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Amendment to 2026 Manitoba Winter Games: Hockey Technical Package Tournament Format, Overtime Procedure & Tie-Breaking Protocol

Purpose of Amendment: This amendment serves to clarify the Round Robin scoring format and Playoff overtime and shootout procedures.

1. Round Robin Scoring

Points shall be awarded as follows:

- 2 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- Overtime: 2 points for a win, 1 point for the OTL

In round robin, after OT if still tied, 1 point each.

2. Playoff Procedure

In the event a playoff game is tied at the conclusion of regulation time, a 5-minute 3-vs-3 overtime period and then a 3-player shootout if required.

If the game remains tied following the initial 3-player shootout:

- Each team will pick 1 player and continue until a winner is declared.
- No player can shoot a second time until all players on the team have shot at least once in the shootout.

TIE BREAKER:

- a) The result of a round robin game involving the tied teams will apply in the event two teams are tied in points, the winner of the round robin game between those two teams will advance to the play-offs. Similarly, if three teams are tied in points, the team which has a 2-0 record against the tied teams will advance. If none of these apply, or four or more teams are tied in points, proceed to b).
- b) If teams are still tied after a), then the team or teams with the most wins would gain the higher position.
- c) If the teams are still tied after a) and b) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average would qualify. The goal average of a team is to be determined by dividing the total number of goals for and against into total number of goals for, with the team having the highest percentage winning the higher position. In the event a tie exist between three or more teams, goal average will decide the positions of all teams tied. (Ex. For: 10 goals, Against: 4 goals; Percentage is $10/14 = .714$).
NOTE: All games each tied team has placed in the round robin are used in the goal averaging.
- d) If the teams are still tied after a), b) and c), the team to qualify would be the team which scored the first goal in the game between the two teams. If three or more teams are tied, the team that has scored the most first goals in all games involving the tied teams will advance.
- e) If the teams are still tied after a), b), c) and d), the team to qualify would be the team that received the least minutes in penalties during the round robin schedule.
- f) If teams are still tied after all previous methods have been applied the winner of the play-off position will be decided by a single toss of a coin.