No goalkeeper may have on- ice captain's privileges.

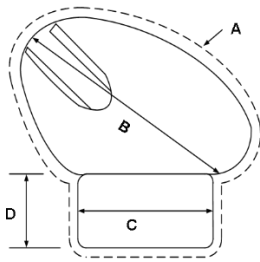
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Goalkeeper Equipment

See NFHS Ice Hockey Rulebook

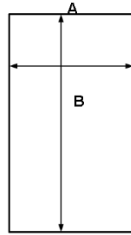
3-3-4 If a team challenges the opposing team’s goalkeeper equipment under 3-3-2 and 3-4-3, no measurement is required, and the officials should report the challenge to the state association.

GOALKEEPER CATCHING GLOVE



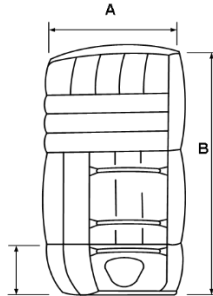
	A	B	C	D
Max	45"	18"	8"	4"

GOALKEEPER BLOCKER



	A	B
Max	8"	15"

GOALKEEPER PADS



	A	B
Max	11"	38"


The Goalkeeper Mask Guide below is an effort to help determine the difference between a Certified Cat-Eye face mask and a Non-Certified Cat-Eye face mask. Please go to www.hecc.net for a complete listing of HECC certified equipment.

Points of Emphasis


GOALKEEPER MASK GUIDE

Find this new guide on page 78.


These images serve as a guide to distinguish the difference in a HECC certified cat-eye goalkeeper mask and a non-HECC certified cat-eye goalkeeper mask. Learn more at hecc.net.



Cat-Eye HECC certified



Cat-Eye Non-HECC certified


www.nfhs.org

The NFHS requires that all players, goalkeepers, and officials wear a helmet that is certified by the Hockey Equipment Certification Council (HECC), which meets the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard. All face masks and shields by players, goalkeepers, and officials shall also meet the HECC/ASTM certification.

Sportsmanship Protocol at all CHSAA Contests and Activities

1. Cheerleaders/Fans/Spectators

- It is recommended that there be positive cheers only.
- Only cheerleaders may use megaphones.
- All patrons must wear shirts and shoes. Face painting is allowed.
- Cheer and tumbling routines must be in front your team's student body. Routines that spill onto the area of the opposing team are prohibited.
- Cheer squads may perform under the basket area outside the free vertical lane lines at all times.

2. Banners

- One cloth or vinyl banner may be used, but must be sanctioned by the game management, principal, and/or athletic director before the contest. Note: Some facilities, including venues used for CHSAA playoffs, may not allow any banners. Paper banners are not allowed at CHSAA sponsored playoff events.
 - The words and graphics on banners must be positive: i.e. "beat", "outscore", "conquer", etc.; Negative banners: i.e. "kill", "maim", "scalp", etc., will be confiscated and may result in no future use of banners.
- Banners must not block the view of others.

3. Noisemakers

- All artificial noisemakers are prohibited. This includes cowbells, drums, whistles, horns, plastic clackers, thunder sticks, etc. Exception: bleacher kicking is permitted if the facility management allows it.
- An air horn or cannon may be used on the field and only if supervised by a school designee. It should never be disruptive to the playing of the game and used only during dead ball periods at the end of playing action.
- No musical instruments and/or amplified music, including drums, shall play while the game clock is running or when a 'live-ball' situation is applicable by rule, whether the game is indoor or outdoor. This includes fanfares, drum rolls, etc. The only time the game, once started, is not "in progress" is during a timeout or intermission. This applies to the use of outdoor, in-gym, or in-arena sound systems and public address announcements. The announcer is an integral member of game administration and is a reporter of information not necessarily obvious to spectators. Great care must be exercised to see that neither team gains an advantage from announcements over the public address system. Announcers are not "play-by-play" announcers.
- There shall be no amplified instruments at any CHSAA playoff events.

4. A list of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors can be found on CHSAAnow.com under Activities>Sportsmanship in the Game Management and Sportsmanship Expectation Guide.

5. CHSAA Venue Sportsmanship Expectation Poster

All schools are strongly encouraged to post the poster/flyer at all school contest venues, with or without using the card system protocols. The Sportsmanship Expectation Poster provides a consistent message for our schools to fans and spectators in our gyms about how to treat referees, judges, umpires, and other sports officials. Any size of the poster/flyer will do. Download the 8 ½ x 11 version at Chsaanow.com.

CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM AND NOT AGAINST THE OPPONENT!!

Welcome from the Colorado Hockey Officials Association (CHOA)

The Colorado Hockey Officials Association (CHOA) is honored to again partner with CHSAA and everyone involved with Colorado high school hockey for the 2024-2025 season. We look forward to a safe and competitive season.

For this upcoming season the default officiating system for Varsity games will be the three-official system (two referees, one linesman). We encourage schools to opt for the four-official system (two referees, two linesmen). The four-official system is more conventional and is a system with which our officials are much more familiar. Playoff games will be officiated using a four-official system. Sub-Varsity games will be officiated using a two-official system.

As hockey continues to grow exponentially in Colorado, the challenge of recruiting, developing, and retaining qualified on ice officials at the high school level is still a very real issue and is something that can only be fixed by having the continued support from Athletic Directors, administrators, and coaching staffs from all schools to provide safe, professional, and respectful playing environments for players and officials. That being said, I am asking all of you as the leaders of your schools programs to please strongly enforce the CHSAA rules of conduct from the very beginning of the season with the spectators and parents. Last season was very telling of the true issue there is with the lack of sportsmanship and understanding of the mission and values of CHSAA as it pertains to sportsmanship, with the majority of those issues happening in the stands. There were multiple situations where police were called to a venue because of fights, physical assaults on staff members who work at the venues, and other safety concerns for spectators, players, employees and officials. This is unacceptable in today's society and should not be tolerated for any reason. Hockey is about the student athletes, parents and other spectators should understand that the game and the focus of the game should be about those student athletes and that it is a privilege to be able to watch and support those student athletes in a POSITIVE AND RESPECTFUL environment. All of us need to work even closer this year to keep these situations out of our game.

A special thank you to the Regional Directors: Mike O'Connor - Denver and Fort Collins, Tim Whitten - Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Woodland Park, Tanner Crisofulli - Mountains, David Clement - Crested Butte and Steve Martin - Durango, who continue to work tirelessly each season to provide qualified officials for every game I would also like to recognize the tremendous work that Bob Chmielewski continues to do as Registrar/Treasurer.

As we look forward to another exciting season, we encourage everyone involved with high school hockey to continue to keep our lines of communication open, treat each other with respect, and work together to make our sport the number one sport in Colorado.

Thanks again for the opportunity to be a part of this great sport,

Travis Howell
President, Colorado Hockey Officials Association

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ICE HOCKEY OFFICIALS' REMINDERS

OFFICIALS GAME FEES FOR 2024-2025

SUB-VARSITY (3 or 4 officials)	\$65.00
VARSITY (3 or 4 officials)	\$90.00

Mileage – 50 cents per mile. Exception see note 1 that follows: Note 1: The Confluence (except Campion); The 5280 (except Gilpin County); The Colorado 7(except Fort Lupton, Elizabeth, Fort Morgan, Weld Central); The Jefferson County (except Conifer & Evergreen), Denver, Continental, East Metro, Front Range (except Fort Collins, Loveland, Poudre and Rocky Mountain), Frontier (except Bennett, Clear Creek, Lake County, Middle Park and Platte Canyon), Metropolitan, and Centennial leagues and Broomfield, Denver Academy, Denver Christian, and Valor will not pay mileage between league cities, but will pay a mileage travel stipend of \$10 to each official between league cities per day of assignments. Colorado Springs schools will pay mileage travel stipend of \$10 per day of assignments to officials selected from the Colorado Springs Officials' Association. An official that is assigned to two or more contests at a given site on the same day shall be paid one travel stipend or reimbursement.

Only ONE driver will be paid the mileage reimbursement for each contest. It will be paid to the official on the crew who travels the farthest. Issues with multiple drivers must be solved between the officials and the assignor prior to the game. In lieu of per diem, a rider fee of \$10 is paid to officials, non-drivers only, who are riding on trips of 75 miles or more one-way.

For regular season contests, the most an official should receive for mileage reimbursement is 75 miles. This does not apply to post season contests where officials are assigned by CHSAA. Please refer to the current Officials' Report in the Legislative Council Minutes for more information.

Individual Mileage Buffer - No mileage will be paid to an official whose town of residence is 20 miles or closer to the host school. Full mileage (including first 20 miles) will be paid to officials who travel over 20 miles. This does not apply to the metro area officials described above that receive the \$10 travel stipend.

EVALUATE YOUR OFFICIALS

Coaches are asked to evaluate the crew of officials after each game.

The CHSAA and the CHOA value your input on the officiating in our state. The [Rate Your Contest Official](#) form can be found on the CHSAA Now Ice Hockey Info page. It is important that coaches approach this with the mindset that constructive criticism is the best way to improve officiating in Colorado.

VOTING FOR POSTSEASON OFFICIALS

To work postseason games, officials must apply between February 3-5 to be considered. Official postseason selection is based on the votes of Coaches, Athletic Directors, Assigners, and Area Directors that will be conducted February 10-12.

Coaches and Athletic Directors: it is imperative that you participate in the voting. You will receive a link in early February from the CHSAA office to complete.

USE OF REGISTERED OFFICIALS

All CHSAA member schools must use only officials registered with the CHSAA for all varsity games. All registered officials receive a registration card each year, with their names appearing in the official ice hockey directory. Check with your assigner(s) for a list of registered officials. In circumstances in which registered officials are not available, permission to use non-registered officials must be received from the CHSAA. The CHSAA office and members of the CHOA stand ready to aid you in obtaining competent officials for your games.

BECOMING AN OFFICIAL

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an official, please contact the CHSAA official's office at mtillman@chsaa.org.

CHSAA REGULAR SEASON GAME MANAGEMENT

All regular season contests will be played according to the NFHS and completed by **Saturday, February 15, 2025 for all schools.**

STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION

Completed and signed documentation that parents and participants have been informed, understand and acknowledge basic CHSAA eligibility rules and knowledge of the risk of participation must be on file with the school prior to any student participating in an athletic practice, scrimmage or contest.

PHYSICAL EXAM/PARENT CONSENT

No student shall represent his/her schools in interscholastic athletics (practice or contest) until there is on file with the school administration a statement signed by their parent or legal guardian and a practicing physician certifying he/she has passed an adequate physical examination within the past year (12 calendar months) and is physically fit to participate in high school athletics and has the consent of their parents or legal guardian to participate.

TRAINER'S KIT

The CHSAA recommends that a trainer's kit, with all the necessary medical supplies needed for your sport, be available at all practices and contests.

LANGUAGE

Coaches are reminded that the CHSAA focuses on exemplary behavior. The use of bad language may be penalized by disqualification. Work with your athletes at the beginning of the season to understand that whenever the uniform is worn, they represent their school and the philosophies of the CHSAA.

TAUNTING

Taunting is considered any action(s) or comments by coaches, players, or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Game officials shall, in all sports, follow the rules set forth by the National Federation for each sport. Penalties under these rules may include ejection or other penalties for flagrant unsporting-like behavior-like offenses.

SUNDAY CONTACT

In accordance with Bylaw 2310.5, no high school interscholastic contests, practices for interscholastic contests, camps, nor association between participants and coaches/directors of any CHSAA sanctioned sport from the student's school shall take place on Sundays during the competitive high school season (start of official practice through the state tournament). The Commissioner may, when deemed advisable, allow postponed state-level events to be played on Sunday. Teams playing on Monday in district, regional or in a state-culminating event will be exempt from this rule.

WINTER VACATION PRACTICE/COMPETITION PROHIBITION

CHSAA Bylaw 2310.4 states: "There shall be no school sponsored activity of any sort, including practices, camps, clinics, tournaments, etc. from and including December 24 through December 27 and New Year's Day. Beginning December 28, **winter sports programs** may have voluntary practice (excluding Sundays) but may not compete in interscholastic scrimmages or competition."

Dec. 24-27 – Zero contact allowed

Dec. 28-31 – Voluntary practice only (Zero competition)

Jan. 1 – Zero contact allowed

MAXPREPS

MaxPreps is the official site we use to collect data for regular season scores, statistics, and postseason seeding. Please report all game information to this site (www.maxpreps.com). All scores must be posted in MaxPreps by the home team within 24 hours of the end of the game.

HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES (Regular Season/Playoffs)

- GameSheet (Live Scoring) Administrator designee on site.
- Administrator/Game Manager on Site – Assigned by the school and present for pre-game, contest, and post-game.
- Trainer/Medical Personnel/Emergency Contacts (on site)
- Official's Pay (*Arbiter*)
- Security
- Adult Representative in Penalty Boxes

OUTDOOR GAME INFORMATION

Must meet NFHS approved minimum size for rink, lines, boards, benches, penalty boxes (see NFHS rules book - Rule 1: Playing Area). Lighting must be adequate (lights the whole rink) and no obstructions (mesh, etc.). Must be refrigerated: temperature of ice must be 18-24 degrees Fahrenheit (nothing below or above). There must be access to running water and restrooms. Must have adequate seating for spectators with a clear separation from the benches.

The above conditions apply to all CHSAA levels of games (Varsity, JV, etc.). If an outdoor rink does not meet all conditions, only one game at the sub-varsity level may be played at the rink if approval is granted by CHSAA.

COACH SAFETY

The Colorado High School Ice Hockey Coaches Association has implemented that all coaches wear protective helmets while on the ice during all practice sessions.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Refer to NFHS Ice Hockey Uniform Requirements listed previously in this bulletin.

GOAL DIFFERENTIAL RULE (MERCY RULE)

The goal differential rule is in effect for all regular season and CHSAA bracket post-season tournament games except for the State Semifinal and Championship games. A running clock shall be used when the goal differential reaches 6 goals. The clock will only be stopped during the mercy rule for: injury; end of period. If the goal differential is reduced to 5 goals, the regular game timing resumes. During the period of the use of running game clock, the penalty should begin at the next drop of the puck and count down to the end of the penalty time assessed.

SUSPENDED GAMES

If, in the opinion of the referees, the conditions become unsatisfactory during the game, they may call the game at any time. If, before two periods have been completed, a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities (i.e., not involving the players), it shall be continued from the point of interruption at a later date/time or declared a no-contest. If the interruption occurs after two periods, the game is considered completed and the score shall stand.

GAME TIME PERIODS

REGULAR SEASON VARSITY GAME: Three (3) seventeen-minute periods.

REGULAR SEASON VARSITY OVERTIME: 1-minute break (stay on same side). One 5-minute sudden victory overtime period (first goal scored). After this 5-minute overtime period still tied the game will end in a tie. NO OVERTIME for JV games.

REGULAR SEASON SUB-VARSITY GAME: Three (3) fifteen-minute periods. One ice-resurface (between 1st and 2nd periods) can be eliminated if both coaches agree it is in the best interest of the contest. There will be no overtime periods at the sub-varsity level.

MINIMUM STUDENT PARTICIPATION FOR SEASON

Athletes must be eligible, on the roster, in uniform, and on the bench for all three periods to meet the CHSAA 13-game per athlete minimum game requirement to compete in playoffs. This includes the goalie and the back-up goalies.

Do sub-varsity games count toward my total games in uniform?

Yes, if a player has participated in a combination of 13 sub-varsity and varsity contests, they will be postseason eligible.

If the player has participated in only sub-varsity contests, they will need to have participated in 65% of the scheduled sub-varsity contests to be postseason eligible and not have participated at any level of club winter hockey.

MAXIMUM TEAM PARTICIPATION

No member school shall permit their varsity ice hockey team to participate in more than 19 games during a season, exclusive of the state tournament. Sub-varsity teams may schedule a maximum of 15 games.

Players can compete in 72 total periods (combined varsity/sub-varsity) for the regular season. Example: A player who played 21 JV periods and 54 Varsity periods (75 total periods) would've violated this rule.

TEAM ROSTERS

A maximum of 20 players, including goalkeepers, may dress for and play in a varsity or sub-varsity game. A list of names and numbers of all eligible players and goalkeepers must be handed to the referee or official scorer/Gamesheet administrator before the game.

STUDENT AND TEAM COMPOSITION

Whenever a school provides only a team or teams for boys in a particular sport, girls are permitted to qualify for the student team(s) *CHSAA Bylaw 2850.3*.

OUTSIDE COMPETITION

Players certified to participate as members of any high school sport team may compete on any other team, in any non-school activity or event in that sport during that sports season with the express written permission of the principal, which permission shall be granted if:

- (a) The student's class attendance is not compromised; and
- (b) The student is in good academic standing under the school's activities policy applicable to all students.

EJECTION OF PLAYER

Any player who has been ejected from a contest (regular or post-season) shall be disqualified for the remainder of that contest. In addition, the player shall be suspended from competition for the next scheduled contest played at the same level. They may not take part in any other games or contests at any level during this time. If a player is ejected or disqualified for a second time during the season, he/she will be required to miss the next two contests. A third ejection during the same season will result in a consequence determined by the Commissioner. **It is the responsibility of the coach and athletic director to enforce all ejection policies regardless of whether they receive notification from the CHSAA.** NOTE: Sitting out scrimmages or foundation scrimmages does not satisfy the penalty for player ejections.

Any player ejected for fighting will be required to serve a two-game suspension. Any player ejected for

fighting a second time during the same season will be required to serve a four-game suspension and meet with the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner overseeing Ice Hockey.

A player ejected from the game shall not occupy the team bench or the penalty bench and may not occupy any area designated or reserved for players. The disqualified player must be supervised by school personnel for the remainder of the contest. A student manager is not considered appropriate/valid school personnel.

If a player ejection occurs in the final match or contest of the season, then the player shall be ineligible for the first contest of the next season of sport that player elects to play. In satisfying the penalty, the player must sit out a game in a sport in which he/she completes the season (see the CHSAA Handbook for more information).

EJECTION OF COACH

CHSAA By-laws require that a credentialed (registered) coach under contract with the school must assume supervisory responsibility for all interscholastic contests. If a coach is ejected and no credentialed (registered) person from that school is available, the contest shall be forfeited.

A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from coaching for 10% (2 games) of the season's regularly scheduled matches or contests of the same level. He/she/they may not coach in any other contest at any level during this time. A coach ejected from a second contest during the same season shall be suspended from coaching for 20% (4 games) of the season's contests of the same level (CHSAA Bylaw 2210.1 & 2210.2). **If a coach ejection occurs, it is the responsibility of the coach and school to declare the individual ineligible for the next contest of that level regardless of whether you have been notified by the CHSAA.**

CHSAA Bylaw 2210.22: *A coach ejected from a game is required to complete the following courses offered on-line by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): Sportsmanship; Teaching and Modeling Behavior. These courses shall be completed before he/she is removed from probation and must be finished in a reasonable amount of time during the season to be determined by the school's athletic director.*

A coach ejected from a game is automatically placed on probation according to policies established by the Board of Directors. A coach ejected from two contests during a three-year period shall be required to appear at a hearing before the Commissioner or his/her designee and shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the Commissioner. A coach ejected from three contests in a five-year period shall be placed on restriction from playoffs.

REPORTING MISCONDUCTS/DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES

Game Officials are responsible for submitting a game report for each game to notify the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner in charge of Ice Hockey of all disqualifications and game misconducts by athletes (including post-game misconducts), teams (15+ penalties in a game), and coaches. Link to game report can be found [HERE](#). CHSAA will notify schools of the reports for both coaches and athletes; the coach/school is responsible for implementing the penalty regardless of notification from CHSAA.

PROTESTS/APPEALS

NO protests involving the judgment or possible misapplication of a rule by a game official will be considered by the CHSAA. However, coaches may direct questions to the game officials as they pertain to possible misapplication of the rules at the time of the occurrence, in accordance with the NFHS rules. Once a game has been declared as completed, the outcome is considered final and official. Coaches and Administrators are encouraged to use the [Rate Your Contest Official form](#) for evaluation of all contests.

ALL REGISTERED COACHES

Do not allow your athletes to receive instruction from anyone who does not meet the requirements established in CHSAA Bylaw 1620. Assistant coaches must be registered by the school's AD in accordance with CHSAA policy and must be under contract to the school. To allow a "volunteer" who is not under contract to work with your athletes exposes the "volunteer", the head coach, and the school to increased liability and is a **CHSAA violation**.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

A school group, team, or individual representing a school in athletic competition may travel outside of the state to compete upon recommendation of the school district administration and upon written approval of the CHSAA Liaison. Schools may fill out the form for out of state travel on [rSchool](#) (click to go to Forms page).

SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

The host school has the responsibility to ensure that an event is governed in a manner that emphasizes the educational values inherent in interscholastic activities. It is the host school's responsibility to remove any individual(s) creating a disturbance, which disrupt(s) the educational goals of the event and does not keep in mind the positive aspect of sporting behavior. Individuals, who by their actions, have become a constant disruption to the orderly governance of a high school activity shall be barred indefinitely by the school's principal, or his/her designee, from attending all high school activities at member school(s) and all sectional, district, region, and state playoff events. The CHSAA, the league, and offender must receive written notification of such action (CHSAA Bylaw 2240).

PRE-GAME PROTOCOL

Officials on ice first. At no time can the teams come on the ice without the referees on the ice. If the referees are in the process of entering the ice, they may signal for the teams to enter at the same time. **NOTE:** For all regular and post-season games, pregame warm up will be **5 minutes**.

Players staying on their end: When the players come on the ice, they are to assume their end of the ice as soon as possible. One or two laps are acceptable provided the teams come out together. Once one team has assumed their end of the ice, the other team must stay in their end.

Meeting with Coaches: Officials, head coaches, certified athletic trainer(s) and school personnel (two designated reps per school) will meet in a designated location 15 minutes prior to the pre-game warmup to go over procedures (i.e. player ejections, crowd control, EAP, etc.). It establishes communication with the coach for the game and can be an avenue for the coach to discuss (briefly) any concerns and/or answer any questions. During this meeting the coach is to affirm that his/her team is properly equipped.

Meeting with Captains: The captains of each team are to meet with the referee with 1-2 minutes remaining in the warm-up period. This establishes communication with the captains and the referee should remind the captains about points of emphasis and any special instructions about the upcoming game.

Official roster: Rosters must be submitted to the GameSheet (live-scoring) game administrator before puck drop.

BETWEEN PERIODS

Separation of Teams: Officials should take the necessary precautions to keep the teams separated as they leave the ice. Please ensure teams are complying with the officials' directions. Any special concerns, such as rinks where the exit is located off the ice between the two team benches, should be discussed with the coaches during the pre-game on-ice meeting.

Referee will observe from the referee crease. If the head coach would like to discuss a point briefly and calmly or get a clarification from the referee, they should stay at their team bench and ask for the referee. The referee should meet the coach at their team bench to listen to the coach's concerns and answer the coach's questions. The coach should be aware that any unsportsmanlike behavior on their part may warrant a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Returning to the ice for the start of the 2nd and 3rd periods, the teams must go immediately to their respective bench areas and the goalies are to go to their nets. At the signal from the referee, each team is to send a starting line-up to center ice for the face-off.

The referee cannot start the game without the coaches on their benches. To minimize delays, we ask the coaches to return from the locker room in a timely manner.

With the desire to keep the games moving and not waste time, the teams are expected to return to the ice promptly after the intermission. The Zamboni leaving the ice has determined the end of the intermission. Once the referee is on the ice, play should begin. Any delays returning to the ice may result in a delay of game penalty.

It is recommended by the CHSAA to make ice in between each period (Varsity only). One ice-make (between the 1st and 2nd periods or 2nd and 3rd periods) can be eliminated if both coaches mutually agree it is in the best interest of the contest. This should help in some rinks to keep games staying on schedule.

POST-GAME PROTOCOL

Finalized Game Procedure: Upon completion of the game the on-ice officials and coaches should report to the scoring area to ensure the correct and game information is imported in the GameSheet database.

Reminder of Disqualification: If a player has been disqualified or if a team has received 15 penalties or more, an official will remind the team that those penalties come with at least a game suspension for the player/coach. The team will receive official notification from the CHSAA of the suspension and duration. The notification by the officials is meant as a reminder to the team. The official **MUST** submit a Game Report to CHSAA.

OFFICIALS

Dressing Room - Where possible the official's dressing room should be in an area with the most direct access to the rink. The officials' dressing room shall be used as a changing area for game officials only. The room should be stocked with water.



Security - It is the responsibility of game management to provide security escort for game officials to and from the playing surface. If possible, the officials should be escorted to the parking lot.

Arrival at Site - Game officials are required to arrive at the game site per their officiating association's policy.

Communication with Officials - Except for contact as is necessary by game management all others are prohibited from talking to the officials before, during, at halftime or after games concerning matters related to the game. Officials are asked to report any such violations to the CHSAA office.

CHSAA GAMESHEET **Notes**

Jen Bosier, CHSAA GameSheet Administrator
 Preferred contact method: scoring@coloradohockey.org
 For emergencies, call or text: 303-638-9756
 Preface any texts with "SOS"

- **Team managers**
 - You will receive Team Invitation codes for the Regular season and Exhibition season. Please apply both codes to your GameSheet account.
- **Rosters**
 - Team Managers will enter their team rosters directly into the  GAMESHEET League management system.
 - Upload your roster in the Regular season and Exhibition season.
 - Upload your roster using your Team ID# found on your USA Hockey roster or manually if your team is not registered with USA Hockey.
- **Schedules**
 - Your home schedule must be sent to Colette Stone (cstone@chsaa.org) at CHSAA by **OCTOBER 25**. All schedules received by Oct. 25 will be in the mass-upload to GameSheet. Any changes to your games (times, locations, etc.) after this date will need to be made by your team manager OR by emailing Colette with changes.
 - Any game that does NOT count towards the CHSAA league standings will be scheduled/scored in the Exhibition season.
 - You will be provided with the CAHA Scheduler code to make any changes to your schedule throughout the season.
- **Game administration**
 - ***The responsibility for score sheet accuracy resides at the game.*** Coaches or managers should check the game sheet for accuracy prior to the scorekeeper closing out the game (between periods).
 - **iPad Access Keys:**
 - **CHSAA Regular Season:** ipad-chsaa-co
 - **Exhibition Season:** ipad-exh-co
 - Coaches are required to verify and sign-off on their roster before the game on the iPad.
 - Once the scorekeeper has closed out the game, there will **NOT** be any changes to the score sheet for goals, assists, shots on goal, penalties, goalie changes etc. NO INDIVIDUAL statistics will be changed after the game is closed out.
 - The **ONLY** exception to this is if the win/loss for the game is incorrectly recorded or a game disqualification penalty was incorrectly assessed. Contact CHSAA with valid change requests.
 - A blank scoresheet can be found on the CAHA website; pre-game roster populated paper score sheets are no longer provided.
 - Game officials will enter their full name and referee number to verify the game.
 - 20 members of a team can be rostered for each game
 - There should NOT be more than 20. Please make sure to set your roster for EVERY game.
 - Back-up goalies MUST be recorded each game (13-game minimum)
- **View statistics/results**
 - To view statistics/results you must become a "CO Hockey Hub Member" [CO Hockey Hub Member](#).
- **General**  GAMESHEET help may be found [here](#)

WAIVER INFORMATION

WAIVER FORM

What is a CHSAA Waiver?

A process that was developed by the Ice Hockey Committee to allow student athletes the opportunity to participate in the post-season when they have not played in the minimum game requirements.

Athletes must be eligible, on the roster, in uniform and on the bench for all three periods to meet the CHSAA 13-game per athlete minimum game requirement to compete in the playoffs.

This includes the goalie and the back-up goalie(s).

Steps in the Process of the Waiver

Ice Hockey Waiver Form(s) (if applicable) are due by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15. Proper documentation is also required to be submitted with each waiver. The waiver form must document the beginning and ending dates of the missed game(s). If the player is competing on an outside team during the CHSAA season, submit the club team name and level of competitive play.

A waiver committee will be seated with representation from all six conferences along with the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner overseeing Ice Hockey and the CAHA liaison to review all playoff waivers. Waivers will not be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15.

Schools will be notified on Monday, February 17, if the waiver is accepted, declined, or needs clarification/additional documentation. If the Waiver Committee requests clarification or additional supplemental documentation, the school must submit the information by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18. There will be no appeals to the Waiver Committee after the waiver process has been completed.

Potential Waiver Considerations –

- Injury (to the player listed on the waiver)
- Eligibility
- Illness
- Educational discipline
- Death in the family

What information do I have to submit for a Waiver?

Proper documentation is required to be submitted with each waiver. As an example - In the case of an injury to a player, the documentation would include a note from a doctor of when the injury occurred and an additional note of the date of return-to-play was recorded. The doctor's notations are part of the required timeline and would be in conjunction with the games which the athlete did not participate in during the regular season.

Do sub-varsity games count toward my total games in uniform?

Yes, if a player has participated in a combination of 13 sub-varsity and varsity contests, they will be postseason eligible.

- If the player has participated in only sub-varsity contests, they will need to have participated in 65% of the scheduled sub-varsity contests to be postseason eligible and not have participated at any level of club winter hockey.

CHSAA ICE HOCKEY POSTSEASON GUIDELINES

The following information is relative to the 2025 Ice Hockey Postseason. It is expected that coaches and Athletic Directors will review and become familiar with all information contained within.

For all classifications, the results of regular season play will determine automatic qualifiers and respective seeds in the postseason. If ties exist within the league, the CHSAA qualifying point system will be used to break the tie unless an individual league/conference has created their own tiebreaking procedure. Any league/conference creating their own tiebreaking procedure must have it submitted to the CHSAA office by the league/conference prior to November 25, 2024.

Regular season matches must be completed and reported in MaxPreps by Saturday, February 15, 2025. All postseason qualifiers must be determined no later than Saturday, February 15, 2025, with the pairings being determined on Monday, February 17, 2025. The CHSAA staff can approve alternate dates in extreme situations.

It is the responsibility of the league representative to correctly list the Automatic Qualifiers for each classification and verify that they appear on the tournament bracket.

BREAKING LEAGUE/CONFERENCE TIES

- A. If two teams have the same point total, the tie will be broken by the following procedure, unless a league submits their own tie-breaking procedure including contingency plans for all teams not playing each other:
1. Head-to-Head result between the tied teams only in League Play. *Example: If Team A beat Team B in both League contests, Team A would win the tiebreaker. If Team A and Team B split their League contests, you would continue to bullet point 2 to break the tie.*
 2. If the tie remains unbroken, the highest seed will be the team which gave up the fewest goals in League Play between the tied teams. *Example: If A and B are still tied. "A" gave up 2 goals when playing B in Game 1 and 3 goals when playing B in Game 2 for a total of 5 goals scored against. B had a total of 6 goals scored against in the two League games against A. "A" would be the highest seed among the tied teams (5 goals against compared to 6 for B).*
 3. If the tie remains unbroken, the highest seed will be the team which gave up the fewest goals in their game against the next highest seeded conference opponent. If unbroken, the goals given up against the next highest league opponent would break the tie proceeding through as many conference teams as necessary to break the tie. The remaining tied teams would revert to #A above and proceed through the steps listed until the tie is broken.
 4. If the tie remains unbroken, a coin flip will identify one team as the highest seed among the tied teams.
- B. If more than two teams have the same point total, the tie will be broken by the following procedure, unless a league submits their own tie-breaking procedure including contingency plans for all teams not playing each other:
1. Head-to-Head result between the tied teams only in League Play. *Example: If Team A beat both B and C, their point total would be 4. If Team B beat C, but lost to A, their point total would be 2. Team C would have 0 points. In this example, Team A would be the highest seed. B and C would revert back to #A above to be seeded.*

2. If the tie remains unbroken, the highest seed will be the team(s) which gave up the fewest goals in League Play between the tied teams. The remaining tied teams (if necessary) would revert to #A above and proceed through the steps listed until the tie is broken. *Example: If A, B and C are still tied. "A" gave up 2 goals when playing B and 3 goals when playing C for a total of 5 goals scored against. "B" had a total of 4 goals scored against and "C" a total of 6 goals scored against. "B" would be the highest seed among the tied teams. A & C would revert to #A above to be seeded.*
3. If the tie remains unbroken, the highest seed will be the team which gave up the fewest goals in their game against the next highest seeded conference opponent. If unbroken, the goals given up against the next highest league opponent would break the tie proceeding through as many conference teams as necessary to break the tie. The remaining tied teams would revert to #A above and proceed through the steps listed until the tie is broken.
4. If the tie remains unbroken, a coin flip will identify one team as the highest seed among the tied teams. The remaining tied teams would revert to #A above and proceed through the steps listed until the tie is broken.

QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENT

The seeding committee will be made up of one (1) administrator from each league in each classification. The administrator shall be selected by the league president and nominated to the CHSAA office for approval.

Teams are required to play each team in their conference twice with both games counted toward the final regular season standings to determine the conference champion. Each conference will be responsible for their regular season schedule. Games will be scheduled on a two-year cycle with reverse home and away contests or home/home and away/away contract.

Each league will receive one automatic qualifier. In addition to league automatic qualifiers, the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index (50/50 Split MaxPreps & RPI Rankings) will be utilized to capture at-large qualifiers to the State Tournament bracket. League automatic qualifiers not ranked in the top 12 teams by CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index in 5A and the top 10 in 4A, will replace the lowest ranked non-automatic qualifiers in the top 12 (5A) and top 10 (4A) in CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index. The CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index will seed teams 1-12 in 5A and 1-10 in 4A. There will be no movement 1-4 for 4A/5A on the bracket based on the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index. The placement of 5A teams listed 5-12 and 4A teams listed 5-10 may be moved on the bracket due to geography and first round league opponents. The Seeding Committee will avoid league matchups in the 1st Round ONLY.

- A designated liaison will forward the final conference regular season standings to CHSAA on Saturday, February 15 (by 10:00 p.m.) for placement on the play-off bracket.
- The highest ranked team on the bracket will be the home team for all rounds.
- League Champions are crowned by using the total point accumulation system of 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss in their league games.

What happens if two teams are tied in the final CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index standings?

We have created a tiebreaker for this unlikely scenario. It is as follows:

1. Head-to-head result between the two teams
2. Highest ranked team in the MaxPreps Rankings
3. Highest ranked team in the RPI Rankings
4. Coin flip

POSTSEASON ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must be eligible, on the roster, in uniform, and on the bench for all three periods to meet the CHSAA 13-game per athlete minimum game requirement to compete in playoffs. This includes the goalie and the back-up goalies.

HOME SITES/VENUES & EQUAL FACILITIES

The higher seeded team will host 4A/5A First round and 4A Quarterfinal round games. The higher seeded team will be designated as the home team throughout the playoffs.

It is recommended by the CHSAA that postseason host sites follow all CHSAA playoff requirements including but not limited to admission and all other amenities of a championship game, including bleacher seating and secure playing area for players, coaches, and officials.

Although it is necessary that one team be designated as the home team at common sites, it should be kept in mind that the game belongs equally to both competing schools. It is strongly advised that a pre-game planning meeting be held to cover all details connected with the staging of every postseason contest.

POSTSEASON DATES & TIMES

CHSAA will establish contest dates throughout the playoffs and times in all neutral site venues (5A Quarterfinals, 4A/5A Semifinals and Finals). When games are hosted by a school, it is the desire of the CHSAA that schools **mutually establish** game times that best accommodate the interests of each school and community. **NOTE:** All **mutually established** game times are subject to final approval by the CHSAA office as needed. When mutual agreement for the match time cannot be reached, the following statements will apply:

- a. The Assistant Commissioner shall have the sole province to designate contest times and sites, including when a school district is hosting more than one contest. Conflicts, which could have a venue, academic or financial impact on the contest, may be considered.
- b. All schools, both home and visitor, will be provided the opportunity to supply input in the contest time scheduling process except for 5A Quarterfinals and 4A/5A Semifinals and Finals.
- c. **Under no circumstances may a school host any type of ceremony during a CHSAA Postseason Ice Hockey contest (examples include but are not limited to – Senior Night, Alumni Night, Homecoming Recognition, etc.).**

TEAM ARRIVALS & WARM-UP

For 5A Quarterfinals and 4A/5A Semifinals & Finals, teams will be given a designated arrival time for their game.

There will be no morning skate for the 5A Quarterfinals or 4A/5A Semifinals at the host site. We will attempt to secure time for the 4A/5A Finals, but it is not guaranteed.

TEAM ROSTER – 20 PLAYERS

OPTION 1: A team can dress two goaltenders for all playoff games. A playoff team is allowed to dress a third goaltender (seated on the bench) and he/she will be inactive on the game sheet. The team must provide the name of the third goaltender (inactive) on the official game sheet. Should the starting goaltender be injured, ineligible, ill, educational discipline, or death in the family, the third goaltender can be activated to serve as the back-up goalie. The inactive goalie does not have to reach the 13-game regular season minimum requirement.

OPTION 2: A team can dress nineteen skaters and one goaltender for all playoff games. A playoff team that chooses to dress the additional skater and one goaltender will not have the option to have

the third goaltender that is inactive and will not be seated on the bench. Should the starting goaltender be injured, ineligible, ill educational discipline, or death in the family, the back-up goalie must be a rostered skater and included in the nineteen skaters listed on the playoff roster.

Only those on your CHSAA-approved gate list may be on the bench for all postseason contests.

SELECTION OF PLAYOFF OFFICIALS

Postseason officials are selected through an online qualifying application system and an online voting process. To work postseason games, officials must apply between February 3-5 to be considered. Official postseason selection is based on the votes of Coaches, Athletic Directors, Officials, and Assigners/Area Directors that will be conducted February 10-12. An online voting link will be sent from the CHSAA office to complete.

- Every official that indicates a willingness to work and provides their availability will be considered.
- Every official has a voice of who should be considered by voting online.
- Coaches' input for nomination is considered by voting online.
- The procedure is established, with the CHSAA and CHOA committee acting as a check and balance, to make it as fair as possible and to ensure that no one person or small group from an area can dictate who will be doing the games.
- The procedure is set up with the philosophy of using as many officials as possible. This will aid in the development and retention of CHOA officials.
- Official's skill level, capability, logistical concerns, and rotation rules will be considered.

OFFICIAL PAYMENT & ASSIGNING

The host school is responsible for payment of officials through Arbiter in all rounds except for 5A Quarterfinals and 4A/5A Semifinals and Finals. The CHSAA is responsible for the assignment of officials in all rounds of the playoffs. All postseason contests are to be played as per the specific bracket dates in each classification. To view and pay the officials that CHSAA has assigned, Athletic Directors at host schools will need to access the Arbiter Sports web site: www.arbitersports.com.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT POLICIES

1. During the regular season and post season, both game misconduct and game disqualification penalties will result in disqualification and carry the CHSAA's standard ineligibility penalty.
2. Ice will be made after every regulation period and between games at the playoff and state championship levels.
3. Artificial noisemakers that interfere with game progression are prohibited at the state tournament (see Sportsmanship Manual).
4. Teams should arrive as directed by the CHSAA.
5. Between playoff doubleheaders, warm-ups for the game begin immediately after the ice is made for the second game.
6. TEAMS MAY NOT BEGIN WARM-UPS PRIOR TO 5 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME.

OVERTIME PROCEDURE FOR PLAYOFFS

With the score tied at the conclusion of regulation time: There will be an ice resurface, followed by an (8) eight-minute sudden victory (first goal scored) period. If the score remains tied following the first (8) eight-minute overtime period, a one-minute intermission will follow. Teams will change ends, followed by an (8) eight-minute sudden victory (first goal scored) period. If the score remains tied following the second (8) eight-minute overtime period, a one-minute intermission will follow. Teams will change ends, followed by an (8) eight-minute sudden victory (first goal scored) period. If the tie is not broken, the

teams will have a full intermission and ice resurface. When the teams return to the ice, the period(s) will remain sudden victory (8) minute periods playing 4-on-4 for all remaining overtime period(s). Ice resurfacing will take place following three (8) eight-minute overtime periods.

PRACTICE

Participating teams will not be allowed to practice at the state championship site during the postseason (February 20-March 4).

ANNOUNCER

The announcer should be a school staff member or responsible individual who can set the tone of the game by calling the fans' attention to the following points of reference: (1) CHSAA playoff contests are conducted under the strictest code of good sportsmanlike behavior; (2) The officials are neutral individuals and have been selected because of demonstrated ability; (3) Fans are to be encouraged by the announcer to support their own team and display proper protocol and sportsmanlike behavior.

TRAINER

Trainer/medical personnel will be provided at the 5A Quarterfinals and 4A/5A Semifinals and Finals by the CHSAA.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & SUSPENDED PLAY POLICY

In the event inclement weather prevents postseason matches from being held on the regularly scheduled date(s), the CHSAA office will work with the host site to select the next available date for competition. The game(s) will be rescheduled as quickly as possible and will be played close to the originally scheduled date depending on facility constraints. If play is suspended for any reason in a postseason game, the contest will be restarted at the point of interruption.

AWARDS

Awards for the 2025 CHSAA Ice Hockey State Championships will include a championship trophy and a runner-up trophy for each classification.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The CHSAA will have an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the championship game. The award ceremony will be held at center ice. School administrators and coaches are expected to assist in the awards ceremony by not allowing students and fans to join their team on the ice. Teams are required to remain on the ice until the trophy presentation is complete.

SPIRIT TEAMS

Roster maximum per classification 28 spirit athletes in uniform and two (2) coaches may be admitted at no charge to postseason games. The coaches and the spirit athletes must enter the gates as a group accompanied by their coach.

PEP BANDS

Thirty-five (35) band members in uniform and/or with instruments and accompanied by a director may be admitted at no charge to postseason games. The director and the band members must enter the gate as a group accompanied by their director.

NOTE: Due to varying sizes of facilities used at play-off and state championship games, certain restrictions or more limited entry numbers may be imposed on spirit teams and bands.

GATE LIST & PROGRAM INFORMATION

It is imperative that each team with a chance to qualify for the 2025 CHSAA Ice Hockey postseason complete their gate list/program information form by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 17**. This information is very important as it will be used to develop program information for the tournament, assist

our office in developing press releases and used to determine gate lists for team admittance. Rosters may be adjusted from game to game.

Each participating team in the postseason is entitled to a maximum of 30 entries at each contest in which the team participates. **NO MORE THAN 20 PLAYERS MAY BE CERTIFIED TO PLAY ON A TEAM IN THE POSTSEASON BY STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION.** The 30 team entries are to include team members, coaches, and managers. Only those people listed on the roster information sheet will be given free admission to the contest in which their team is participating.

NOTE: Roster entries will be as follows: 20 rostered players in uniform, 5 non-rostered players (not in uniform), 5 coaches/managers.

MEDIA RULES

- Game and school officials have the final word on photographer placement.
- All photographers must be credentialed by the CHSAA. No school specific passes will be accepted.
- Team photographers not credentialed by the CHSAA will not have access to rink level.
- High school student photographers must have the CHSAA issued media pass. No school specific passes will be accepted.

*For more information on obtaining a CHSAA credential, please contact Amanda McClure (Ammclure@chsaa.org) (Note: no credentials will be issued within 72 hours of an event)

TICKETING & TOURNAMENT FINANCES

[New playoff financial reporting requirements are in place for the 2024-2025 playoffs.](#)

In a playoff game, if the host makes \$1,000 or more in net income from that game (revenue minus expenses=net income), then 25% of the net income gets paid to the visiting team. A simple T&PF form is required to be sent from the host to the visiting school to report the amount that will be paid to the visiting school. Sarah Vernon-Brunner, Director of Finance for CHSAA, will send the T&PF Form to the host to fill out.

No percentage of gate revenue is owed to CHSAA, and no travel reimbursements will be paid to the visiting team.

If a host distributes free tickets, this needs to be made equitable to the visiting team. For example, if a host school lets students in for free to a game, then the visiting team students should be allowed in free as well, as stated in the T&PF Committee Report.

2024-2025 CHSAA ICE HOCKEY SCHOOLS & LEAGUES

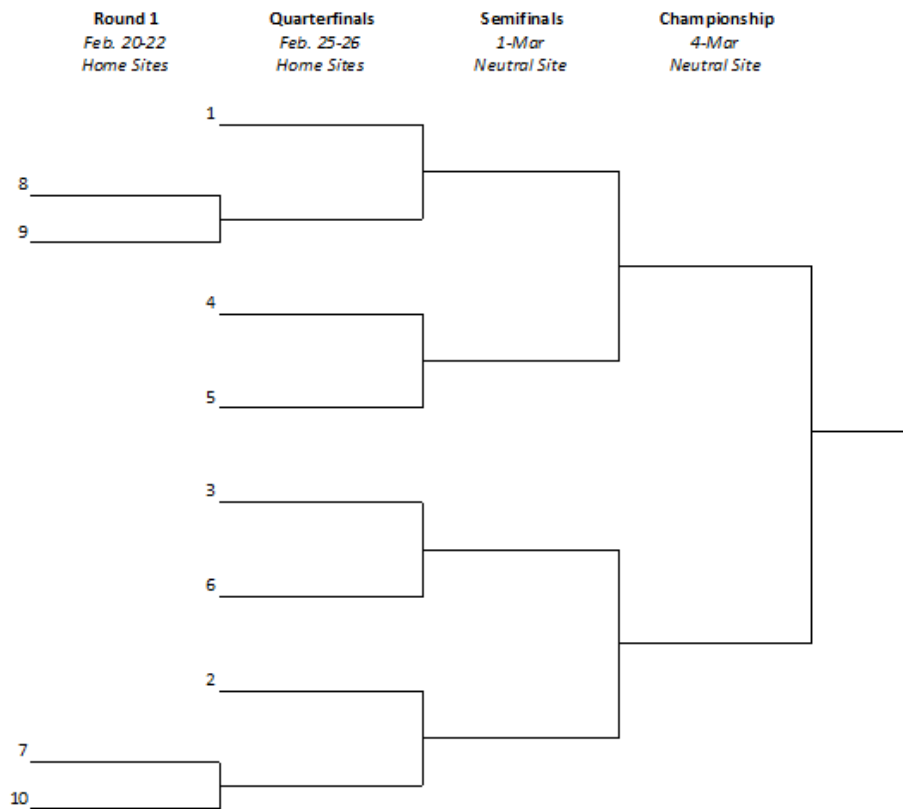
4A ICE HOCKEY LEAGUES Enrollment 1-1324 (20 schools)

NORTH (6)	SOUTH (6)	MOUNTAIN (8)
<i>1 qualifier</i>	<i>1 qualifier</i>	<i>1 qualifier</i>
Cheyenne Mountain	Air Academy	Aspen
Colorado Academy	Liberty*	Battle Mountain
Kent Denver	Colorado Springs D11*	Crested Butte
Mullen	Pueblo County	Durango*
Pine Creek*	Rampart*	Glenwood Springs
Standley Lake	Woodland Park	Steamboat Springs
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*Placed Down		Caprock Academy

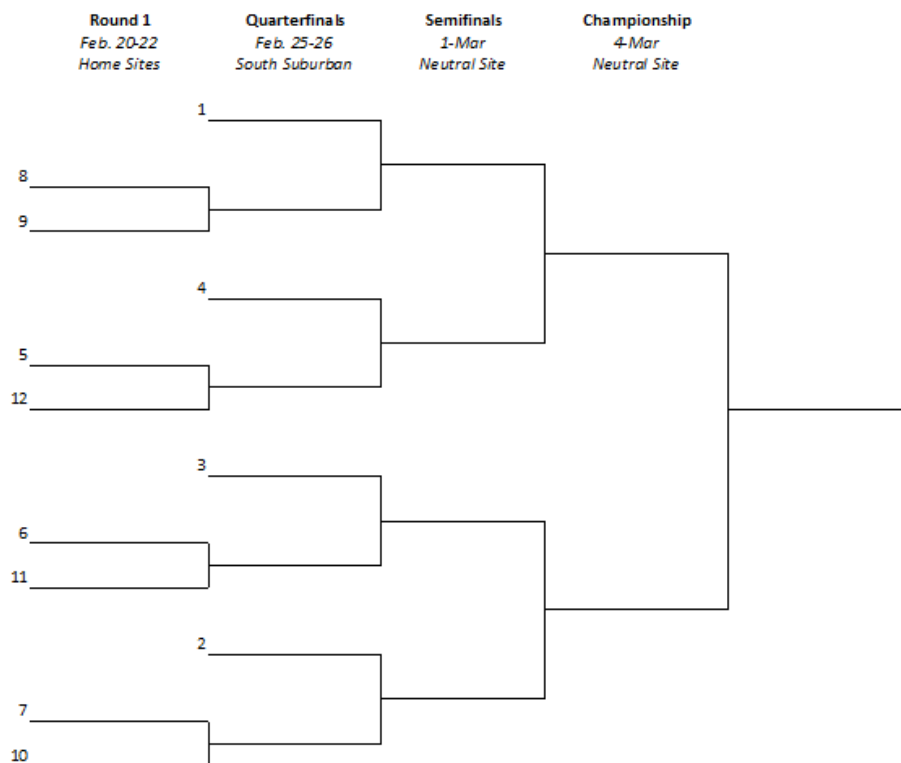
5A ICE HOCKEY LEAGUES Enrollment 1325-up (16 schools)

League 1 (4)	League 2 (4)
<i>1 qualifier</i>	<i>1 qualifier</i>
Castle View	Cherry Creek
Chaparral	Denver East
Chatfield	Regis Jesuit
Mountain Vista	Valor Christian ^
League 3 (4)	League 4 (4)
<i>1 qualifier</i>	<i>1 qualifier</i>
Dakota Ridge	Monarch
Grandview	Poudre School District
Heritage	Ralston Valley
Lewis-Palmer	Resurrection Christian ^
	^ Requested up

4A Ice Hockey State Tournament Bracket



5A Ice Hockey State Tournament Bracket



COLORADO ICE HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONS

1976	Littleton	2002	Cheyenne Mountain
1977	Cherry Creek	2003	Kent Denver
1978	Cherry Creek	2004	Cheyenne Mountain
1979	Cherry Creek	2005	Air Academy
1980	Heritage	2006	Peak to Peak
1981	Arapahoe	2007	Aspen
1982	Cheyenne Mountain	2008	Regis Jesuit
1983	Cheyenne Mountain	2009	Regis Jesuit
1984	Cheyenne Mountain	2010	Lewis-Palmer
1985	Cheyenne Mountain	2011	Lewis-Palmer
1986	Cheyenne Mountain	2012	Regis Jesuit
1987	Coronado	2013	Ralston Valley
1988	Cheyenne Mountain	2014	Ralston Valley
1989	Cheyenne Mountain	2015	Cherry Creek
1990	Cheyenne Mountain	2016	Regis Jesuit
1991	Cheyenne Mountain	2017	Monarch
1992	Palmer	2018	Regis Jesuit
1993	Palmer	2019	Regis Jesuit
1994	Kent Denver	2020	Valor Christian
1995	Air Academy	2021	5A- Valor Christian
1996	Cheyenne Mountain		4A- Battle Mountain
1997	Cheyenne Mountain	2022	5A-Denver East
1998	Palmer		4A-Cheyenne Mountain
1999	Cheyenne Mountain	2023	5A-Valor Christian
2000	Air Academy		4A-Cheyenne Mountain
2001	Liberty	2024	5A- Regis Jesuit
			4A- Durango

RINK DIAGRAM

See NFHS Ice Hockey Rulebook for Detail Marking

