



2020-21 ICE HOCKEY BULLETIN



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Ice Hockey Athletic Directors, Coaches and Officials:

It is with a tremendous amount of excitement that I welcome you all to the 2020-2021 Ice Hockey Season on behalf of the Colorado High School Activities Association. The upcoming season will present challenges that we have not had to face during any point in our careers. Collectively, we will overcome these challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and be better for it on the other side. I look forward to working with all the coaches, administrators, and officials throughout the year.

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 both the www.CHSAANOW.com and www2.CHSAA.org websites.

Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19, the dates and location of the 2021 CHSAA Ice Hockey Frozen Four are yet to be determined. We look forward to hosting an event worthy of its significance after the conclusion of the Regular Season on March 11th.

Best wishes to all thirty-seven of our CHSAA Member Ice Hockey schools during the upcoming season. It will not be one that we soon forget.

Sincerely,

Justin Saylor
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado High School Activities Association



CHSAA Ice Hockey COVID Guidance and Considerations

**Subject to change*

All competition must adhere to the local limitations around number of participants allowed indoors. Currently, CHSAA has been approved for 20 participants per team in uniform during competition (that is 40 total among all teams and 20 per team). Please confirm with your school/district/local health department for the restrictions in your area as some counties are more restrictive and others are less restrictive. In all CHSAA *sanctioned athletics and activities, spectators* must follow the Indoor/Outdoor Guidance for the dial-level of the county. In all CHSAA *practices, teams* must follow the Indoor/Outdoor Guidance for the dial-level of the county.

STUDENTS, COACHES & VOLUNTEERS SHOULD NOT GO TO PRACTICE/PARTICIPATE IF:

They are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus. According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported-ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. Additionally, anyone who has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days should not go to practice/participate.

Coaches and administrators must communicate all practice and competition guidelines in a clear manner to student participants and their parents.

General Requirements

- All guidelines from CHSAA must be adhered to.
- **Ventilation** - Improving ventilation has been shown to reduce spread in indoor environments; Administrative/Coach practices should be adopted to promote airflow (open windows, doors, etc.) when available. Ensuring proper ventilation including reduction of capacity limits will help to reduce the concentration of airborne contaminants including viruses.
- **Social distancing** between individuals of at least 6 feet must be maintained at all times. Handshakes, fist bumps, hugging, etc. are not permissible.
- **Spectators** – If host school allows spectators, they must wear facial coverings and maintain 6 feet social distance at all times.
- **No Scrimmages or Foundation games.**
- Students must always wear facial coverings during practice and when not actively involved in day-of-game competition. Coaches, officials and other team/school personnel must wear facial coverings at all practices and games.
 - Consult with your school/district/local health department as some counties are more restrictive and may require use of facial coverings while competing.
- Pucks should be sanitized before and/or after each practice, whether self-provided or brought by the coach. For competition, all pucks must be provided by the home team; visiting team should not bring their own pucks. The pucks must be equitable for both teams during warm-ups. Pucks should be sanitized pre-game, during intermissions, and post-game. This is the host team's responsibility.
- Players must bring their own rehydration liquids to the rink in clearly marked or labeled containers with the player's identity. The container should be re-sealable. Players must not plan on refilling their containers at the rink.
- The use of locker rooms should be eliminated whenever possible; only used for restroom use, changing (no more than five people at one time all wearing masks – fewer than 5 if appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained) and for player ejections during

competition. Whenever possible, athletes should arrive to practice and competition fully dressed with the exception of skates (coming into the arena with skate guards on is ideal) and helmets. Masks must always be worn in the locker room.

- For all equipment that is used, it must be labeled and not shared (this includes goalie equipment).
- Players' bags/equipment should be placed/stored 6 feet away from others' bags. Players should store their gear in their bags (as opposed to a community pile or tossed on the bench).
- Players should arrive at the rink no more than 15 minutes before the start of on-ice activities. Anyone arriving earlier than 15 minutes before their start time should wait outside the facility and be socially distanced from others. Anyone needing to enter the facility more than 15 minutes before the start of on-ice activities must always be masked and maintain 6 feet social distance.
- If there is an activity occurring on the ice before the team's scheduled start (another game or practice), the incoming team should wait until all players from the prior event have vacated the building. There must not be interaction between the two groups.
- At rinks with multiple sheets of ice, there should be a plan in place to make sure teams arrive at staggered times or they have separate entrances, etc. Coaches/administration must communicate and work with facility/rink personnel.
- There must be no on- or off-ice interaction (socializing, team meetings, dryland activities) following the conclusion of practice or games. Players, coaches, officials, spectators, etc. must vacate the arena immediately. Have separate entrances and exits for teams, coaches, spectators, officials, etc.
- While at home, players should clean and disinfect gear after each use.
- There must be sanitation materials (disinfecting wipes, sprays, hand sanitizer, etc.) in prime locations for game personnel, team & coaching staff to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and equipment.

Practice Guidance & Considerations

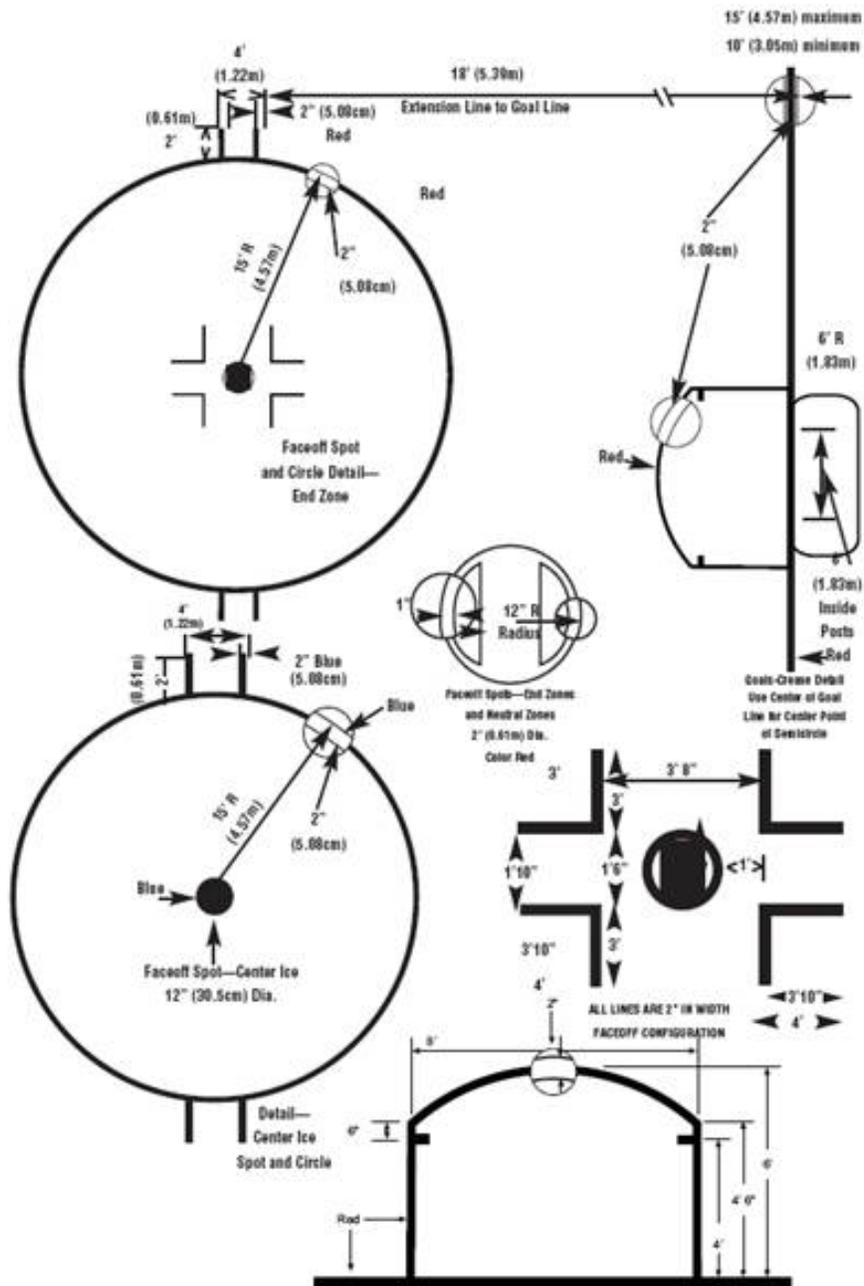
- Refer to [CHSAA COVID-19 Requirements & Mandates](#) (listed under Practice) while also adhering to state/county/local health restrictions; schools/districts may have stricter standards. Coaches must review this document with their Athletic Director before engaging in any workout/practice with students and must communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students and parents.
- Coaches should conduct workouts in "pods" of same students who are always training and rotating together. This will ensure more limited exposure if someone develops an infection.
- Must keep accurate records of those athletes and staff who attend each practice in case contact tracing is needed.
- Pinnies/practice jerseys must not be shared amongst student athletes and need to be washed in between uses.
- Except for coaches, players should avoid any hand contact with pucks during practice. Sticks should be used for collecting/moving pucks, etc.
- A limited number of people should handle cones or other equipment for practice drills; should use hand sanitizer after handling this equipment. At the conclusion of ice time, coaches should not ask players to participate in picking up pucks or other equipment from the ice.
- Dryland activities inside the arena should not occur.
- Players should maintain as much separation as possible during practices. Whenever possible, coaches should be promoting social distancing on the ice, while recognizing that there may be times of close contact by players.
- Player benches should not be used during practices.

Competition Guidance & Considerations

- Refer to [CHSAA COVID-19 Requirements & Mandates](#) (listed under Event/Competition and Officials) while also adhering to state/county/local health restrictions; schools/districts may have stricter standards. Coaches must review this document with their Athletic Director before hosting competitions at their school/facility and must communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students, parents, officials, etc.
- At the scorer's/announcer's box, the home team must assign a maximum of two adults for clock and scorebook with nobody else allowed in the area; they must wear facemasks, should wear face shields and must maintain as much distance as is allowed in the box area.
 - The PA announcer must wear a mask unless they are making an announcement and maintain 6-foot social distance from others in the box.
- Penalty box personnel must be limited to one person per team and must wear a face mask at all times. This person should be a coach or school personnel from each team.
- Coaches/administration should assess and determine appropriate bench spacing between players during game play, stoppages, intermissions, etc. Space outside the bench area (next to bench) should be utilized whenever possible.
- Pregame Conference
 - Attendees must be limited to head referee, head coach from each team, site administrator (AD), and certified athletic trainer.
 - All attendees must wear face coverings.
 - Location of the pregame conference must be in area that allows participants to spread out. All individuals must maintain social distance of 6 feet.
 - Handshakes prior to and following the pregame conference must be suspended.
- Pregame Captains Meeting
 - Attendees must be limited to head referee and a single captain from each team.
 - Location of the pregame meeting must be in area that allows participants to spread out. All individuals must maintain social distance of 6 feet.
 - Handshakes prior to and following the pregame meeting must be suspended.
- The pregame introduction line must be suspended. Only starters will be on the ice with bench personnel lined up on their bench (6 feet apart) for introductions and National Anthem (or any similar adjustment to avoid close player contact).
- Game protocols, such as team huddles, that cause coaches, participants, spectators, and officials to congregate closely together (pregame, post-game and throughout competition) must be avoided.
- During all intermissions, players and coaches must go to an area where social distancing can be maintained.
- Post-game protocol of shaking hands must be suspended. Teams/coaches can consider other ways to show post-game appreciation for opponents and officials (such as a stick salute).
- Teams must clean their own bench areas completely, so they are free of ALL trash and belongings.
- **OFFICIALS**
 - Must wear a face covering at all times.
 - Gloves are permissible for officials.
 - Must bring personal hand sanitizer and wash your hands frequently.
 - Must not share equipment.
 - Must follow social distancing guidelines.
 - Communication with coaches, participants, game personnel, or spectators must be done at the appropriate social distance.
 - Must refrain from shaking hands.

Rink Diagram

See page 80 of NFHS Ice Hockey Rulebook for Detail Marking



2020-2021 Ice Hockey COVID-19 Schedule

- 13 game maximum regular season (No individual or team game minimum)
- Schools must play 12 of their 13 regular season games against league opponents
- Only one game against a league opponent will count towards the final league standings (there will be instances in some leagues where certain teams will play one another three times)
- Non-League game must be within geographic region and receive written approval from the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner overseeing Ice Hockey (list of each geographic region was sent to schools)
- January 18 start of formal practice
- January 25 start of competition (No Scrimmages or Foundation Games)
- March 11 end of regular season
- Frozen Four TBD (location, dates and time are subject to change)
- 4 team playoff bracket for both 4A and 5A
- State playoff bracket will not be seeded, and matchups will be determined by the Asst. Commissioner overseeing Ice Hockey (1st Rd league matchups are a possibility)

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2020-2021 Ice Hockey Committee

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Date of Committee Meeting: TBA

MAJOR COMMITTEE CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR FOR ICE HOCKEY

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:

- A. Addition of 4A Classification starting with the 2020-2021 Ice Hockey season.
- B. New Playoff Seeding Formula starting with the 2020-2021 Ice Hockey season.

II. RATIONALE:

- A. Over the past four years, the same 14 schools have advanced to the Quarterfinals of the CHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament. Parity in the sport is virtually non-existent. The Committee felt that the addition of a classification would create opportunities for additional programs to be successful, and ultimately aid in growing the sport throughout the state.
- B. Seeding Committees have multiple data points available to them. By utilizing a Coaches Poll (10 Teams Ranked in All Classifications), MaxPreps, and RPI in creating a seeding formula, a more accurate bracket is achieved.

MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES 2020-2021

1. ACTIVITY-ONLY MEMBER SCHOOLS -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 6, Rule 600.4	page 24
2. CLOCK COMMITTEE – Sport & Activity Adjustments in Off Years -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 15, Rule 1510 (e).....	page 44
3. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1800.1	page 66
4. RESTRICTED VARSITY ELIGIBILITY -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1800.47	page 69
5. HOMELESS STUDENTS - ELIGIBILITY -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1870	page 75
6. COACH EJECTION -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 20, Rule 2010.3 (and table)	page 86
7. HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PRACTICE ALLOWED -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2310.1	page 91
8. PRACTICE REQUIREMENT CHANGE -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2310.3	page 92
9. TEAM COMPOSITION -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 28, Rule 2850.1	page 116
10. UNIFIED SPORTS -- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 45, Rule 4500, 4510, 4520	page 134

Please note that the CHSAA staff continually updates the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws when errors are found. The most updated document can be found at CHSAANOW.com, then clicking on CHSAA.org, Member School Info + Tools, then Bylaws.

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!!

2020-2021 NFHS ICE HOCKEY RULES CHANGES

3-2 Change: ...~~PENALTY: First offense, warning. Returning to game without correcting equipment,~~ **GAME MISCONDUCT.**

Rationale: The rule is clear that skates can potentially be dangerous. If skates are deemed dangerous per the rule language, a game misconduct penalty is warranted and strengthens the emphasis on the health and safety of the participants.

3-4-2 Change: **ART. 2...** ...Recommended equipment includes a throat/neck laceration protector.

Rationale: Clarifies the purpose of the recommended equipment for players.

7-6-1 Change: **ART. 1...**No player shall make contact from any direction with an opposing player's head or neck area. In any manner, including, but not limited to, with the shoulder, stick, elbow, hand, etc.

Rationale: Hand contact, particularly a closed hand, is often classified as unnecessary roughness (minor penalty). This change would give officials a major penalty option for a single punch to the head area that they deem not to be considered as fighting (DQ).

7-13-3 Change: **ART. 3...**No player shall kick, throw, hold or knock an opponent's stick, glove, tooth and mouth protector or any other piece of equipment for the purpose of keeping it from the possession of an opponent.

Rationale: Gloves and tooth and mouth protectors (mouthguards) are two common pieces of equipment found on the ice during play, unfortunately. This change clarifies that these pieces of equipment are a part of this rule.

9-13 Change: By state association adoption, state association-authorized video replay may be used in games for reviewing goals and undetected goals, ~~and for~~ determining correct time on the clock, and to review infractions that may affect the ejection of a student-athlete. Procedures for video replay shall be determined by state association policy and procedures.

Rationale: More and more venues have the technology available to accomplish this proposed rule change. As a state adoption, states have a choice to implement this addition.



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, [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 contest. [\(Please use this template that has been created for consistency\).](#)

COLORADO STATE RULE ADOPTIONS

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.

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.

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 Championship game. 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.

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.

Overtime Procedures for Playoff Games: With the score tied at the conclusion of regulation time: There will be a one-minute intermission 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 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 two (8) eight-minute overtime periods.

Regular Season and all Playoff Game Times: 17-minute periods with 10-12-minute intermission

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 game suspension.



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.

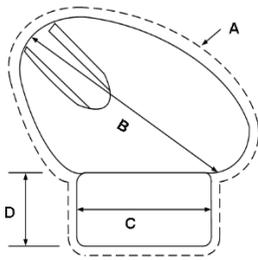
- A. The captain(s) and alternate(s) shall wear a "C" or an "A" in a contrasting color on the left, front shoulder of the jersey. No goalkeeper may have on- ice captain's privileges.

Goalkeeper Equipment

See Rule 3 Pages 20-21 of NFHS Ice Hockey Rulebook

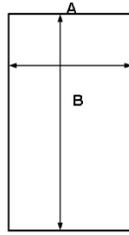
3-3-4 If a team challenges the opposing team's goalkeeper equipment under 3-3-2 and 3-4-3, no measurement is required, and the officials should report the challenge to the state association.

GOALKEEPER CATCHING GLOVE



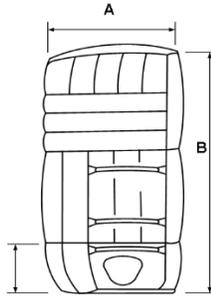
	A	B	C	D
Max	45"	18"	8"	4"

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.

Welcome from the Colorado Hockey Officials Association (CHOA)

It is our organization's, the Colorado Hockey Officials Association (CHOA) honor to again be a partner of CHSAA Ice Hockey for what looks to be a unique, challenge filled season in 2020-21. As our organization partners with CHSAA, the Colorado High School Hockey coaches and administrators, we look forward to working together in making the upcoming challenging season a successful one for all involved. We all realize that with the unique challenges that COVID-19 has brought to all of us; that cooperation, teamwork and flexibility will be critical for all of us as we encounter these ongoing challenges and changes. We as officials are all committed to working together in this regard.

Along with the challenges of a constantly shifting situation with COVID and how it affects our sport and high school sports in general, we as an organization continue to review best measures to keep our officials safe both on and off the ice. We all face the ongoing challenges regarding such things as social distancing, masking, limiting contact, maintaining cleanliness so as not to further the spread of the virus, while still being able to participate in a sport that inevitably has contact and provides for close interaction between officials, players, coaches and administrators. We fully support CHSAA's ongoing efforts to make adjustments with regard to games, venues, and even the season in general. Again, we look forward to partnering with all involved in making the games a safe and competitive environment for all participants. Additionally, we recognize our role in enforcing not only the National High School Federation rules but also the CHSAA policies and procedures for our sport.

For this upcoming season we will continue to use the three official system primarily for Varsity games, although we encourage schools to continue to consider supporting and requesting the four man system (their choice) wherever they might be able to do so (this is the system used in all state playoff games). For sub-Varsity games we will again be using the standard two official system.

At this time we would also like to recognize our Regional Directors; Mike O'Connor - Denver and Fort Collins area, Tim Whitten - Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Woodland Park area, and last but not least our newly elected Mountain Area Director N- welcome on board Jon Winkleblech. I would also like to recognize the tremendous work that Bob Chmielewski continues to do as Registrar/Treasurer.

Finally, as we look forward to another exciting season, we would encourage all 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,

Joe Novak
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ICE HOCKEY OFFICIALS' REMINDERS

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.

PRE-GAME

Attendees for the pre-game conference must be limited to the head/center referee, the head coach from each team, site administrator (AD), and certified athletic trainer. They will meet in an area that allows the participants to spread out and maintain a social distance of 6 feet; all attendees must wear a facial covering. The meeting will be 15 minutes prior to the pre-game warmup to go over procedures (i.e. player ejections, crowd control, EAP, etc.). This meeting may be conducted virtually more than 15 minutes prior to the game. This establishes communication with each coach for the game and can be an avenue for the coach to discuss (briefly) any concerns and/or answer any questions. Handshakes prior to and following the pregame conference must be suspended.

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. Under <http://www2.chsaa.org/coaches/rate-contest-official.asp> click on Rate Your Contest Officials link. Depending on the browser used, your coach may print the completed document in a pdf form and send to Tom Robinson at trobinson@chsaa.org. 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 submit an application between February 15-19 to be considered. Official postseason selection is based on the votes of Coaches, Athletic Directors, Assigners, and Area Directors that will be conducted February 22-25.

Coaches and Athletic Directors: it is imperative that you participate in the voting. You will receive a link in late 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. Both organizations are also always on the alert for new officials. **If you have a student who expresses an interest in officiating, please have them contact Joe Novak (CHOA), Tom Robinson (CHSAA) or Monica Tillman (CHSAA).**

Officials Fees for 2020-2021 (As adopted by the CHSAA Legislative Council)

SUB-VARSITY (3 or 4 officials)	\$45.90
VARSITY (3 or 4 officials)	\$61.20
State Semifinals/Championship (4 officials)	\$61.20

CHSAA ICE HOCKEY REGULAR SEASON GAME MANAGEMENT

CHSAA Ice Hockey eligibility and playing guidelines are discussed at length in the Handbook. Coaches are responsible for the knowledge and understanding of the rules, policies, and guidelines as written in that Handbook, and for educating their players as well. The same would hold true for the rules listed by the National Federation.

STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION

Parents and students are required to review the [Competitor's Brochure](#) and acknowledge their understanding of the CHSAA Bylaws by signing at the end and submitting to their school's Athletic Director.

WARNING OF RISK

Parents and students, as part of the [Competitor's Brochure](#), acknowledge the inherent risks of participating in athletics and activities including the risk of COVID-19. Serious, catastrophic and fatal accidents may occur.

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 his 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 his parents or legal guardian to participate.

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*.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE/BLEEDING

A student with blood borne pathogens such as HIV or Hepatitis B shall be eligible to participate in all CHSAA sanctioned activities when CHSAA recommended precautions are in effect. Students must stop bleeding and cover open wounds before competing. Please consult the NFHS Communicable Disease Procedures in the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Book.

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. Taunting in all sports and/or activities is an unsporting-like behavior-like offense that may result in a game ejection with penalties as outlined in the student ejection policy in the CHSAA Handbook.

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 National Federation rules. Once a game has been declared as completed, the outcome is final and official. Coaches and Administrators are encouraged to use the [official evaluation form](#) available on chsaa.org.

EJECTION OF PLAYER

Any player who has been ejected from a match or contest (regular or post-season) shall be disqualified for the remainder of that match or contest. In addition, the player shall be suspended from competition for the next scheduled match or 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 or not they receive notification from the CHSAA. NOTE: Sitting out scrimmages or foundation games 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 match or 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

A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from coaching for 10 percent of the season's regularly scheduled matches or contests of the same level (13 games). Standard mathematical rounding rules apply. They may not coach in any other contest or level during this time.

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 will be 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 a second contest during the same season shall be suspended from coaching for 20 percent of the season's contests of the same level (13 games). Standard mathematical rounding rules apply. They may not coach in any other contest or level during this time.
- 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.

COACH SAFETY

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

SUNDAY CONTACT

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 school year. 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

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 January 1. Beginning December 28, winter sports programs may have voluntary practice (excluding Sundays), but may not compete in interscholastic scrimmages or competition (*Bylaw 2310.4*).

No faculty member or coach may have contact with any of their school's athletes from December 24 through December 27, and January 1.

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.

GAME MINIMUM

No game minimum for 2021 season.

GAME TIME PERIODS

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

MAXIMUM TEAM PARTICIPATION

No member school shall permit any of its ice hockey teams to participate in more than 13 ice hockey games during the 2021 season, exclusive of the state tournament. Schools must play 12 of their 13 regular season games against league opponents. Non-League game must be within geographic region and receive written approval from the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner overseeing Ice Hockey (list of each geographic region was sent to schools).

Sub-varsity teams may schedule a maximum of 13 games. Players can compete no more than 51 total periods (combined varsity/sub-varsity) for the regular season.

TEAM ROSTERS

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

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.

STARTING LINEUPS

The pregame introduction line must be suspended. Only starters will be on the ice with bench personnel lined up on their bench (6 feet apart) for introductions and National Anthem (or any similar adjustment to avoid close player contact).

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. (*Please use the template link that has been created for consistency*). This plan must be completed for all on-site and off-site practice/competition venues.

The VEAP must include location, emergency access, emergency contact information and a listing of each member in protocol's duties. Annual VEAP training must take place no less than one time a year.

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 came out together. Once one team has assumed their end of the ice, the other team must stay in their end.

Meeting with Coaches: Attendees for the pre-game conference must be limited to the head/center referee, the head coach from each team, site administrator (AD), and certified athletic trainer. They will meet in an area that allows the participants to spread out and maintain a social distance of 6 feet; all attendees must wear a facial covering. The meeting will be 15 minutes prior to the pre-game warmup to go over procedures (i.e. player ejections, crowd control, EAP, etc.). This establishes communication with each 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. Handshakes prior to and following the pregame conference must be suspended.

Meeting with Captains: The captains of each team are to meet with the referee between 1-2 minutes remaining in the warm-up period. Attendees must meet in an area that allows participants to maintain a social distance of 6 feet. 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. Handshakes prior to and following the pregame meeting must be suspended.

Official roster: Rosters must be submitted to the SportsEngine 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 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. During all intermissions, players and coaches must go to an area where social distancing can be maintained. Locker rooms are limited to 5 players at a time.

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. 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

Post-game protocol of shaking hands **must be suspended.** Teams/coaches can consider other ways to show post-game appreciation for opponents and officials (such as a stick salute).

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 **sportengine** database. Must maintain 6 feet social distance.

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** also submit a Game Report to CHSAA.

Schools are responsible for sitting out any player/coach that is disqualified in a game, regardless of whether you receive formal notification from the CHSAA office. Additionally, if you know you have a player/coach that was ejected and you have not received formal notification from the CHSAA office within one business day (weekends excluded), please contact us to inform us of the ejection.

A complete game report can be filled out on www2.chsaa.org by no later than 10:00 a.m. the following morning.

HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES (Regular Season/Playoffs)

- **sportengine** 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 - should be a coach or school personnel from each team

CHSAA sport^sengine Notes

- Team managers should be identified and sent to Randy by **January 11th**. He will need their names and email addresses that are used to login.
- Team Managers must become “members” of the [CHSAA league management](#) system.
- Team Managers will be given permissions to access to their “team pages” on the CHSAA Hockey Scoring website after they have become “members”.
- Team Managers will enter their team rosters directly into the **sport^sengine** League management system. [Training here](#).
- The games sent to Randy by **January 6th** will be mass uploaded into the scoring system.
- ***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).
- 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.
- Game officials will enter their full name to close out the game and their password will serve as a signature signoff of the game.
- **sport^sengine** [Score keeper training](#)
- General **sport^sengine** help may be found [here](#)
- 20 members of a team can be rostered for each game
- Back-up goalies **MUST** be recorded each game

Randy Kanai

Volunteer Electronic Scoring administrator

720-261-0728 – if urgent, call or text

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CHSAA ICE HOCKEY POSTSEASON INFORMATION

SELECTION OF PLAYOFF OFFICIALS

Post-season ice hockey officials are selected through an online qualifying application system and an online voting process. This voting process is designed to assist the CHSAA in selecting and assigning the most qualified ice hockey officials. All ice hockey playing schools are requested to participate in the post-season selection process for the 2020-21 season. This process assists greatly in the accountability concerns of many schools regarding officials.

The 2020-2021 season selection timeline is as follows: officials must submit an application between February 15-19 to be considered. Official postseason selection is based on the votes of Coaches, Athletic Directors, Assigners, and Area Directors that will be conducted February 22-25 with assignment of officials occurring on Friday, February 26. An online voting link will be sent to each of the listed constituents from the CHSAA office to complete.

The CHSAA Assistant Commissioner and the CHOA President will jointly select officials for all playoff assignments. The selection process philosophy and procedure guidelines:

- 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.

Rotation of Officials

- Officials cannot work the State Championship game two years in a row.
- 24 officials will be used for the State Tournament games (Semifinals and Championship).
- The selection committee will attempt to use 24 different officials for all the Semifinal and Championship assignments.
- Goal Judges will be assigned for the Semifinal and Championship games.

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 period and between games at the playoff and state championship levels.
3. In the state semifinal game, a running clock will be used when one team has a six-goal advantage (the clock stops for injuries and timeouts as directed by the Head Official). A running clock will not be used for the State Final.
4. Artificial noisemakers that interfere with game progression are prohibited at the state tournament. (See Sportsmanship Manual)
5. Teams should arrive as directed by the CHSAA.
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 a one-minute intermission 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 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 two (8) eight-minute overtime periods.

QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENT

Teams are required to play 12 of their 13 regular season games against league opponents. Only one game against a league opponent will count towards the final league standings (there will be instances in some leagues where certain teams will play one another 2-3 times). Teams wanting to schedule a non-league game must be within their geographic region and receive written approval from the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner overseeing Ice Hockey.

There will be a 4-team state playoff bracket for each classification (4A and 5A – new 2020-2021). The state playoff bracket will not be seeded and matchups will be determined by the Assistant Commissioner overseeing Ice Hockey (first round league matchups are a possibility). Each league will receive one Automatic Qualifier into the postseason. Each league will have sole responsibility for determining the Automatic Qualifier for their league. The new seeding formula (MaxPreps, coaches poll, RPI) will determine the single at-large qualifier for each classification. The state playoff bracket will be released on Friday, March 12.

- A designated league liaison will forward the final league regular season standings to CHSAA on Friday, March 12 (by 10:00 a.m.) for placement on the play-off bracket.
 - The highest ranked team using the new seeding formula will be the home team for Semifinal and Final round games.
 - 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. The first time league opponents play during the regular season will be the game considered for league standings.
- 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.
 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 #A1 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 more than two teams) would revert to #B1 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 back to #A1 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 #A1 (if two teams remain tied) or #B1 (if more than two teams remain tied) 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 #A1 (if two teams remain tied) or #B1 (if more than two teams remain tied) above and proceed through the steps listed until the tie is broken.

What happens if two teams are tied in the New Seeding Formula at the conclusion of the regular season?

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 NSF 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.

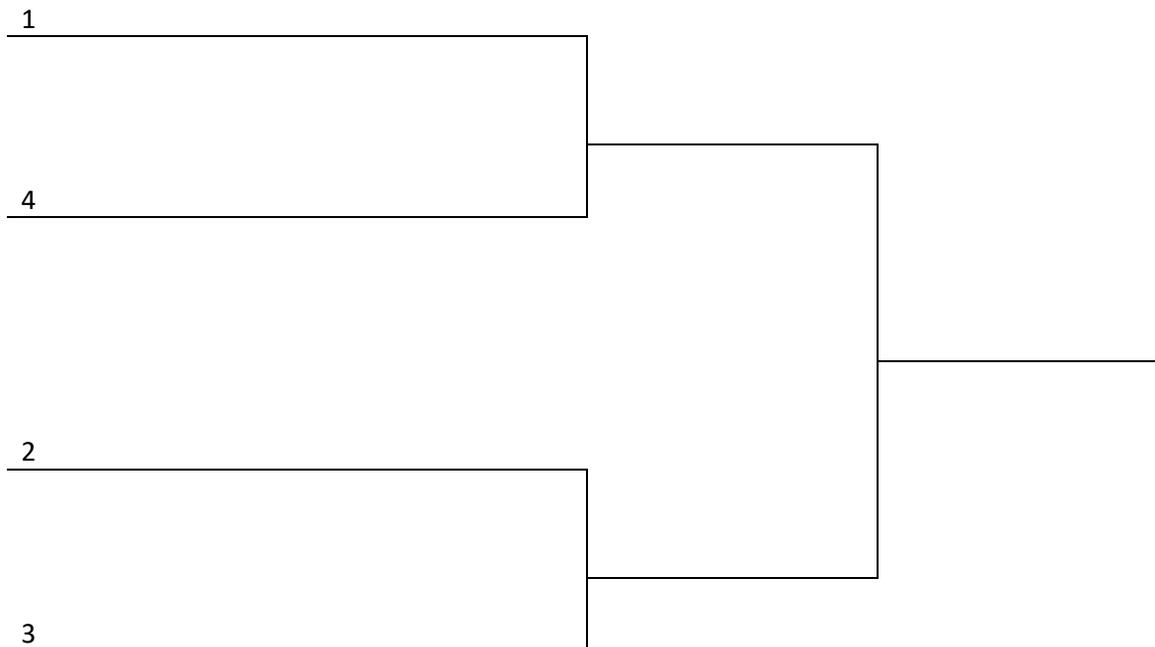
2021 4A & 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF BRACKET

Semifinals

TBA

Championship

TBA



- The highest ranked team using the new seeding formula will be the home team for Semifinal and Final round games.
- The four officials (2 referee, 2 linesmen) for each semifinal and championship game will be assigned through the CHSAA office.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

1. **Program Information** - It is imperative that each team with a chance to qualify for the 2021 CHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament complete the ice hockey program information sheet and email it to wcave@chsaa.org by March 12, 2021. This information is very important as it will be used to develop program information for the tournament, aid our office in developing press releases and used to determine gate lists for team admittance to the State Tournament. Rosters may be adjusted from game to game.

2. **Official Playoff 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.

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.

3. **Number of Passes** - Each participating team in the Frozen Four is entitled to a maximum of TBD entries at each contest in which the team participates. **NO MORE THAN 20 PLAYERS MAY BE CERTIFIED TO PLAY ON A TEAM IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT BY STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION.** The number of team entries are to include team members, coaches and managers. The gate lists will be developed from the roster information requested of this bulletin. Only those people listed on the roster information sheet will be given free admission to the contest. **ONLY TEAMS IN THE FINAL FOUR TOURNAMENT WILL HAVE FREE ENTRY.**

4. **Spirit Teams** – Roster maximum per classification is TBD for spirit athletes in uniform and coaches may be admitted at no charge to state play-off and state championship games. The coaches and the spirit athletes must enter the gates as a group accompanied by their coach. Additional spirit athletes will be allowed in, but they must purchase a student ticket. All spirit athletes may participate during the contest.

5. **Pep Bands** – TBD for band members in uniform and/or with instruments and accompanied by a director may be admitted at no charge to regional and state tournament 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, along with certain COVID restrictions, a more limited number of entries may be imposed on spirit teams and bands.

6. **Parking:** TBD.

7. **Admission prices** for the 2021 Ice Hockey Tournament are TBD.

8. **Awards** – Awards for the 2021 CHSAA Ice Hockey tournament will include a trophy for the champion and runner-up.

The CHSAA will have an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the championship game. The award ceremony will be located in the center of the 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 until the conclusion of the ceremony. Teams are required to remain on the ice until the trophy presentation is complete.

9. **Officials** - Officials for the Frozen Four will be selected and assigned by the CHSAA in partnership with CHOA.
10. Only one official school banner may be displayed at the Frozen Four contests. Paper signs cannot be hung. Placards are legal. Game officials can disallow handheld signs during regular season and post-season games.
11. Medical personnel will be provided at the semifinal and final contest by the CHSAA.
12. Please see the Sportsmanship manual for prohibition on noisemakers.
13. **ICE HOCKEY PROGRAM INFORMATION** If your team has a chance to qualify for the state tournament, please log on to the CHSAANOW website and complete the program/gate list form **no later than March 12, 2021.**

2020-2021 CHSAA ICE HOCKEY SCHOOLS

4A LEAGUES		
North	South	Mountain
Air Academy	Cheyenne Mountain	Aspen
Colorado Academy	Coronado	Battle Mountain
Kent Denver	Palmer	Crested Butte
Liberty	Pueblo County	Glenwood Springs
Mullen	Woodland Park	Steamboat Springs
Rampart		Summit

5A LEAGUES		
North	South	Metro
Centaurus	Castle View	Chatfield
Fort Collins	Chaparral	Cherry Creek
Monarch	Doherty	Columbine
Ralston Valley	Lewis Palmer	Dakota Ridge
Resurrection Christian	Mountain Vista	Denver East
Standley Lake	Pine Creek	Heritage
	Valor Christian	Regis Jesuit

NON-LEAGUE REGIONS		
Mountain	Metro	Springs
Aspen	Castle View	Air Academy
Battle Mountain	Centaurus	Cheyenne Mountain
Crested Butte	Chaparral	Coronado
Glenwood Springs	Chatfield	Doherty
Steamboat Springs	Cherry Creek	Lewis Palmer
Summit	Colorado Academy	Liberty
	Columbine	Palmer
	Dakota Ridge	Pine Creek
	Denver East	Pueblo County
	Fort Collins	Rampart
	Heritage	Woodland Park
	Kent Denver	
	Monarch	
	Mountain Vista	
	Mullen	
	Ralston Valley	
	Regis Jesuit	
	Resurrection Christian	
	Standley Lake	
	Valor Christian	

COLORADO ICE HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONS

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

