

**Ithaca Adult Hockey Association
2025-26 Season Playoffs**

B/C Division Playoffs

Quarter-Final Round

seeds based on regular season records

Quarter-Final 1

best of two

1st Seed

vs

8th Seed

Winner advances to
semi-final round

Quarter-Final 2

best of two

2nd Seed

vs

7th Seed

Winner advances to
semi-final round

Quarter-Final 3

best of two

3rd Seed

vs

6th Seed

Winner advances to
semi-final round

Semi-Final 4

best of two

4th Seed

vs

5th Seed

Winner advances to
semi-final round

Semi-Final Round

seeds based on regular season records

Semi-Final 1

first to four points

1st Seed

vs

4th Seed

Winner advances to
Championship

Semi-Final 2

first to four points

2nd Seed

vs

3rd Seed

Winner advances to
Championship

Championship

first to four points

Winner of Semi-Final 1

vs

Winner of Semi-Final 2

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Regular Season Standings Tie-Breakers

- Percentage of available points earned in games played between tied teams (Head-to Head)
- Most Wins in all games played
- Goals Ratio for all games played: Goals For divided by (Goals For + Goals Against). Highest Ratio wins. This combination rewards an effective defense over running up the goals. For example, a season total of 130 goals for and 78 goals against yields $130/(130+78)=.625$. This wins over a total of 182 goals for and 130 goals against, yielding $182/(182+130)=.583$, even though the plus/minus is +52 for both.
- Coin Toss (two-way ties only)
- Die Roll (three or more teams tied)

If there is a tie in the standings between three or more teams, the tie-breakers will be applied in the above sequence until one or more teams break the tie from the remaining team(s). If one team advances or is demoted on a tie-breaker rule, the rules will be re-applied, beginning with Head-to-Head, for the remaining teams.

Playoff Format

Quarter-Finals will be played as "Best of Two" series. Winning teams advance to the Semi-Finals.

Semi-Final series will be "First to Four Points." Teams are seeded based on regular season standings. Highest seeded remaining team plays lowest seeded remaining team. Winning teams advance to Championship series.

Championship will be "First to Four Points." For the third period of each game, the clock will be set for 15 minutes instead of 20 minutes. The clock will be running time for the first 10 minutes. During the final five minutes of the period, stop time will be used if the score differential is three goals or less at any time a game stoppage occurs (factoring in the result of any goal causing a stoppage). If play is already stopped when the clock reaches 5:00, the clock will be stopped at 5:00 until play is resumed.

Tied games:

During Quarter-Finals, the two games may end in ties; no overtime will be played. If no winner is decided after two games (2 wins or win + tie), the second game will immediately be followed by a 10-minute mini-game. If the mini game ends in a tie, 20-minute sudden victory OT periods will be played until a winner is produced. Teams do not change ends for the mini-game or OT periods.

For Semi-Finals and Finals, for the first two games, if a game is tied after regulation, one 10-minute sudden victory OT period will be played. If there is no scoring during the OT, the game will end in a tie. If neither team wins both of the first two games (obtaining 4 points), the third game will be played as scheduled. After regulation time of the third game, if teams are tied with 3 points each (win + tie + loss, or 3 ties), then a fourth game will be played immediately. The game will be played sudden victory, with 20-minute periods. If there is no scoring during this fourth game, 20-minute sudden victory OT periods will be played until a winner is produced. Teams do not change ends in OT periods.