

## ICE HOCKEY

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**ATH 8**  
Report No.

### **I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:**

- A. Approved the addition of two varsity programs to enter competition for the 2017-2018 season. Chaparral will join the Pinnacle Conference and Woodland Park will join the Highlands Conference.
- B. State Rule Adoption – **Two-year** trial period will be utilized for officials during varsity games. We will use a one referee and two assistant referees for the 2017-2018 season. Schools will have the opportunity to employ four officials on home games if they choose.
- C. The procedure to meet requirements for playoff waivers has been reduced from a fifteen-game minimum to a thirteen-game regular season minimum. Waiver criteria will remain as previously listed in the Bulletin. Back-up goalies must be listed on the roster during the regular season and reach the thirteen-game minimum. Inactive goalies listed on the playoff roster are not mandated to meet the thirteen game minimum requirements. All supporting documentation must be received on the Monday prior to the opening round of the playoff bracket.
- F. Tournament dates: The Regular Season will end on Saturday February 17, 2018. 1<sup>st</sup> round games will be scheduled for February 20 or 21. Second round and quarterfinal round playoff games are planned to be played February 23-24, 2018. State Semifinal/Championship games Friday, March 2, and Monday, March 5, 2018 @ TBA. These are tentative dates and could change depending on Ice Rink availability.

### **II. RATIONALE:**

- A. The committee approved the addition of two varsity teams to enter competition for the 2017-2018 season. Teams have been placed in the third and fourth tiers.
- B. The CHOA has requested the use of one referee and two assistant referees to be contracted during regular season play. Data will be collected by the CHOA and will report to the committee and the close of the season.
- C. With roster numbers meeting the NFHS Rules Book requirement of twenty athletes, the committee felt the minimum game requirements should be reduced to reflect the roster decrease. Supporting documentation must be submitted with the waiver and reflect the dates in which the effected games started and ended. Sub-varsity players may gain post-season eligibility if: **The sub-varsity player does not participate at any level of club hockey, they have played in 65% of the scheduled junior varsity games; and are able to replace a current rostered player that is unable to participate because** of injury; eligibility, illness, educational discipline or death in the family.
- D. Following the Rules of Thumb, tentative playoff dates were established for the next two-year cycle. The Semifinal/Championship dates are subject to change due to venue availability.

**III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

A. None

B. None

C. None

D. None

**V. DATES:**

Regular Season Ends:	February 17
Seeding Committee Meeting:	February 18
Waivers Due to CHSAA office:	February 19
#First Round (Home Site-Higher Seed)	February 20-21
#Date must be mutually agreed upon or first round will be played on	February 21
Second Round (Home Site – Final Ranking top 4 seeds)	February 23
Quarterfinal Round (Home Site – Final Ranking top 4 seeds)	February 24

Rules of Thumb for Setting Dates – 1st and 2nd round games will be tentatively scheduled for the week following state wrestling. Semifinals and finals weekend after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds. The availability of the hosting venue for the State Semifinal and Final games may dictate the Rules of Thumb for Setting Dates.

Tentative Dates 2018: State Semifinal/Final Games: Tentatively scheduled for \*Friday, March 2, 2018 and Monday, March 5, 2018.

Tentative Dates 2019: State Semifinal/Final Games: Tentatively scheduled for \*Friday, March 1, 2019 and Monday, March 4, 2019.

\*Dates subject to change due to venue availability.

**V. QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENT:**

<b><u>Foothills</u></b>	<b><u>Peak</u></b>	<b><u>Pinnacle</u></b>	<b><u>Highlands</u></b>
Regis Jesuit - 1864	Resurrection Christian - 277	Standley Lake - 1313	Valor Christian - 934
Ralston Valley - 1828	Aspen - 572	Air Academy - 1346	Mullen - 802
Monarch - 1741	Doherty - 1986	Steamboat - 706	Castle View - 2048
Mountain Vista - 2193	Battle Mountain - 861	Liberty - 1545	Rampart - 1610
Cherry Creek - 3508	Heritage - 1690	Summit - 832	Palmer - 1793
Dakota Ridge - 1508	Cheyenne Mountain - 1242	Ft. Collins - 1635	Coronado - 1515
Lewis- Palmer - 996	Columbine - 1668	Chatfield - 1804	Pueblo County - 862
Denver East - 2475	Pine Creek - 1481	Kent Denver - 476	Crested Butte - 176
		Chaparral - 2105	Woodland Park - 772

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. Conference teams cannot schedule one another during the out-of-conference (non-conference) slate.

The RPI (Rating Percentage Index) will be used to capture the twenty-four team playoff bracket. Conference champions will automatically qualify for the playoff bracket, using in-conference points (not the RPI). Teams will be placed on the bracket utilizing the final RPI rankings. The seeding committee shall use the final RPI rankings to place teams on playoff bracket. Teams listed on the final RPI rankings as numbers 1-16 will be placed on the bracket as listed. Teams listed numbers 17-24 in the final RPI rankings will take geography and first round conference opponents into consideration when being positioned on the playoff bracket. Regular season games must be scheduled with teams in the other three conferences to fill the (19) nineteen games allowed by the CHSAA Bylaws. Games will be scheduled on a two-year cycle with reverse home and away contests or home/home and away/away contract.

- A designated conference liaison will forward the final conference regular season finish of the top 24 teams to CHSAA on Sunday, prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> round for placement on the play-off bracket.
- The four regular season conference champions are guaranteed to be placed on the playoff bracket. The remaining twenty teams will be selected by using the final RPI rankings.
- Teams are placed on the playoff bracket based on final RPI (Rating Percentage Index) standings numbers 1-16.
- Teams placed on the playoff bracket based on final RPI (Rating Percentage Index) standings numbers 17-24 will take geography and first round conference opponents into consideration.
- For the first round of the playoffs the top eight teams with the highest RPI ranking will be placed on the bracket and receive a bye into the second round.
- The four highest ranked teams in the final RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) from the regular season standings will host the second round and quarterfinal round games.

- Conference 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 the fourteen conference games.
  
- In the event of a tie for the Conference Champion (Automatic Qualifier), the following tie-breaking format will be applied:
  - Head-to-Head competition between tied teams. If a three-way tie occurs, once the tie is broken between three teams we revert back to Head-to-Head for the remaining two teams.
  - Most wins against conference opponents.
  - Win/loss (no score considered) against the highest finisher within the conference. If that does not break the tie, compare the tied teams' outcomes against the next highest finisher and son down through the conference.
  - Fewest goals allowed in conference games.
  - Least amount of penalty minutes in conference games.
  - Coin Flip.

**NOTE: The final RPI (Rating Percentage Index) will be utilized for the conference and non-conference games for selection and placement onto the playoff bracket.**

- Teams must secure ice in the event that they are eligible to serve as the playoff host.
  
- Higher seeded teams will be designated home team for all playoff bracket game including the semifinal games and Championship contest.

**What happens if two teams are tied in the final RPI standings?**

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

1. Head-to-head result between the two teams
2. Winning percentage
3. Opponents' winning percentage
4. Opponents' opponents winning percentage
5. Highest-rated win (according to the final RPI standings)
6. Next-highest rated win (exhaust all possibilities)
7. Coin flip

The only reason for the coin flip is as a last result if all other scenarios happen to be tied.

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF BRACKET



- First round games will be hosted by the highest seeded team listed on the playoff bracket.
- The higher seeded team will be listed as the “Home” team.
- Second round and quarterfinal games will be hosted by the top four ranked teams recorded in the final RPI (Rating Percentage Index).
- Semifinal/Championship games will be hosted by CHSAA at a site to be determined.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. All team members including back-up goalies must be designated on Sport Ngin to meet game minimum. During to post-season playoffs, the inactive goalie does not have to meet the 13 game minimum requirement and does not require a waiver.
- B. Waivers **and ALL supporting documentation** must be submitted to the CHSAA office on the Monday morning prior to the first round of the playoff bracket. The waivers must be received by 8:00 a.m. with supporting documentation. The waivers must have documented the beginning and ending date of the games in which are in the wavier. Schools will be notified on Monday if the waiver meets the criteria set forth by the ice hockey committee. If the Waiver Committee requests clarification or additional supporting/supplemental documentation, the school must submit the information before 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday prior to the first round of the playoff bracket. There will be no appeals to the Waiver Committee after the waiver process has been completed.
- C. All teams that qualify for the playoff bracket must submit an Ice Hockey Roster Form and Ice Hockey Waiver Form(s) (if applicable) on the Monday prior to the first round of the beginning of the playoffs. Waivers will only be accepted based on the following criteria: injury (to the player listed on the waiver), eligibility, illness, educational discipline, or death in family. Proper documentation is also required to be submitted with each waiver. If the player is competing on an outside team during the CHSAA season, supporting documents must be submitted with the waiver. Supplement documentation can be submitted before the committee assembles on Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. A waiver committee will be seated with representation from all four conferences along with the CHSAA liaison will serve to review all playoff waivers. The committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Monday prior to the first round of the beginning of the playoffs. Waivers will not be accepted once the committee has assembled for their meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the first round of the playoffs.
- D. A student who transfers schools over the summer without a bona fide family move will have restricted eligibility for the first 50% of the regular season and may have varsity eligibility during the second 50% of the regular season under the conditions of 1800.2 and 1800.3. The transfer student then must appear on the Sport Ngin roster in 8 of remaining 10 games that he/she is eligible to participate. An Ice Hockey Waiver Form must be submitted for the student/athlete that transfers schools over the summer without a bona fide family move documenting the transfer. The student/athlete must also be present for practice sessions and games during the 50% restricted eligibility period.
- E. A one-page checklist for Sport Ngin scorers will be printed in the Ice Hockey Bulletin and training for Sport Ngin official game scorers can be completed on-line.

- F. Team playoff rosters can change from game-to game. All athletes listed on the 20-person playoff roster must meet the thirteen-game minimum requirement to be eligible. (Exception: Inactive Goalie)
- G. An informational packet will be sent to all host site directors for the playoff bracket.
- H. The Committee unanimously approved the following: During the mandatory head coach/officials meeting that is written in the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Book, (NFHS) to take place 30 meeting to take place 15 minutes prior to the teams taking the ice. The committee also approved that one ice-make (between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 starting on the scheduled time.
- I. **Two- year** trial period – The committee unanimously approved utilizing a one referee with two assistant referees for the 2017-2018 regular season.
- J. **If the home team chooses, the 2-Referee/2-Linesmen system can be utilized during Regular Season games.** For all Playoff Games, the 2-Referee/2Linesmen system will be used.

The CHOA will recommend the following State Adopted Rules:

- Game misconducts result in a game suspension
- 15 or more penalties result in a game suspension for the coach
- 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.
- Post-Game 10-minute Misconduct penalties are served at the beginning of the next game
- Mercy Rule - 6 Goal differential results in a running clock
- There shall be three periods, each consisting of 17 minutes of actual play, with recommended intermissions of 10-12 minutes each between periods.
- Playoff Overtime Procedure: Following the (2) two, eight-minute sudden victory (first goal scored) periods, full intermission and the teams will return to the ice and play 4-on-4.
- Shooting the puck toward the sideboards and glass in the neutral ice area during pre-game warm-up is prohibited.
- **\*Two-year** trial period – The committee unanimously approved utilizing a one referee with two assistant referees for the 2017-2018 season.
- A 4-person officiating system can be utilized during regular season play – home team choice
- Playoffs – A 4-person officiating system will be utilized beginning in the first round of the playoffs until the conclusion of the State Championship game.

## VII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chad Broer, Chair, Chatfield Senior High School; Jim Porter, Palmer Ridge; Matt Heckel, Dakota Ridge; Erik Austin, Cheyenne Mountain; Larry Bull, CCSD; Lisa Porter, Denver East; Bob Piccaro, Crested Butte; Dru Lucchesi, Aspen; Lee Lejuavesse, Pueblo County